

How to Search ERIC

an OhioLINK research database



Ohio Dominican University Library

What is ERIC?

ERIC is the U.S. Department of Education's Educational Resource Information Center database which contains citations and abstracts from over 980 educational and education-related journals. It also contains full text of more than 2,200 digests along with references for additional information.

You are using an OhioLINK database if you see the OhioLINK name in the upper left corner of your screen. Some other OhioLINK Research Databases are:

- **Education Abstracts**
- **Humanities Abstracts**
- **Library Literature**
- **PsycINFO**

Step 1. Connect to the database

- Connect to the ODU Library homepage: <http://www.ohiodominican.edu/library>
- From the Library's homepage, follow these links:
Articles in Databases → Click on **Education** → Click on **ERIC**

Step 2. Start Your Search


1. **To search by Keyword:** Use the search box to enter your search term(s). Be sure to uncheck the following box near the top of the screen: Search words in thesaurus:
 - Type a single word or phrase
Example: dyslexia
Example: classroom management
 - Type AND to narrow your search or use OR to broaden your search
Example: gender and computers
- Finds items that contain **both** "gender" and "computers"
Example: college or university
- Finds items that contain **either** "college" or "university"
 - Type a **dollar sign** (\$) to search for different endings of a word
Example: politic\$
- Finds "politic," "politics," "political," "politician," etc.
2. **To search by Author:** Select Authors from the drop-down menu next to the search box and type the name in the search box:
Example: alexander, edward
- Finds articles written only by Edward Alexander
3. **To search by words in Journal title, or Article or Book title:** Make your selection from the drop-down menu next to the search box and type in your words in the search box.
4. If you wish to use multiple search boxes, click on **More search boxes** and add your terms.
5. If you are familiar with the *ERIC Thesaurus of Descriptors* and wish to search for your words in the database thesaurus, then be sure that the following box is checked near the top of the screen. **Search words in thesaurus:**
6. If you would like to limit your search, click on **Show limit options** (see Step 3: Limit Your Search).
7. Click on the **Submit Search** button.

Step 3. Limit Your Search



To determine what limit options are available, click on **Show limit options**, below your search box.

You can LIMIT your search by:	Example:
Year	1995 - 2003
Publication Type	Journal articles
Audience	Teachers
Educational level	Early childhood

Step 4. Review & Locate Your Articles

1. Click on an **article's title** to view the article citation, which will include a useful summary of the article.
2. Click on  **Find It!** near the article title to see if the article is available in full text online in the OLinks pop-up window. Follow these steps:
 - A. If the article is available in full text, you will see a link for full text on the left side in your pop-up window, for example: **View full text of this article at EBSCO**. Click on the link and follow the prompts for full text.
 - B. If the above full-text link is NOT displayed on the screen, then click on the link **Search by title in the Ohio Dominican University Library Catalog** to search for the journal title in the **ODU Library Catalog** using a Title search.
If the journal is in our library, then use the ODU Library Catalog to
 - 1) make sure the VOLUME & ISSUE NUMBERS you need are available and
 - 2) note the journal's LOCATION.
 - C. If the journal in which the article is published is NOT in our library, then return to your options in the pop-up-window and click on "**View Inter-library Loan Options**" so that you can do an Interlibrary Loan Request to obtain a copy of the article (allow 3-10 days for processing). For more information on interlibrary loans, visit the library homepage and click on **Access Services**, then **Interlibrary Loan**.
3. Use the **Prev** | **Next** links at the top of the results list to move from one page of results to another.

Step 5. Storing, Printing, Downloading, & Emailing Your Article Records

1. Click on  **Store** or  **Store this Record** near the article title to mark a record for storing. Then click on **Results List** (near the top of the screen) to go back to your list of records.
2. Click on **Stored Records** near the top of the screen on your results page to review, print, or email what you've stored.
3. From the Stored Records screen, you can view, print, download, email, or export your article records. Follow the prompts to complete this process.

For more help or to use some of the database's advanced search features, click on **Tips, Help, and Chat** near the top of the database search screen.
Or contact a Reference Librarian: tel. (614) 251-4585 (toll-free 1-888-681-8044),
email refdesk@ohiodominican.edu.