

Guide to library resources:
Disability studies



ECU Library

Introduction to the Library

Searching for information can be as informal as browsing the shelf to using the Library's web-based resources. Knowing what to look for and how to do it will save many hours during your studies. This guide is designed to help you find your way around the information resources available in ECU Library. It includes suggestions on developing a search strategy, understanding references, using the catalogue and finding journal articles.

Liberty is the library's web-based learning package. It is a detailed guide to finding information including specific examples which can be worked through. Liberty can be found at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/liberty/index.html>

Help is also available at the Library Reference and Enquiry desks and from the EA Faculty Library Team. <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/faculty/cont-fea.html>

In researching your topic you may need to go beyond the services of ECU Libraries. As an ECU student, you have access and reciprocal borrowing privileges at the other university libraries:

UWA
Murdoch
Curtin University of Technology
Notre Dame
Central Tafe

You can search their Library catalogues from the ECU Library catalogue page or at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/collections/catalogues.html>

Developing a search strategy

You have just received your first assignment. Where do you start? A search strategy means thinking through the steps needed to complete the assignment. While you will develop your own method over time, here is a starting point.

Define the topic and scope of your assignment

- Be sure you know what your lecturer requires. Ask questions.
- Work out a time frame. When is the paper due? How much time do you need to satisfy what is being asked of you? Set a cut off point when the search ends and the writing begins. You may need to allow extra time in case materials you need are at another campus or already out on loan.
- Use specialist dictionaries and encyclopedias in Education, Psychology and the Social Sciences to obtain an overview of your topic and identify terms to search the Library catalogue and electronic databases. These are found in the Reference Collection and online at:

<http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/findwebsites/index.htm>

Which resources do I use?

There is an expectation that you will source references from as wide range of different formats as possible, for example: videos, DVDs, journals, electronic databases, microfiche or

an Internet site. If the assignment is more historical or introductory you may rely more on books. For very current trends or specific topics, journal articles (in hard copy or electronic formats) and Internet sites may be more useful.

A good starting point is the list or references for your unit outline.

Referencing and organising your information

Be sure to acknowledge all quotes as well as any ideas that are not your own by referencing their source both in the text of your work and in a list of references at the end. Plagiarism is the deliberate copying of ideas or words of another person or source and passing them off as your own: eg copying and pasting text from the Internet.

The following points will help you recognise references from your reading lists as well as write your own. **Remember - always copy the full referencing details of every photocopy, Internet site, Electronic Database or book that you have taken information from.** This will save the frustrating task of retracing your steps when it comes to referencing at the end.

It is also a good idea to keep a note of what indexes and other search tools you've used (even if not successful) so you don't repeat your steps. If you are saving a search from an Electronic Database include the search history, which details the keywords that you have used in your searches.

Make sure that you have a copy of the Referencing Guide. They are available from the ECU Bookshop or online from the Library Homepage:
<http://www.ecu.edu.au/LDS/pdf/refguide.pdf>

Recognising parts of a reference

BOOK REFERENCE

Author *Date of publication* *Title* *Place* *Publisher*
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Beckett, C. (2003). Child protection: An introduction. London: SAGE

JOURNAL ARTICLE REFERENCE

Author *Date of publication* *Title of article*
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Hunt, G. (1992). Parenting: A survey of community needs.
Children Australia, 17(3), 9-12
↑ ↑ ↑
Journal Title *Volume & issue* *Page numbers*

BOOK CHAPTER REFERENCE

Author of chapter *Date of publication* *Editor of book* *Title of book*
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Tsuchiya, K. (2003). Buddhism. In L. Ridgeon (Ed.), *Major world religions: from their origins to the present* (pp. 59-115). London: RoutledgeCurzon
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Pages of chapter *Place* *Publisher*

FULL TEXT ARTICLE FROM ELECTRONIC DATABASE

Conley-Jung, C. & Olkin R. (2001). Mothers with visual impairments who are raising young children. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 95(1), 14-29. Retrieved December 15, 2001, from Education Full Text (WilsonWeb) database
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Date Retrieved *Electronic Database*

Using the ECU Library Catalogue

Knowing how to use the ECU Library Catalogue is an essential step in effective library use. It is an index to all material held at all Edith Cowan University Libraries as well as providing access to the collections of the other University Libraries in Perth, Central Tafe Library the State Library and public libraries.

These catalogues give the option to search for:

Title
Author
Subject or
Keyword

The search option you choose depends on the information you have and the material you wish to find.

Title and author

To search for a specific book, choose the **title** or **author**. The author option may be best if the title is common, e.g. *Education*. Since all titles are listed in alphabetical order, type in as much of the exact title as you know.

Keyword Search

This option allows you to search for a word (or combination of words) from the titles or subject headings, as well as fields within the catalogue entry (e.g. contents notes, corporate authors). Use this approach when first searching by topic.

Subject Search

The following are some headings that can be used in a **subject** search of the library catalogue to find items relevant to your course:

DISABILITY EVALUATION
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
CHILDREN WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES REHABILITATION
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES COUNSELING OF
PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES REHABILITATION
REHABILITATION COUNSELING
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Shelf numbers in Disability Studies

At these numbers on the shelves you may find material useful to your course.

155.916	Psychological influence of disabilities
158.1/.3	Interpersonal relations, helping skills, counselling
174.2/.9	Ethics relating to the medical and human service professions
302.5	Social deviance
305; 305.5	Social classes, inequality, minorities
344.03	Welfare Law
361 +	Social Welfare, human service administration, social policy
361.323	Counselling in human services
362.2	Mental and emotional illnesses and disturbances
362.3	Services for intellectually disabled
362.4	Services to those with physical disabilities
371.9	Special education, including programs for children with mental and physical disabilities
616.85	Behaviour disorders
616.89	Clinical Psychology
618.92	Paediatrics, including childhood mental and developmental disorders

Journals

A list of important journals in Disability Studies follows.

*Available electronically

ACTIV News	S362.3 ACT
Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly	S613.7 ADA*
American Journal of Mental Retardation (Holdings:1987-1998)	S157.8 AME
Brand News	S362.43 BRA
British Journal of Learning Disabilities	S362.3 MEN*
CabiR (Community Rehabilitation Acquired Brain Injury) (Holdings: 1997-1998)	S616.8043 CAB
Disability and Society	S362.4 DIS
Intellectual Disability Australia	S362.30994 INT
Interaction : the Australian magazine on intellectual disability	S362.30994 INT
International Review of Research in Mental Retardation	S157.8 INT
JARID Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities	S362.3072 JAR

Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders	S618.92891 JOU
Learning Disabilities Research and Practice	S371.9 LEA
Link: Australia's disability magazine	S362.40994 LIN
Mental Health Nursing	S616.8588 MEN
Mental Retardation	S362.3 MEN
Neuropsychology Review	S616.8 NEU
Paraplegia News	S362.43 PAR
Research in Developmental Disabilities	S371.9 RES
Special Services in the Schools	S371.9 SPE

Latest issues of journals are held on the periodicals display stand. Note the "S" prefix in front of the call number ("S" is for Serial - or Journal). The call number indicates where the back issues of these journals are located.

Finding Journal Articles Using Electronic Databases

To locate journal articles on your topic use an electronic database in your subject area. These databases contain references for many hundreds of journals in a particular field.

The following databases would be suitable for disabilities areas, and are available via the **ECU Library Home page**. Click **Journal articles (Databases)**, **Databases by Subject**, select **Disabilities Studies**.

PSYCINFO---The major index to psychological literature covering journals, book chapters, reports and dissertations.

APAIS and **APA-FT (APAIS with Full Text)**--- A useful Australian index to social and welfare issues, now with some full text journals.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH LIBRARY---An interdisciplinary database of major journals about half of which provide the full text of articles.

SOCIAL SCIENCE JOURNALS---Covers many of the core journals in the social sciences, some of them in full text.

EXPANDED ACADEMIC ASAP--- An interdisciplinary index of many of the leading research and scholarly journals, some of them in full text.

MEDLINE---The major international medical database with a small amount of full text material

The following are other databases that may be of interest which can found via the **Databases by Title** link.

AARP AGELINE---An international database covering journals in social gerontology and related areas. Abstracts only provided.

FAMILY---Published by the Australian Institute of Family Studies providing abstracts of journal articles, conferences, and reports.

PSYCARTICLES---A database of fulltext articles in psychology.

SOCIAL WORK ABSTRACTS---An international index to journal literature in social work and welfare. Only abstracts provided

Metaquest

MetaQuest is a portal that enables access to ECU's online collections. *MetaQuest* allows you to search up to 10 resources simultaneously, including library catalogues and databases, then link to fulltext where available. Fulltext linking is done using "SFX Find it" interlinking technology. You can also link directly to the resources' native interface.

Databases in *MetaQuest* are grouped together by subject categories relevant to courses at ECU, but you can also create your own list of preferred resources. *MetaQuest* allows you to construct alerts to run searches for you.

As with the Library catalogue, you can search for titles, keywords or authors. These databases provide details of article titles, the title of the journal the article is from, volume and page numbers and usually an article overview or abstract. It is often possible to search under the journal title and scan through the contents pages of various issues.

Many electronic databases provide the full text of the articles indexed. This means you will be able to download email or print the article directly. This is also an excellent way of retaining the reference details of each article used in your assignment.

Print Reserve Collection

There is a Reserve Collection at every campus library. It is where high demand materials are kept for short term use. Materials can include books, videos, DVD's, and CD-ROMs. Only Edith Cowan University staff or student can borrow from the Reserve Collection.

E-Reserve

E-Reserve is an electronic collection of journal articles, conference papers and chapters/sections of books. Whilst material in the reserve collection is available in print form, increasingly material will be available as e-readings via E-Reserve. As with access to other online library services, E-Reserve can be accessed on or off campus. You will need to authenticate to use E-Reserve items. 'Electronic copy available' indicates that access will be via a pdf scanned copy of the item, while 'electronic document' indicates that you will be linked via a database to the item. As with items placed in the print Reserve Collection, E-Reserve items can be accessed via Reserve Collection icons of the ECU Library catalogue, by Unit code or Lecturer's name. Alternatively, you can search the catalogue by the item's author or title. If a unit code has items available in both the print Reserve Collection and online in E-Reserve, these items will be listed together on the same list.

Note that you can search for journal articles via the E-Reserve by the author or title of the article. However, the standard way to access journal articles is to find out whether the ECU Library System holds the particular journal title for the correct dates in print or electronic form. To do this, search Journals for the title of the journal and if the journal is available electronically you would follow the links through till you reached the correct journal article.

Web Resources

EA Library Web page has resources specific to the Faculty of and Arts Sciences.

<http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/faculty/fac-fea.html>

This page has links to electronic databases and websites relevant to Disability Studies Family Studies.

Contact Us <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/contacts/askus.html>

to enquire about general Library services and any problems accessing the ECU Library services and products.

E-Reference <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/contacts/eref.html>

has an online form to lodge your reference enquiries.

Find Websites <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/findwebsites/index.html> to access a range of electronic dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks and more!

Have a look at the EA Faculty Homepage at: <http://www.ea.ecu.edu.au>