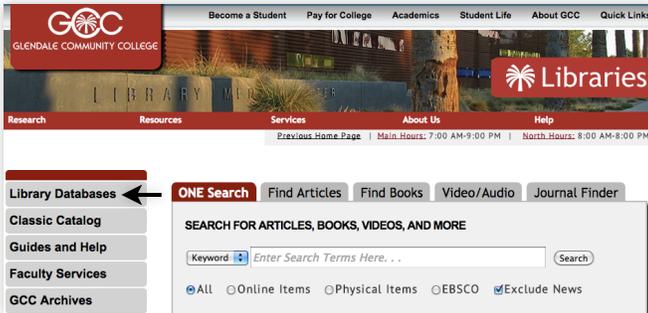


An Introduction to Searching GCC Library Databases



Start at is.gd/gcclib, a shortcut to the Library's home page at lib.gccaz.edu/lmc. Click on the **Articles & Databases** link located on the right side of the search box.

On the next page, you'll find GCC Library's 150+ databases organized into 22 subject categories. Do you see a category that matches your research topic? Click **Show More...** to see the category's entire database list.

Notice a window describing each database pops up when you move the cursor over its title. This summary can help you make a selection.

Databases by Subject

General / All Subjects

Academic Search Complete
MasterFILE Premier
GALE PowerSearch (Gateway)
JSTOR
Project Muse
EBSCOhost (Gateway)
Films On Demand
[Show More...](#)

Contemporary Issues

Academic Search Complete

Multidisciplinary with more extensive full text holdings than our current Academic Search Premier with 9,000 full text journals. Includes 459 unique titles (54% of its collection) as compared to current GCC Library databases

Cultural, Ethnic & Area Studies

Want to start with an introduction to your topic? Try **Credo Reference** or **Gale Virtual Reference Library** in the **General Reference** category.

Want an all-purpose database that covers a lot of subjects? Explore the **General/All Subjects** category.

Does your research focus on a person? Explore **Biography in Context** in the **Biography** category.

Working on a persuasive or argumentative research paper? Explore **Opposing Viewpoints**, located in the **Contemporary Issues** category.

Search tips

1. Avoid using the long phrases you do with Google searches. Try one or two keywords. Scan your results for a good match? Click it and look for a **list of subject links** on the next page. Click the one that best matches your topic to focus your search and find more good articles.
2. Use the **filters** on the search results page to customize your search by date, subject, source (magazine, newspaper, academic journal), scholarly or peer-reviewed articles, etc.
3. Does the article include **references**? You may be able to find some of these articles in library databases! Click the **Journal Finder** tab on the home page to see which database includes the source.

Questions & answers

Can I search databases when I'm not using a campus computer? Yes! Just enter your **MEID** and **password**.

How do I cite database articles? Most of the Library's databases offer MLA and APA citations. *Tip: These citations are machine-generated. Carefully check them to be certain they match your instructor's citation preferences.*

Need help searching library databases?

Ask a Librarian 24/7 chat — is.gd/ask247
(a shortcut to maricopa.edu/lts/ask)

Reference Desks — 623-845-3112 (Main)
623-888-7112 (North)