

Three Research Databases

Students always search for reliable online references to complete their essay assignments or research papers. They might need to visit digital libraries that offer a variety of scholar and academic sources such as journals, academic magazines, scholarly papers, periodicals etc... The most well-known research databases are JSTOR, EBSCOhost and ProQuest.

JSTOR

According to the Oxford Guide to Library Research JSTOR is “an online collection of full backfiles of over 350 academic journals.” It has “a number of potentially separate "core" collections to which libraries can subscribe including business, ecology & botany, general science, language & literature, mathematics & statistics, and music” (Mann, 2005). Using this website can be helpful tremendously for students from different majors because of its variety of subjects that can be beneficial in completing assignments.

To use JSTOR, there are few steps.

- When you visit the website, log in by using your institution's email.
- The basic search offers full text keyword searching. This means you can quote any part form books, poems... etc. The website can present different types of sources that have used or mentioned that part.
- You have to use quotation marks (" ") for the quoted text before you click search .
- For the advanced search, visit www.jstor.org/action/showAdvancedSearch.
- There is a keyword box to choose the field and type the author, item's title, abstract and caption.
- Select access type if you want "all content" or "content I can access".
- You can narrow your search to item types such as books, articles...etc. You can type specific language, publication date, journal or book title, or the ISBN.
- You can choose the types of journals you want such as African American Studies.
- After you finish click "*submit advanced search*".

EBSCOhost

According to the Oxford Guide to Library Research, EBSCO “offers some databases providing bibliographic citations without full text. It also offers some large text files from academic search premier, Masterfile premier, and military & government collection” (Mann, 2005).

To use the website, here are few steps.

- Visit KSU library website using your KSU student email.
- Select foreign databases. All the databases provided by KSU will appear.
- Click on the EBSCOhost link.
- Then you will be sent to the Saudi Digital Library database where you can select your choice of search engines. You will find a variety of different types such as “Academic Search Ultimate” or “Arab World Research Source”.
- After that, you can click the "continue" button at the end of the page.
- Then you will be transferred to the EBSCOhost search bar where you can write any topic of choice.

ProQuest

According to the Oxford Guide to Library Research, ProQuest database is “a company that offers an aggregation of many different databases most of which are full texts of journal articles, fully keyword searchable.” These include" ABI/INFORM global, American periodicals series, health& medical complete, ProQuest educational journals, ProQuest medical library, ProQuest newspapers, ProQuest religion, ProQuest science journals, ProQuest research library... etc.” (Mann, 2005).

To visit ProQuest, you need to follow these steps below.

- Visit KSU library website using your KSU email.
- Choose foreign database. Then you will see a variety of databases. Click on the ProQuest link.
- Then you will be transferred to ProQuest website where you can select the type of search you need such as books, scholarly journals, video & audio resources, magazines, and newspapers ...etc.
- Full text search is also provided where you can write a quotation for specific results.

Reference

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