While many journals are available in print, many more are available online. Much journal literature is not freely available via search facilities such as Google. Libraries pay subscriptions in order to provide access to this journal literature which has to be accessed via the Library’s website. Many online databases (these are collections of journals for multiple years) are subject specific, some are multidisciplinary. Not all journals or articles are available online full text. It is possible to search for either a single journal, across a collection of journals in a single database or across multiple databases. Go to the UKZN Library’s website: http://library.ukzn.ac.za

Finding journal articles online

1. Search a single database

   - From the ‘Electronic resources’ tab on the Library’s website choose ‘Databases A-Z’ and click on the name of the desired database; or, click on ‘Databases by subject’ for a list of possible databases for a subject. (Some suggestions are given at the end of this sheet)
   - Type keywords into the search box and scan results. The results will indicate in which journals articles appear and whether full text is available.
   - Where full text is not available, click on the ‘sfx’ icon to see if other Library databases supply the article full text.

2. Search multiple databases: Primo

   From the Primo screen in the middle of the Library’s page or from the Primo tab at the top right of the page click on ‘Find articles’

   a) Search multiple databases across a range of disciplines

      Type keywords in the search box and then click on ‘Everything’ from the drop down list.

   b) Search up to 10 databases for a specific subject area

      Type keywords in the search box and then click on the subject collection of databases from the drop down list.

      The Agricultural sciences subject set contains the following databases: Academic Search Complete (Ebscohost); Academic Research Library (Proquest); Descriptions of fungi and bacteria (CABI); Distribution maps of plant diseases (CABI); Proquest Science Journals; CABI; SA e publications; ScienceDirect; Wiley Interscience; Web of Knowledge.

      The Geography set contains the following databases: Academic Search Complete (Ebscohost); JSTOR; Cambridge online journals; Science Direct; Web of Knowledge; Wiley and ISAP and SA e Publications (for South Africa).

      The Environmental science set contains the following databases: Academic Search Complete (Ebscohost); Academic Research Library (Proquest); Greenfile (Ebscosost); PubMed; SA e publications; ScienceDirect; Wiley Interscience.
Choose your own databases to search (up to 10)

- Type keywords in the search box then click on the ‘Find databases’ tab at the top of the page
- Tick in the boxes next to those databases you would like to search.

3. Google Scholar

From the ‘Electronic resources’ tab on the Library’s website choose ‘Databases A-Z’ and click on Google Scholar. Google Scholar is a subset of the more scholarly literature on Google. However, Google does not possess rights to make full text available in many instances. Where full text is available via UKZN databases, a clickable link will be provided.

Finding journals by title: online and in print

1. Primo ‘Find resources’

Type in the title of the journal and choose ‘Journals’ from the first button in the drop down menu below. Availability of a journal title, its format (and location within the UKZN Library if in print) will be indicated.

2. iLink catalogue

This option is particularly useful for searching for print journals. Type in the title of the journal and click on the journal title option. Some, but not all results provide the URL where online access is available.

3. E-journals

- From the ‘Electronic resources’ option on the Library website, click on ‘e-Journals’, or choose ‘e-Journals’ from the options on the Primo page. Type in the title of the journal. If the journal is available electronically, the source (database/s or url) will be provided as a clickable link. Whilst several databases may provide access to a journal, the time period may differ so check the details carefully.
- If you want to know what e-journals are available for a particular discipline, choose the ‘category’ option from on the e-journals front page and select the discipline.
- If you have the details of a specific article in a specific journal, there is an option on the e-journals page called Citation linker.

The UKZN does not subscribe to any specific geography databases as so much of ‘geography’ is multidisciplinary. The following list of databases reflects those databases that have a considerable amount of full text. It is not a comprehensive list.

- Academic Search Complete (Ebscohost) – multidisciplinary
- Academic Research Library (Proquest)
- African Journals Online – multidisciplinary
- CABI – Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau
- GreenFILE (via Ebscohost)
- Jstor - multidisciplinary
- ScienceDirect - multidisciplinary
- Swetswise – multidisciplinary
- Web of Knowledge
- Wiley - multidisciplinary

For Southern African publications including journals, use the Sabinet collection. The two journal databases are ISAP (no full text) and SA e Publications (full text for selected journals)

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