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How to find academic research papers



EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) give you access to full text academic journal articles, research papers, reports and other materials which are subscribed to by Colchester Institute Library.

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How to search EDS

Use the Basic Search on the home page to search for information about a single concept, or click **Advanced Search** to combine elements. Enter keywords to find articles which contain those exact words or phrases, using a row for each element of your research topic.

Use **quotation marks** to only find words together as a phrase.

Use **OR** (capitalised) to search for similar ideas or synonyms.

Use the **Select a Field** menu if you are looking for a specific title or author, otherwise leave it as is.


Refining your search

The search results page shows all items that contain your keywords somewhere in the record. Results are sorted by relevance by default, or can be sorted by date if you prefer. Under **Page Options** you can choose **Detailed** to view abstracts (summaries) on the results page.

Use the **Refine Results** tools to narrow down your results by **Publication Date** and **Source Type**.

Results are all available in full text by default, but you can deselect **Full Text** to also find articles where only the abstract is available.

Reading and saving articles

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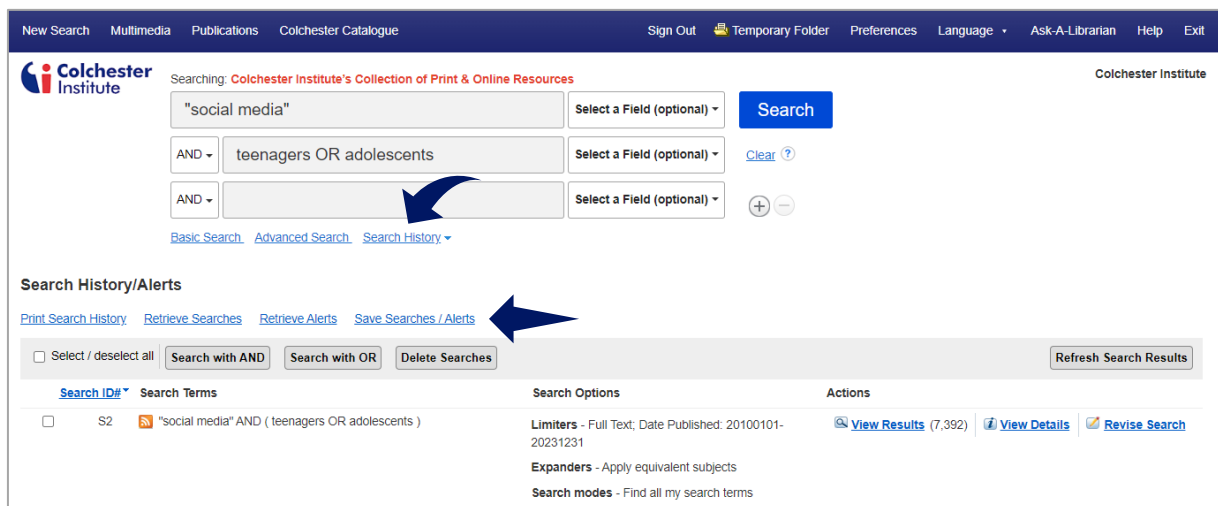
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Saving your search results

From the search results page use the **add to folder** button  to save items for later. To find them again go to the **Temporary Folder**. This saves the articles for your current session.

You can save items in EDS permanently if you **Sign In to MyEBSCO**, otherwise they will be lost when you end your session. Sign in with a Google account or create a username and password.

Choose **Search History** to view searches you've done in that session. You can **Save Searches** to store them in EDS permanently, to easily get back to the same search another time, or if you want to keep a record of the search terms you've used. You can also create **Alerts** to be notified of new results that match your search.



The screenshot shows the Colchester Institute search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'New Search', 'Multimedia', 'Publications', 'Colchester Catalogue', 'Sign Out', 'Temporary Folder', 'Preferences', 'Language', 'Ask-A-Librarian', 'Help', and 'Exit'. The main search area has a search bar with the text '"social media"' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'AND' and 'OR' with dropdown menus for 'Select a Field (optional)'. A blue arrow points to the 'Search History' link in the 'Basic Search' section. Below the search area, there's a 'Search History/Alerts' section with links for 'Print Search History', 'Retrieve Searches', 'Retrieve Alerts', and 'Save Searches / Alerts'. A blue arrow points to the 'Save Searches / Alerts' link. Below this, there are buttons for 'Select / deselect all', 'Search with AND', 'Search with OR', 'Delete Searches', and 'Refresh Search Results'. The bottom section shows a table with search results, including a search ID, search terms, search options, and actions.



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