Literature Searching
In this session:

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• Keywords
• The databases
Find your Libguide

Welcome to the Housing subject guide

This guide will help you find books, journal articles and subject specialist information. You'll also find recommended websites and guidance on referencing. Use the blue tabs towards the top of the page to find the information you need. There are contact details for us and other departments too, should you need further assistance.

(Koolman, 2007)

Search the Library Catalogue (Encore)
How to search

The Library Catalogue

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The Discovery Service

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Journal articles
Newspaper articles
What is a Journal Article?

• A Journal is an academic magazine.
  - Published on a regular basis
  - Generally every 3-4 months
  - Focused on a particular subject or area of research.

• An article is a piece of writing or essay or case study.
  - Several articles in each issue of magazine
  - Different articles in each issue
Example of a Journal

It will have a:

- Title
- Issue no.
- Volume no.
- Date
- And several articles listed in a table of contents.
Example of a journal article

It will have a:

• Title
• Summary or abstract
• Often includes introduction, methods, outcome conclusion and discussion.
• And page numbers.
Journal articles

Written by experts in your area:
• Academics
• Practitioners
• Researchers

Cover research on a topic using scientific methodologies

How to access them
• Mostly online
• Massive databases containing thousands of journals and millions of articles
• If you can’t find it in the library, try Google Scholar.

Peer review
• Quality check
• A process by which the methodology and results are discussed and checked by independent experts in the same field.

You are expected to use journal articles in your assignments.
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Formulate a search strategy

1) Find your keywords
What should the U.K. do to solve its housing crisis?

2) Find alternatives to your keywords. Try “pearl diving” if you can’t think of any.

3) Save your keyword search terms.
What should the UK do to solve its housing crisis?

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<td><strong>crisis</strong></td>
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Focussing and broadening your search

• Use **AND** to focus your search (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg UK **AND** Great Britain

• Use **OR** to broaden your search (this will give you more results)
  • eg crisis **OR** emergency **OR** trouble

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

• Use * to find different possible endings to a word
  • eg child* would find child, children, childhood, childish etc
  • eg manag* would find manage, manages, managed, managing, manager, management etc

• Use “” [quotation marks] to search for a phrase
  • eg “blended learning”, “distance education”
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**Example:** News OR media OR current affairs
Searching for academic journals

Following the search tips, enter keywords (and synonyms) for each concept in your research topic in a separate search row.

Too many results? Refine them using the menu bar on the left.

Too few results? Consider different search words (and check spelling).
Access full text and download content

Click on the ‘folder icon for any records you’d like to download, print, etc, then click on the Folder link at the top to view and save.

Click on Link to Full text link to be connected to content through another database.

Some articles are available in the database in full text – just click to download.
Your Turn

Search for articles on a topic of your choice

1. Try different combinations of keywords and note which work best

2. Experiment with using the search limiters on the search results page

3. Access the full text of at least one of the search results

Start your search here—and then click on Advanced Search.
The databases

Search the subject specific databases to narrow your results even further. This may provide the most relevant results for your search.
Searching Multiple EBSCO Databases at once

1. Click on Choose Databases

2. Check the boxes for relevant databases, then click OK.

Combine: SOCindex, Academic Search Complete, and Business Source Complete
Referencing

• LSBU Harvard Referencing Style – Unique to LSBU, see our guides for info

• Reference as you read & ask for help early! – Visit the Research Help Desk

• Online guides and workbooks
Where to get Help
Further training

- Assignment Surgeries
- Workshops
  - Harvard referencing
  - Literature searching
  - Refworks
- Book on via the calendar on the Training tab
1:1 support

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

Email queries: askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk (from 7th October)
3 Bridge
Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Library and Learning Resources

Library
Helpdesk – 1 East
library@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6607/6615

IT Support
Helpdesk – 1 West
llr-ithelpdesk@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6678

Digital Skills
Digital Skills Centre
digitalskills@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6610
Disability and Dyslexia Support (DDS)
disability@lsbu.ac.uk
0207 815 6454

Student Life Centre
Borough Road
MyLSBU link

Skills for Learning
S4L@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6454
MyLSBU link
Any questions?