Searching the Electronic Journal Center (EJC)

The Electronic Journal Center, or EJC, is a collection of the full text of thousands of journals purchased by OhioLINK. The EJC contains articles on a wide variety of topics and is useful for all subject areas. Most of the articles in the EJC are published after the mid 1990s, but a selection of titles have coverage from earlier years.

Click on the link above to access the EJC or click on “Research Databases” on the OSU Libraries homepage, http://library.osu.edu/ and search for EJC.

You may choose to do a basic search in the EJC or browse by the title of the journal. However, it is often useful to use some of the more advanced features of the EJC search.

Click “All Search Options” to use advanced searching features.

You will get a search screen that looks like this:

You may specify where you want search terms to appear.

Click on “Show limit options” to see further limit options.
## Limit Options

More search options are now available. It might be useful to choose a subject category (you may choose more than one by holding down CTRL and clicking more than one). Specify a year range, specify sorting options (relevance or date), and choose the number of results to display per page (15, 30, 60, or 100).

## Search Features

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<td>* Place the * at the end of a string of characters to see words beginning with that string. Use the most number of characters for the best results.</td>
<td>math*</td>
<td>Error – too many results!</td>
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<td></td>
<td>mathematic*</td>
<td>300953</td>
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<td></td>
<td>mathematician*</td>
<td>749</td>
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<td>AND Place the word AND between terms and both terms must be present in the search results.</td>
<td>mathematic* AND histor*</td>
<td>4266</td>
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<td>OR Place the word OR between terms and at least one of the terms will be in the search results. Placing two words next to each other without the OR will do an OR search by default.</td>
<td>mathematician* OR statistician*</td>
<td>2132</td>
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<td>NOT Place the word NOT before a word and that term will not appear in the search results.</td>
<td>mathematician* NOT statistician*</td>
<td>734</td>
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<td>“ ” Place quotation marks around a words to search them as a phrase.</td>
<td>“linear algebra”</td>
<td>6317</td>
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<td>() Use parentheses to group searches.</td>
<td>(mathematic* AND histor*) NOT (Egypt* OR Greek*)</td>
<td>4101</td>
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The search features can be used within a single search box or using the three search boxes form.

A search for:

(mathematic* AND histor*) NOT (Egypt* OR Gree*)

will give the same results as:

Search Results

Your search will be highlighted.

Choose your sort:

Click on the tile for more information and to download the full text.

Read the abstract to see if the article may fit your needs.

Click on an author or the journal title to see more items by that person or within that journal.
Viewing Cited References

Some articles will provide links to items cited within the article. For example, the first article above has a list of items cited available by clicking on the title.

Cited References

3. Bell, W. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1888. [Find It]
10. Boole, G.: 1859. [Find It]

Click on “Find It” to search for availability of this item!

Notes and Suggestions

- Think of various synonyms or synonyms. You can then use OR to search for both terms. For example, (numeral* OR number*), (Babylon* OR Mesopotamia*), or (French OR France).

- If you are getting too many results, you may want to be more specific in your searches. Adding more search terms or using more specific terms will give you more precise results.

- If you are getting too few results, be less specific in your searches.

- Try limiting by year or to a subject category if you are getting too many results.

- If an article works well for your topic, see if it has cited references available and check for availability of those articles by using the Find It link.

- Think of using a subject-specific database. Search the list of Research Databases by title or subject area to find a database that may give you better results. Many databases will link to options for finding articles in electronic or print format, including items in the EJC.

- Click on “# Help and Tips” at the top of the screen in the EJC for assistance.

- Contact a librarian for assistance in using the EJC or finding information. You may contact a librarian directly by choosing one from the list of subject specialists or you may choose Chat with a Librarian (chat reference) or Ask-A-Librarian (email reference) from the main OSU Libraries page, http://library.osu.edu/.