



how to find ARTICLES

Instructions Summary

This summary contains only the step-by-step instructions for finding articles. Consult the web page *How to Find Articles* at www.library.ubc.ca/pubs/htfarticles.html for a fuller explanation.

Q: My prof said the article is on course reserve. Where do I go?

A: Course Reserve

1. Go to the Library Home Page at www.library.ubc.ca
2. Choose **CATALOGUE** from the top navigation bar
3. Choose the **Course Reserve** tab
4. Use the drop down menus to search by course, instructor, section or any combination
5. Select your course
6. Scroll through the list of items on reserve for that course until you find the article
7. Note the call number, and library location, e. g. ANTH407 Koerner Library
8. Go to the library and read or photocopy the article. Articles on course reserve are in file folders in the course reserve section of each library.

Q: Help! I've got a list of articles I need to read . . . what do I do next?

A: Find a Specific Article


Slayton, Rebecca. *Speaking as scientists: computer professionals in the star wars debate.* *History & Technology*, 2003, Vol. 19:4, p. 335

1. Confirm that it is a citation to an article. Make sure that it includes
Article Title Speaking as scientists: computer professionals in the star wars debate.
Journal Title History and Technology
Volume 99 **Issue** 4 **Page** 335-
2. If your citation has an abbreviated title (e.g., **Bull at Sci**, or **J. Appl. Econom**), find the full title.
 - from the UBC Library homepage at www.library.ubc.ca, choose **Find**
 - on the Find page, choose **Jake** or **All That JAS**
3. Once you know the full title of the journal, do
 - a Quick Catalogue search (*Finds both print and electronic journals. Note that many pre-1990 articles are available in print only.*)
 - or
 - An eLink Citation Linker Search (*Finds only electronic journals*)

Quick Catalogue Search:

- From the Library Home page at www.library.ubc.ca, choose **Find . . .**
- In the **Quick Catalogue Search** box, enter the full journal title, e.g. **History and technology**
- Choose the **JOURNAL / Ejournal Title** radio button
- Click **Go!** to start the search

eLink Citation Linker Search:

- From the Library Home Page at www.library.ubc.ca, choose **Find...**
- In the **Books or Journals...** section, select **Try eLink Citation Linker**
- At the **UBC eLink Citation Linker** page, enter the required fields: **Journal Title or Abbreviation**, and **year**, e.g. **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists** and **2003**
- Click  to start the search
- (If an abbreviated title retrieves no results, search again with the full title)

Q: I need to find articles for my project and I don't know where to start!

A: Find Articles by Topic or Subject

1. Choose an Article Index or Database

- From the Library Home Page at www.library.ubc.ca, choose **Resources by Subject**
- Choose the general subject area, e.g. **Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)**
- (Choose a sub-area if necessary, e.g. **Political Science**)
- From the **Information Resources** page, choose one of the items in the **Indexes** section, e.g. *International Political Science Abstracts*


2. Connect to the index

- Follow the top link, e.g. **International Political Science Abstracts** or **Connect via the Web**
- If the next screen offers a list of indexes, select the index(es) you want to search

3. Search the index

- Enter keyword(s) for your subject area: **voting and youth**
- Start the search

4. Get the article

- Look for terms like *Link to full text*, *HTML full text*, *PDF full text*. These mean that the full text of an article is included in the index/database. Follow the links to the full text option of your choice. Note: PDF files are large but handle graphical material very well.
- If there are no direct links to full text, choose  (in some databases, **UBC eLink**). This searches behind the scenes for full text in *other* indexes and databases.
- When the **UBC eLinks for this Citation** window opens, follow any links to full text.
- If full text is not available online, click on **Check the UBC Library Catalogue**. The article may be available in UBC Library's print collection.

Q: I already did a search, and UBC Library doesn't have it.

A: Save or print the citation to the article, then try one of the following:

• Request InterLibrary Loan (ILL)

Library staff search catalogues of other libraries to find the article you need and request that a copy be sent to UBC Library for you to pick up. This service is free to UBC students, faculty or staff for academic research materials. Place a request at www.library.ubc.ca/home/orderdel.html

• Visit a local library that has a copy

- Search **ELN Serials**, a catalogue of journals, newspapers, and magazines in BC Libraries, at <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/resources/infopage.cfm?id=201>
- Visit the library that has the article you need. Most libraries do not permit anyone to check out journals, magazines or newspapers.