Library resources for your studies

European Languages and Cultures

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Session purpose & outline

How to make the best use of the Library resources for your studies

- Overview of Library facilities, services and resources
- Finding books, articles and other materials on your course reading lists
- Finding resources beyond your reading lists (e.g. for writing research essays)
- How to get access to resources beyond UoE if necessary
- Search demonstration
Using the Library

- **Main Library** [www.ed.ac.uk/is/main-library](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/main-library)
  Open 24/7, collection locations, study space, computing, self-service laptop loan

- **Classification**
  By subject (i.e. not by language or by material type)
  Library of Congress, section P for Language and Literature: [http://edin.ac/2xEq1LI](http://edin.ac/2xEq1LI)

- **Book borrowing** [www.ed.ac.uk/is/library-borrowing](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/library-borrowing)
  Types of loans, 30 books, 4 weeks for Standard Loan, renewals

- **HUB** [www.ed.ac.uk/is/hub](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/hub)
  For course books, Short Loan = 1 week, Reserve = 3 hours + overnight loan

- **uCreate** [http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/ucreate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/ucreate)
  multimedia facilities e.g. scanning, video editing, photoshop

- **Printing** [www.ed.ac.uk/is/printing](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/printing)
  Cloud printing -- printing from University computers EveryonePrint -- printing from your home or from your mobile devices
Finding resources

- Start search with DiscoverEd
- DiscoverEd & Google
- DiscoverEd & databases
- E-Journals A-Z
- Library subject guides
- Resources beyond the Library
DiscoverEd – coverage

http://discovered.ed.ac.uk
Have you used DiscoverEd fully?

● **Sign in – benefits:**
  a) Get more search results (from database content)
  b) View ‘My Account’ and renew loans
  c) Request books
  d) Save your search results using ‘My Favourites’

● **Use ‘Advanced Search’ to narrow your search**

● **Try phrase search and Boolean search**

● **‘Expand’ or ‘Refine’ search results on the left**

● **Browse e-journals A-Z list**

● **‘Virtual Browse’**

● **‘Locate’ button for printed books**
DiscoverEd search examples
(as of 28 September 2017)

Boolean search

*medieval French literature* = 216,698
*medieval AND French AND literature* = 216,620
*Medi*eval French literature* = 217,940

Phrase search

"Medieval French literature“ = 1,971
Check box “Expand results beyond Library Collections” = 2,519

See difference between medicine in literature (2,571,203) and “medicine in literature” (2,710)
Which search term should be used? Why?
Databases - coverage

- Full text e-journal articles
- E-books
- Abstracts
- Citation information
- Newspaper articles – historical and current
- Index to conference proceedings
- Dissertations
- Images
- Archives
- and more…
Why use Library databases?

- Advantage of using databases: searchability, full texts, 24/7 access, up-to-date
- Help find out what research literature there is on a topic
- Not all the databases are in DiscoverEd!
  e.g. Times Literary Supplement
  Translation Studies Bibliography
  Factiva
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Accessing databases

How to find a relevant database and gain access

Where
- Databases A-Z list
- Databases by subject
- Subject guides

How
- EASE
- MyEd
- VPN
Recommended databases

- Go to Databases by Subject for subject related databases

Examples of generic databases for DELC

- Nineteenth Century Collections Online – European Literature 1790-1840 (containing 6,504 French and 3,640 German books)
- Literature Online (full text works, criticism, reference. Containing hundreds of works by European authors, e.g. Molière, Ibsen)
- MLA International Bibliography (index of journal articles, book chapters, dissertations, etc. in all language and literature areas)
- Factiva (hundreds of newspapers in their original languages)
- ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global
- JSTOR (full text journal archive excluding the last few years)
- Web of Science (journal indexing, up to date)
Basic search tips

- Define search need and scope
  - topic, resource type, date, language, country…
- Synonyms
  - e.g. adolescent, teenager
- Difference forms of spelling
  - medieval, mediaeval
- Truncation
  - poe* = poet, poets, poetic, poems
- Wildcard
  - wom?n = woman or women
- Linking search terms with AND, OR, NOT
  - so called ‘Boolean search’
- Snowballing
Boolean Search

- **And**
  - Records contain both A and B

- **Or**
  - Records contain either A or B

- **Not**
  - Records contain A but not B
A more sophisticated Boolean search example:

Shakespeare AND (wom?n OR gender OR female OR feminine OR sexuality) NOT (poe* OR sonnets)

What is my research topic?
Library Resource Plus

Can’t find what you need in the Library?

● Interlibrary Loan service (ILL)
  www.ed.ac.uk/is/inter-library

● Student Book Recommendation Form
  www.ed.ac.uk/is/RAB

● National Library of Scotland
  http://www.nls.uk/catalogues
Internet resources

Good Googling:

• Use advanced search
• Try these guides:
  Google Help Center  http://support.google.com
• Use Google Scholar  http://scholar.google.com
  (You can associate Google Scholar with our Library resources!)
• Virtual Training Suite – developing internet search skills  http://www.vtstutorials.co.uk/
Study resources

- Sage Research Methods
  http://srmo.sagepub.com.ezproxy.is.ed.ac.uk
- Cite Them Right
  http://www.citethemrightonline.com.ezproxy.is.ed.ac.uk
- Library research guide (by MLA)
  http://www.mlalrg.org/toc
- Study development for undergraduates
  http://edin.ac/16xSwJ0
- Digital skills training
  www.ed.ac.uk/is/skills
  Lynda.com online courses
  www.ed.ac.uk/is/lynda
Contacts

Helpdesk and Helpline

- Face-to-face: Visit Main Library Helpdesk
- Web form: [http://www.ishelpline.ed.ac.uk/forms](http://www.ishelpline.ed.ac.uk/forms)
- Email: IS.Helpline@ed.ac.uk
- Phone: 0131 650 3409 (Library issues)
  0131 651 5151 (IT issues)
- Self service portal: [http://ed.unidesk.ac.uk/tas/public](http://ed.unidesk.ac.uk/tas/public)

Help with resource questions

Library-Academic-Support@ed.ac.uk
“Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it. When we enquire into any subject, the first thing we have to do is to know what books have treated of it. This leads us to look at catalogues, and at the backs of books in libraries.”

-- Samuel Johnson, James Boswell’s The Life of Samuel Johnson, 1775

“We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely.”

-- E. O. Wilson, Consilience: the Unity of Knowledge, 1998
Thank you and good luck!

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