

Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost) Tutorial

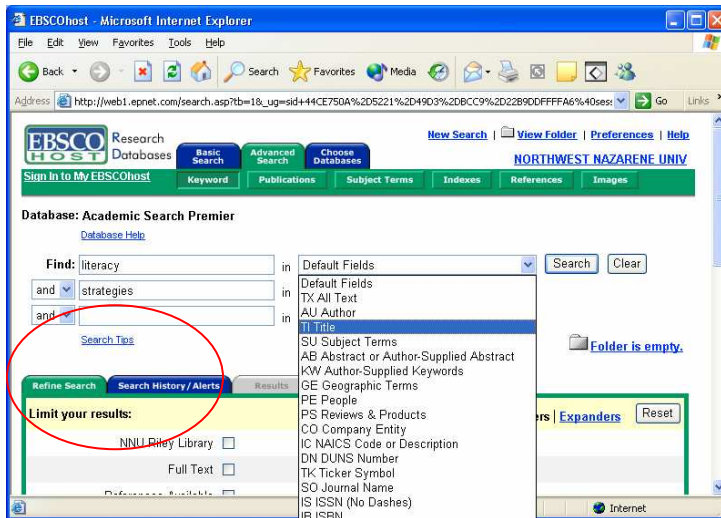
To find journal articles go to the NNU Library button on your Blackboard course menu. Select **Databases > ALL EBSCO**.

EBSCO is the company name for a number of indexes and databases purchased by the library. The features will be generally the same in all EBSCOhost products and all EBSCO databases link to each other. This means that if you are searching in one EBSCO database and full text exists in another EBSCO database it will be linked to and supplied for you as a “Linked full text” article in your list of results.

The **ALL EBSCO** link takes you to another alphabetical list of EBSCO databases.

Academic Search Premier is already selected with a checkmark in the box to the left.

Selecting other databases in this list will allow you to search your terms in multiple databases. However, be aware that unique features found in some databases such as ATLA will not be accessible when searching this way. To access features such as scripture reference searching or the major descriptors in ERIC you will need to limit your search to just that database.



This example is ready to search the terms **literacy** and **strategies**.

SEARCH TIP: The best strategy usually is to begin with one or two broad terms, read a few abstracts, and then refine your results.

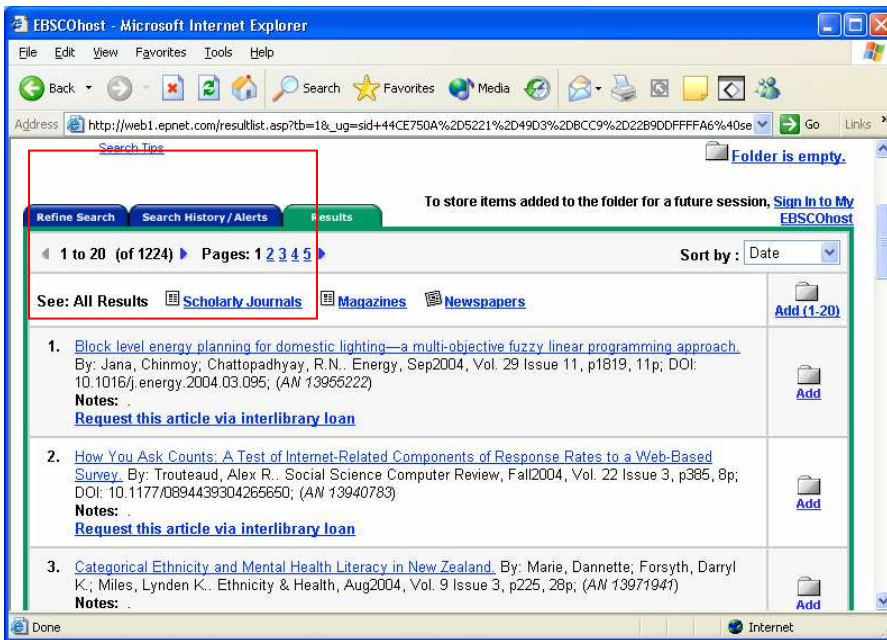
Click the down arrow in the box to the right to view the list of fields available to you. Your terms will be searched in the fields you indicate by highlighting the selection.

For the purpose of this exercise, keep the setting at **Default Fields**. This means that

your results will include all records in the database which have your keywords in the article title, author, abstract, or publisher fields or in the list of references at the end of an article.

In the lower part of this screen you will see options to **Limit your results**. You can always return to this screen to narrow your results by selecting the green **Refine Search** tab and checking one or more limiters. For this initial search, do not select any of these items.

Click **Search**.



Note the number of records retrieved (1,224). That's a lot of reading!!

The **REFINE SEARCH** tab will take you back to your initial search screen where you can limit your search to just items in the NNU Library, full text, or publication date.

SEARCH TIP:

ALWAYS AVOID using your browser **BACK** button!! In all database searching it is best to use the navigational buttons offered to you on the product's screen whenever they are available.

This will ensure that you don't lose lists of results or find yourself looking at a previous search when you intended to refine the current one

Since we did not limit our search to **Peer Reviewed** on the initial screen we can still ask to only see the **Scholarly Journals** by clicking the **Scholarly Journals** link here.

VIEWING AND ACCESSING ARTICLES



The **Check local holdings** link will take you to the NNU catalog record for that publication. The display will explain the date range of our holdings, format, and location for all of the issues of the journal.

HTML , PDF and Linked Full text all indicate that the FULL CONTENT of the article is available to you for printing, emailing to yourself or someone else, or saving on a disk.

Request through interlibrary loan means that the item is NOT in the NNU library and NOT offered to you in full text in the database.

Interlibrary Loan Request Form

Please enter the information below in order to send an Interlibrary Loan request to your library administrator. The request will be sent via e-mail.

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*Date needed:

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* Indicates required field.

To Request this article through interlibrary loan click on the link.

A new window will open with a form to fill out your personal information. The form continues on the lower half of the screen and includes your complete reference automatically filled out including the title and author of the article you need and the volume, issue, date, and page numbers of the publication in which it appears.

You will be prompted for a **DATE NEEDED** on this form. This should be the latest date that this material would be

useful to you. **Please allow a minimum of 7 days for shipment.** Check your GroupWise email regularly for confirmation of your request and delivery notification. How you receive your article will vary, depending on the lending library which we contact. Your article might come to you in electronic format as an email attachment or it may be sent via U.S. mail service.

When you click **SUBMIT** your request will go directly to the NNU library. **Please put "test" in the comment box if you are doing this for practice. Otherwise we will assume this is a legitimate request.**

MARKING & SAVING ITEMS

EBSCOhost - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://web1.epnet.com/resultlist.asp?tb=1&_ug=sid+7A0EBB5A%2D19BD%2D4161%2D96CD%2DA43843FD855%40sess

Search Tips

To store items added to the folder for a future session, Sign in to My EBSCOhost

Refine Search Search History / Alerts Results

1 to 20 (of 53) Pages: 1 2 3 Sort by: Date

See: All Results Scholarly Journals Magazines Add (1-20)

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Folder has items.


Add (1-20)

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Clicking on the title of any article will take you to a detailed screen and usually an abstract, or summary of the article. This will help you determine if the article will meet your needs.

To save an item for printing, emailing, or downloading simply

click  **Add** in the far right column. This will add the item to your personal folder. There is no limit to the number of items you can mark and add.

To view your list of selected items click on  **Folder has items**. There you will be offered commands to **Print, e-mail, or save to disk**.

Sign in to My EBSCOhost will allow you to set up a personal account for storing searches, folder items, and other articles that can be referred to later. If you choose not to do this, all of your work will be lost when you log out of the EBSCO database.

Click on **Sign in to My EBSCOhost** and set up an account now. The username and password you use here is not related in any way to those used by your NNU computer account. It can be anything that is easy for you to remember.

This concludes the Academic Search Premier Tutorial. Return to your Blackboard course and complete the assignment.