



EBSCO Discovery Service

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.

Access EDS here bit.ly/CIEbsco or with the QR code above.

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.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Discovery Service homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for New Search, Multimedia, Publications, Colchester Catalogue, Sign In to My Folder, Temporary Folder, Preferences, and Language. The Colchester Institute logo is on the left. The main search area has a search bar containing the query "social media". Below it, an AND operator is followed by the terms "teenagers OR adolescents". A "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown is shown next to the search button. A "Basic Search" link is at the bottom of the search area. A callout box on the left explains using quotation marks to find words together as a phrase. Another callout box on the right explains using OR for similar ideas or synonyms. A third callout box on the right explains the "Select a Field" menu for specific titles or authors.

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.

The screenshot shows the search interface with a sidebar for refining results. It includes a "Limit To" section with checkboxes for Full Text, Peer Reviewed, and Available in Library Collection. Below that is a date range selector from 2010 to 2023. A "Source Types" section lists categories like All Results, Academic Journals (5,825), Magazines (735), News (526), and Reports (497), with Academic Journals selected. A blue arrow points from this sidebar to a text block below.

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.

The screenshot shows the "Page Options" dropdown menu. It includes "Relevance" and "Page Options" buttons. Under "Result Format", there are four options: Standard, Title Only, Brief, and Detailed, with Detailed selected. A blue arrow points from this menu to a text block below.

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

To access the full text of an article look for PDF full text link.  [PDF Full Text](#)

You can then download it to your device, print a copy or email it to yourself for later.

If the PDF full text link isn't directly available you will see one of the following options which take you to the article on another website. If an additional log in is required choose Log in via **OpenAthens** and use your college details to access.

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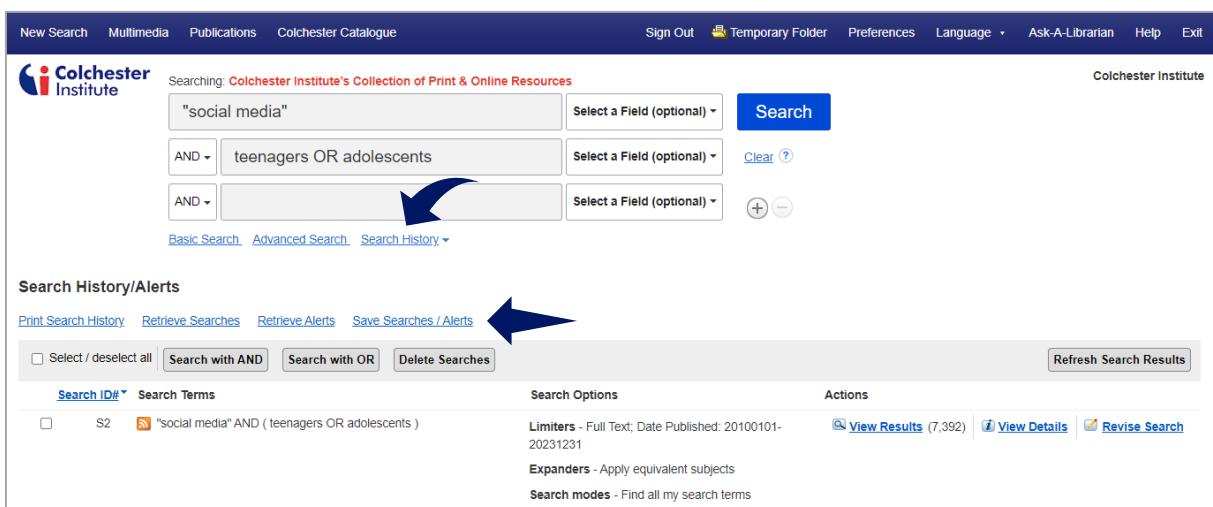
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Saving your search results

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.



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