

UCLA Library-Licensed Databases: Getting to and Selecting Databases to Search

The UCLA Library subscribes to hundreds of databases for fees of varying amounts, in order to license them for free use by UCLA students (fully enrolled), staff and faculty.

Answers to three questions can be helpful in selecting databases to search:

1. Which topics does it cover?
2. What types of materials does it index or provide?
3. What time period does it cover?

The following steps will help you find answers to these questions:

1. Go to the Library home page: www.library.ucla.edu/
2. Pull down the Search and Find menu
3. Select Article Databases
4. Enter the name of a database in the search box and press enter, or find a database using any of the following:
 - Frequently Used Databases
 - Databases by Subject
 - A-Z Databases
5. Click on “more info” under the brief information about the database
 - Example: Search and Find/Databases by Subject/Engineering/Computer Science
 - Database: IEEE Explore
 - more info:
 - “Description:
 - Provides full-text access to more than 1.9 million IEEE documents including IEEE transactions, IEEE and IET (formerly IEE) journals, magazines, and conference proceedings published since 1988, and all current IEEE standards. Subject coverage includes electrical and electronic engineering, computer engineering, computing science, and related disciplines.”

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