Academic Journal databases

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In today’s session

• The Law Libguide
• Finding a journal article
• Researching your subject
• Structuring your search
• Journal databases
• Box of Broadcasts
• Using other libraries
LibGuides

Law

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law

- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness

Criminology

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/lcriminology

Bookmark for quick access
Deciphering Legal Abbreviations


Need to know what Eur.J.Crime Cr.L.Cr.J. is an abbreviation of?
  – Use Cardiff Index for Legal Abbreviations

Cardiff Index will show
  • what an abbreviation stands for
  • which is the best abbreviation for a journal title or law report series
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Focusing and broadening your search

• Use **AND** to focus your search (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg collaborative **AND** research

• Use **OR** to broaden your search (this will give you more results)
  • eg social media **OR** social networking **OR** Twitter **OR** Facebook

• Use **NOT** to exclude a topic (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg drugs **NOT** alcohol
Truncation and phrase searching

• Use * to find different possible endings to a word
  • eg criminal* would find criminal, criminals, criminality, criminalisation, criminalization etc
  • eg globali* would find globalise, globalize, globalisation, globalization, globalising, globalizing, globalised etc

• Use “” [quotation marks] to search for a phrase
  • eg “criminal justice” AND “human rights”
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Academic Search Complete

Wide subject base
Academic journal articles
Sage Premier

Wide subject base
Academic and non-academic fulltext journal articles
Shared online off-air TV and radio recording service for UK universities

- choose and record any broadcast programme from 60+ TV & radio channels
- all BBC TV and radio content since 2007
- 10+ foreign language channels, including French, German and Italian
- programmes are streamed (cannot download or upload programmes)
- can make 5 new recording requests per day
- can create clips and playlists
Resources not at LSBU

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/library

- Accessing other libraries
- SCONUL Access
  - Access other university libraries around the UK

- British Library
  - Proof of address
  - Check the items you want are in stock

- Inter-library loans
OSCOLA

Referencing resources on the Law Libguide

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law/oscola

– Official OSCOLA guidance, ‘Citing the Law’ online tutorial, LSBU Quick Guide to OSCOLA
1:1 support

Book a 1:1 with an Information Skills Librarian
[go.lsbu.ac.uk/askalibrarian](go.lsbu.ac.uk/askalibrarian)
• Database Searching e.g. Journal articles
• Referencing
• Using RefWorks

Email queries: [askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk)

Research Helpdesk
3 Bridge
Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Any questions?
Question 1

Can you use the Discovery Tool to search for journal articles?

Yes
Question 2

Does the Discover Tool search Lexis?

Yes
Question 3

What part of this reference is the journal title?

Can you use the Discovery Tool to search for television programmes?

No
Question 5

What database can you use to look for radio and television programmes?

Box of Broadcasts
Question 6

What word you use to focus your search?

And
Question 7

What symbol do the academic databases use to truncate a word?

A star - *
Question 8

How would you keep *white collar crime* and *civic unrest* together as phrases when searching the databases?

Put them in double quotation marks

“*white collar crime*”
“*civic unrest*”
Question 9

What kind of search screen should you use when using the databases?

Advanced Search
Question 10

What is the scheme called where you can get access to other university libraries?

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