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## Three Paths to Scholarly Articles

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	Strengths	Weaknesses	Best for....
<b>PSU Library Catalog</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searches over 400 databases at once, so an article can be available in more than one database;</li> <li>• Can see immediately whether one article is available in full text, or if not, request via Interlibrary Loan directly;</li> <li>• For retrieval options anytime, anywhere, you need to sign in with your Odin account;</li> <li>• Peer-reviewed icon for easy identification;</li> <li>• Efficacy of Similar Articles for Peer Reviewed Articles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You need to know to lock the filters in order to change your keywords;</li> <li>• Not all PSU full text journals are indexed here;</li> <li>• May produce too many results;</li> <li>• Must sign in with your Odin account to see the full results and request options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you already have a citation (or at least the title of the article);</li> <li>• if you are exploring a topic (especially an interdisciplinary one) and not sure where to start or what keyword(s) to use;</li> <li>• After locking filters, strategic exploration of a topic by changing keywords is possible.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Google Scholar via PSU Library</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journals from a wide range of subjects, including ones that are not indexed in the catalog;</li> <li>• The Google search engine;</li> <li>• Includes "Cited by" for articles;</li> <li>• Access to open access articles with links</li> <li>• Includes Open Access.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of sophisticated search options/limiters</li> <li>• May produce too many results;</li> <li>• Must use Find it @ PSU to locate full text;</li> <li>• User may go right to links and not evaluate unlinked citations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you already have a citation (or at least the title of the article);</li> <li>• If you are exploring a topic (an interdisciplinary one) and not sure where to start or what keyword(s) to use;</li> <li>• If you want to know who has cited the article and follow that trail into the future.</li> </ul>

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<b>Specific Databases: By Subject or By Type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a more focused scope like economics or history;</li> <li>• Better interface with more search options/limiters and discipline-specific subject keywords;</li> <li>• You just need to sign in with your Odin account to access anytime, anywhere.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing journals in subject from other databases;</li> <li>• May need to use Find it @ PSU to check for full text status;</li> <li>• May have to order from Interlibrary Loan &amp; Article Delivery (ILL) through the Library website;</li> <li>• Need to learn how to navigate a new interface that may not be intuitive at all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you need to do subject-specific or advanced searches using various options/limiters;</li> <li>• If you are looking for a specific resource type like streaming videos.</li> </ul>

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