Finding Scholarly Articles

The Library subscribes to more than 100 electronic databases providing access to millions of articles, many in full-text format. Requires KU ID card and registration to access from off-campus. Most records can be printed or emailed. See specific database for more information or ask a Reference Librarian for help.

To access the databases:
- Go to library home page http://www.kutztown.edu/library; under the heading Find Information click on “Articles and Databases”; OR go to infocommons.kutztown.edu and click Subject List of Databases
- Select “Education” in the drop-down menu and click submit to get to a list of relevant databases. OR
- If you already know the name of the database you’d like to use, click on the appropriate letter to use the alphabetical list of databases.

The best place to start:

Do a multi-database search using EBSCOhost: Click on Academic Search Complete from Database page - http://www.kutztown.edu/library/er/index.asp - then select the following databases from the “choose databases” option:

- ERIC (EBSCO) Provides full text of more than 2,200 digests with references and citations and abstracts from over 1000 educational and education-related journals. Links to some full-text is available.
  - Can search by keyword, author, title, subject (ERIC descriptors).
  - To find ERIC descriptors (official ERIC subject headings) use the online Thesaurus – type in your terms and the Thesaurus will recommend descriptors and build a search for you.
  - ED = ERIC documents. Full-text may be available online, otherwise try Interlibrary Loan.
  - EJ = ERIC journals. Article may be full text online or Library may own a paper copy of the journal. Try Search E-Journals or search the library catalog.

- Education Research Complete (EBSCO) is a bibliographic and full text database covering scholarly research and information relating to all areas of education. The database provides indexing and abstracts for more than 1,500 journals, as well as full text for more than 750 journals. This database also includes full text for more than 100 books and monographs, and full text for numerous education-related conference papers.

- Academic Search Complete (EBSCO) Excellent multidisciplinary resource. Provides full text for nearly 4,400 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 3,100 peer-reviewed journals. To limit to peer-reviewed titles only, click on peer-reviewed box under Refine Search.

Then save your results using the My EBSCOhost feature:
Other Recommended Databases (for scholarly journals):

Research Library (ProQuest)
Web of Science
Sage Journals Online
JSTOR

What if I already have a journal citation?

If you already have a citation and want to know if the Library has the article go to the Library Catalog to determine if the library subscribes to the journal in print or electronically:

Enter your journal title in the Quick Search box and choose Journal Title search:

Results are ordered with print/microfilm titles appearing first followed by electronic holdings:

How do I get articles or books that the library does not own?

To request an article:
Use the Library’s Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Services. Under “Services,” click on “Article Request” complete and submit it. You will be notified by email about the status of your request.

Need more help?

The Reference Librarians are here to help you with your research. To schedule an appointment with a reference librarian send an email to refquest@kutztown.edu or call 610-683-4165. You can also ask questions without an appointment at the Research Desk on the first floor of the library. Reference librarians are available 7 days a week during spring and fall semesters. Reference desk service hours during the regular semester are:

Sunday 2pm – 10pm; Monday – Thursday 8am – 10pm; Friday 8am – 4pm; Saturday 9am –12pm; 1 – 5pm