Economics information sources

This guide is intended for students studying Economics. It outlines the information sources available to help you research for assignments, essays and dissertations.

**Books & Journals**

To find both paper and electronic books and journals you need to search using **Library Search** via the **Student Channel** at [http://students.salford.ac.uk](http://students.salford.ac.uk)

Each site has dedicated Quick Search PCs located on each floor, where you can search using **Library Search**. You can perform various kinds of searches to find the items you need.

**Databases**

If you want to search for journals relating to a particular topic you might find it easier to search within a database. We also have databases which give you access to abstracts of articles, company financials, marketing information and full text newspaper articles.

To access the databases within **Library Search**.

- Select the **Sign in** link in the top right of the **Library Search** screen and you will be prompted to enter your network username and password.
- Click on the **Databases** link in the menu bar at the top of the screen.

**Resources**

If you are not sure where to start looking, choose a **Subject or Type**, to locate your subject area. Alternatively, you can use the **A-Z** list to look for an individual database title.
There are help pages on most databases that you can access for more information. You can also ask at the Enquiry Desk in the library for help.

**Which one do I choose? Key subject databases for economics.**

These are some of the databases which have been chosen by your academics and specialise in your subject area. They are not available freely via the web and contain access to quality, peer-reviewed material.

- **Business Source Premier (EBSCO)** – Provides full text articles from over 100 peer reviewed journals. It covers all aspects of Business including marketing, management, accounting, finance and economics. Full text for some titles is available from 1886 and the database is updated daily.

- **EconLit** – Provides references to journal articles, books and working papers on economics, published from 1886 onwards. It provides full text from approximately 600 journals.

- **Emerald Business, Management & Economics E-Book Archive** – Contains over 550 volumes from over 70 book series titles and new content is added each year. It offers access to subjects such as strategy, accounting and finance, organizational studies and economics.

- **Emerald Insight** – Emerald is a collection of nearly 300 academic and professional journals, including many in various fields of management. Full text coverage is often from volume one onwards.

- **EIU Country Data** - A database of annual, quarterly and monthly economic indicators and forecasts. EIU CountryData delivers up to 317 series on 201 countries and 45 regional aggregates, running from 1980 and forecasting out five years. For the 82 most important markets, key variables are additionally projected to 2030 in order to facilitate business planning.

- **JSTOR** – An archive of some of the major journals in economics; full text is from volume one onwards, although the most recent volumes are not covered. Use for older material.

- **Science Direct** – Provides access to over 3000 peer-reviewed journals in a wide range of subject areas, most of which have full text articles from volume one onwards.

  Select *Economics, Econometrics & Finance* from the subject menu on the Search form.

- **OSIRIS** – OSIRIS is a database of financial information, ratings, earnings estimates, stock data and news on global publicly listed companies, banks and insurance firms around the world. With coverage of over 140 countries, OSIRIS contains information on over 80,000 companies.

  OSIRIS allows you to search by any combination of criteria including: geographic location, ownership, stock data, industry code or activity description, number of employees, statement items, ratios, ratings etc.

**Newspapers**
• **Nexis Business and News** – This database contains full text articles from national and international newspapers – there is a twenty year archive but individual publications do vary. Includes full text articles from the Financial Times with a 30 day Embargo. Paper copies of the Financial Times for the recent month are kept in the Clifford Whitworth Library.

**Theses**

• **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses**– This searches two ProQuest database products:
  - **ProQuest Dissertations and Theses: UK and Ireland** - This database is the most comprehensive available record of doctoral theses from the United Kingdom and Ireland. The collection offers the most comprehensive available listing of theses, with abstracts accepted for higher degrees by universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland, since 1716.
  - **ProQuest Dissertations and Theses A&I** - This database is the world’s most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses from around the world, spanning from 1743 to the present day. The database includes almost 4 million abstracts, and over 30,000 full text dissertations.

• **EThOS** – Provides access to UK doctoral theses with some links to full text.

• **DART Europe E-theses portal** – provides access to over 151,000 full-text research theses from 269 universities sourced from 17 European countries. As well as being able to browse the database by country, year or University, there is also an advanced search facility. By clicking on any title, the full display shows all details collected by DART-Europe, including links to publicly accessible copies of the thesis.

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**Can’t find what you need?**

The Library may not stock everything you require throughout your course. However, we can often obtain or borrow material from other libraries or the British Library. Details are available at: [http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/use/document-delivery](http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/use/document-delivery)

As a member of the University of Salford you also have access to a number of local and national libraries:

• **NoWAL** (North West Academic Libraries) – allows access to all NoWAL members’ University library catalogues. [www.nowal.ac.uk/resources_for_nowal_members.php?page_id=14](http://www.nowal.ac.uk/resources_for_nowal_members.php?page_id=14)

• **British Library Catalogue** – lists over 13 million items in the British Library collection [http://catalogue.bl.uk](http://catalogue.bl.uk)

• **COPAC** – provides access to the online catalogues of some of the largest university research libraries in the UK and Ireland. [http://copac.ac.uk/](http://copac.ac.uk/)

• **SCONUL** - you can sign up to use the free Sconul Access scheme which allows students from one member institution to use the library of another of
the 175 member institutions. Further information, and a list of the institutions involved, is here: http://www.sconul.ac.uk/.

**Off campus access**

You can gain access to many databases off campus (outside the University) by signing in to Library Search with your network username & password.

**Further help**

If you need further help, visit the Skills for Learning website (http://www.salford.ac.uk/skills-for-learning). You can find resources to help you with all aspects of studying, for example, how to use the library, carry out research, write to an academic standard and reference the Salford way.

**Your Academic Support Librarian – Sue Barker-Mathews**

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