



# LIBRARY DATABASES & GOOGLE SCHOLAR

Learn about the differences between library databases and Google Scholar when searching for scholarly or peer-reviewed articles.

LIBRARY DATABASES ✎	GOOGLE SCHOLAR ✎
✗ Some databases have complex search interfaces that can make them challenging to use at first.	✓ Easy, simple, and familiar to use. Similar to using Google.
✓ The library pays for access to articles through our database subscriptions.*	✗ Paywalls - you could be asked to <b>pay</b> for access to many of the articles presented.
✓ Easily limit search results to peer-reviewed articles or scholarly journals.	✗ Cannot limit to peer-reviewed articles.
✓ Easily check if a full-text copy is available in any of our other databases.**	✗ Cannot easily check <b>all</b> library databases for free access. ***
✓ Easily request an electronic copy of an article from another library (for free!).**	✗ Cannot easily request electronic copies of articles from other libraries for free.
✓ More search result limiters, such as article type, media type, language, etc. are available.	✓ Basic search result limiters (date, author, journal, etc.) that help you focus your search results
✓ We have multidisciplinary and subject-specific databases.	✗ Multidisciplinary only - not focused on a specific subject.
✓ Keyword development tools to help you identify effective keywords and search terms.	✗ No keyword development tools.

\* There are instances where some articles that are indexed by certain library databases (PubMed, Sage, Wiley, etc.) take students to a paywall - if this happens to you, [please contact CUE Library for assistance.](#) ✎

\*\* This is done by clicking on the "Where Can I Find This?" link in the library database search results.

\*\*\* You can access SOME of the library's articles through Google Scholar by turning on your "library links" in your [Google Scholar profile settings.](#) Search for **Concordia University of Edmonton**, check the two resulting boxes, and click save.

