HOW TO FIND ARTICLES IN THE EBSCO DATABASES

To access the EBSCO databases, follow the path below:

www.lib.siu.edu ➔ Databases/Find articles ➔ EBSCO (right side of page)

After clicking on EBSCO, databases will be listed alphabetically. If you wish to select more than one database, simply check the box next to any database and click “Continue”.

(Note: limiting features are available for all EBSCO databases under “Search Options”)

In this example, I have selected Academic Search Premier – a good place to begin research since this database indexes magazines and journals covering a wide range of subjects. In this example, I want to locate some articles on earthquakes in the Midwest.

I type my terms and use “and” to separate the terms: (earthquake* and midwest). EBSCO databases look at terms as a phrase. In this instance, I do not want my terms to be searched as a phrase so I simply add the word “and” to look for articles that include the word: earthquake* and the word: midwest.

✓ Please note that an asterisk (*) follows the term earthquake. I am using an asterisk because I want this database to also look for the plural of earthquake. An asterisk can also be used to locate any other “endings” of words (industr* will locate industries, industrial, industry, etc.).

If I am interested in the first article, I place my cursor over the magnifying glass and the abstract (summary) of the article will appear.
Clicking on the title will provide more information, such as Subject Terms.

If full-text is available from EBSCO, “HTML Full Text” or “PDF Full Text” will appear next to Citation.

What if it looks like there is no full-text? Click on “Find Full Text.”

“Find Full Text” will look for full-text in other library-subscribed databases and elsewhere. In this example, full-text is available by clicking “GO.”

If full-text was not available for this article, the next step is to search SIU-Cat, the library’s online catalog, to see if the journal/magazine is on the shelves at Morris Library (Click “GO”).

If there is no full-text and Morris Library does not own the journal/magazine, the article can be requested via Interlibrary Loan. An Interlibrary Loan link will be available at either this site (“Find Full Text”) or at the library’s home page (www.lib.siu.edu).