



Guidance for Accessing Academic Journals

Below is some guidance for finding and accessing articles through your institution's library databases.

1. **Visit the Library Website:** Go to [Library Website URL].
2. **Log In:** Click on the "Login" button at the top right corner and enter your library credentials.
3. **Access the Databases:** Click on the "Databases" or "Research Resources" tab from the main menu.
4. **Search for Articles:** In the search bar, enter keywords related to your research topic. Use quotation marks for exact phrases and Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to refine your search. Additionally, you can type in the article's name or copy/paste the article's DOI to refine your search.
5. **Review and Select:** Browse through the search results and click on the titles of articles that interest you to view more details.
6. **Access Full Text:** If available, click on the "Full Text" or "PDF" link to read the complete article. If only an abstract is provided, you may request the full text through interlibrary loan if needed.
7. **Save or Export:** Utilize options to save, download, or export the article and citation information, often found within the database's tools or options menu.

Below are steps for retrieving open-access journal articles.

How to Access Open-Access Journal Articles

1. **Identify Your Topic:**
 - Before you start your search, clearly define the topic or keywords related to the journal articles you're interested in. This could also include the title of the article.
2. **Choose a Search Platform:**
 - **Google Scholar:** Go to [Google Scholar](#). Enter your search terms and look for articles with [PDF] links on the right side of the search results.
 - **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ):** Go to [DOAJ](#). Search for your topic to find journals and articles that are open access.
 - **JSTOR:** Visit [JSTOR](#) and use the advanced search options. JSTOR provides access to some open-access articles.



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- **Project MUSE:** Visit Project MUSE. Use their search feature to find open-access articles in humanities and social sciences.
3. **Search for Articles:**
- Enter relevant keywords, titles, or authors into the search bar of the chosen platform.
 - Use filters to narrow your search to open-access content if available.
4. **Access and Download:**
- **Directly from Publisher Websites:** Sometimes articles are available directly from the publisher's website. Search for the article title and check if there's an open-access version.
 - **Institutional Repositories:** Check if universities or research institutions have repositories with open-access articles. Many universities provide free access to research outputs from their scholars.
5. **Use Open-Access Aggregators:**
- **CORE:** Visit [CORE](#), which aggregates open-access research outputs from repositories and journals.
 - **OpenAIRE:** Go to [OpenAIRE](#) to search for European open-access publications and projects.
6. **Check for Institutional Access:**
- Even though you're looking for open-access content, sometimes articles are made freely available through institutional agreements. Check your institution's library website or consult with a librarian.

By following these steps, you should be able to find and access a wide range of open-access journal articles relevant to your research interests.