Cheat Sheet: From Database to Article

Step #1
Choose “Database & Article Searching” from the Library Homepage
www.library.csus.edu

Step #2
Choose a Subject

Step #3
Choose a Database from the list

Hint:
Not sure where to begin? Click on the "to learn what is in the database

Or try searching in Academic Search Premier listed under the A-Z Database list or perhaps in the subject list of databases.

BETA: Biological Sciences Multisearch
Search multiple Biological Sciences databases simultaneously.

Find Database by Title (A - Z)

Most Useful

- Biological Abstracts (EBSCO) Article Database
- Biological & Agricultural Index (EBSCO) Article Database
- AGRICOLA Articles (NAL) Article Database
- Wildlife and Ecology Studies Worldwide (EBSCO) Article Database
Step #4
Enter your terms

Hint:
Use an asterisk * to search for alternative endings, e.g. biomechan* will retrieve biomechanical as well as biomechanics.

Step #5
Review the results for titles of interest

Step #6
Click on the article title to view the complete record summary

Hint:
Read the abstract for additional keywords and to determine if the article is what you need.

Step #7
Click on the "Find It" to determine if the article is available.
Step #8
Click on one of the databases to go to the article

Hints:
- Make sure the year you need is part of what is available.
- If the link takes you to another article summary, look for a PDF or HTML link either on the right side of the screen, or near the authors/title of the article.

Step #9
Don’t despair if the only copy available is in print. Current journals are on 3 South, and older journals (before 1980) are on the Lower Level.

Hint:
Journals do not have call numbers. They are in alphabetical order by the title of the journal.

If you have any questions here are 4 ways to ask:

Just click on the Ask-a-Librarian link from the Library homepage!