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ANU Library Databases

The Library’s E-resources and databases are electronic information repositories that can include collections of electronic journals, indexes, collections of electronic books, or multimedia publications. They contain a wealth of scholarly information which you can use for your research, and are easy to access from the Library’s homepage. If you already know the name of the database you wish to use, you can access it by clicking on the letter of the alphabet that corresponds to the first letter of the database’s name.

Alternately, if you’re not sure which databases to use, click on the E-resources & databases link. This will take you to a page where you can select your databases by subject area.

Simply select the appropriate subject area, click GO, and you will be presented with a range of databases, all containing materials relevant to the area of research you have chosen.
In the example below, we have selected “Multidisciplinary” as our subject area. There are 105 databases catalogued under this heading, which provide materials that span a wide range of different subject areas. Remember, you may find materials relevant to your research in a variety of different databases, which may cover a range of different academic subject areas other than the one in which you are currently working. To gain access to a database and begin searching, simply click on its name, and in most cases you will be taken directly in to the database. You may also navigate amongst databases by searching for them by name, or alternately, a complete list of databases can also be displayed.

**ANU Library Full Text E-Journals**

The Library’s full text e-journals are electronic information repositories, which can include collections of electronic journals, electronic books, or multimedia publications. They contain a wealth of scholarly information to support your research, and are easy to access from the Library’s homepage. If you already know the name of the e-journal you wish to use, you can search for it by title from the homepage.
Alternately, if you’re not sure which databases to use, click on the advanced e-journals search (A-Z) link. This will take you to a page where you can access journals via a number of different methods.

From this page you can search for e-journals by title, browse an alphabetical listing of individual e-journal titles, browse e-journals based on a particular subject area, or browse e-journal collections arranged by publisher.
In the example below, we have selected “Languages & Literatures” as our subject area. There are over 1500 individual e-journal titles catalogued under these headings, which provide materials that span a wide range of different subject areas. Remember, you may find materials relevant to your research in a variety of different e-journals, which may cover a range of different academic subject areas other than the one in which you are currently working.

To gain access to an e-journal and begin searching, simply click on the link to the database in which it is contained, and you will be taken directly into the e-journal.

You may also navigate amongst e-journals by searching for them by name, or alternately, a complete list of e-journal publishers can also be displayed.
SuperSearch

SuperSearch enables you to search the Library’s entire collection, helping you to find full text journal and newspaper articles, print and electronic books, websites, etc. Enter your search terms into the search box located on the Library’s home page, and click on GO.

Alternately, you can select the advanced SuperSearch option, which will enable you to search for material by Title, by Author, by Publication, etc. These options can be accessed via the “All Fields” fields, which can in turn be combined using Boolean Operators, if desired. Searching in this way also enables you to refine your search parameters and search for only items with full text available online, as well as peer-reviewed and scholarly materials. You can also specify the publication dates of the material you find, and exclude certain types of materials from appearing in your search results.

Once you have performed your search, your results may be narrowed down, or “refined,” by using the filters which can be found on the left-hand side of the search results screen. You may wish you limit your results to only those for which the full text is available online. Similarly, limiting your results to materials from scholarly and/or peer-reviewed sources, will help to ensure that the materials you
find are accurate, and authoritative. You may further refine your search by specifying the type of content you wish to review, as well as the dates of publication. Materials can also be viewed by academic discipline, as well as by subject headings, which organise your results into a series of pre-defined subject areas. To view an item’s abstract, simply click “Preview.” If you wish to access the full details of a particular item, you may click on its title. To access materials which are available online, you may click on the item’s title, or on the Full Text Online link which appears at the bottom of the item record.
ANU Federation Login

The Federation Login allows current members of the ANU community to access ANU Library content from an external computer, located off-campus, or outside of the ANU's network.

Access to some online services is restricted to on-campus only, as the information may have licensing restrictions, or is only relevant to people associated with the University.

When you request a restricted page from off-campus, you will be asked to verify that you are a member of the ANU community by entering your seven digit ANU ID and password.

Your ID begins with a lower case letter "u" and is followed by 7 subsequent digits. For example: u1234567.

Simply enter your ANU ID, along with your password, and click Login. You should then be able to access your chosen Library resource.

If you encounter difficulties, your user ID and password may need resetting.

The IT Consultants located in the Chifley Library can assist you over the phone on 02 6125 4321, or you can re-set your password in-person by visiting the Library.
Other resources

Training notes
To access training notes, visit the Research & learn webpage anulib.anu.edu.au/research-learn and select the skill area followed by the relevant course. You can register for a workshop and find other information.

Research & learn how-to guides
Explore and learn with the ANU Library's how to guides (anulib.anu.edu.au/howto). Topics covered are:

- Citations & abstracts
- E-books
- EndNote
- Evaluating Sources
- Finding books and more
- Finding journal articles and more
- Finding theses
- Increasing your research impact
- ORCID iD (Open Researcher and Contributor ID)
- Research Data Management
- Text and Data Mining
- Topic analysis

Subject guides
Find subject-specific guides (anulib.anu.edu.au/subjectguides) and resources on broad range of disciplines. Such as:

- Asia Pacific, Southeast Asia and East Asian studies
- Business, economics, art, music and military studies
- Criminal, human rights and taxation law
- History, indigenous studies, linguistics and philosophy
- Biological, environment, physical & mathematical sciences, engineering & computer science, health & medicine

Navigating the sea of scholarly communication
An open access course designed to build the capabilities researchers need to navigate the scholarly communications and publishing world. Topics covered include finding a best-fit publisher, predatory publishing, data citations, bibliometrics, open access, and online research identity. Five self-paced modules, delivered by international and local experts/librarians (anulib.anu.edu.au/publishing).

Online learning
Online learning is available through ANU Pulse, which can be accessed from both on and off campus by all ANU staff and students (ql.anu.edu.au/pulse).

Modules available in ANU Pulse
- Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, OneNote, Outlook, PowerPoint, Project, Visio, Word)
- Microsoft Office (Mac)
- Adobe suite (Illustrator, Photoshop)
- Type IT

Training
A range of workshops are offered to help with your academic research and studies (anulib.anu.edu.au/training-register).

Feedback
Please provide feedback about webinars on the online feedback form (ql.anu.edu.au/liewebinar).