Searching the ERIC Database

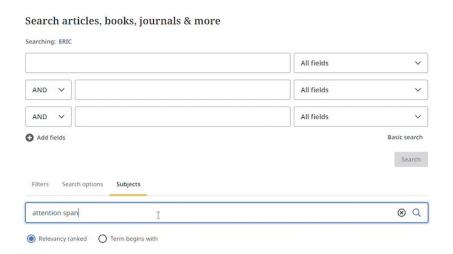
Let's take a look at how to find research articles using the ERIC database. You can use ERIC to find research reports, view detailed records to evaluate items, or use the subject thesaurus to help you find ERIC descriptors to better your search results.

Navigation

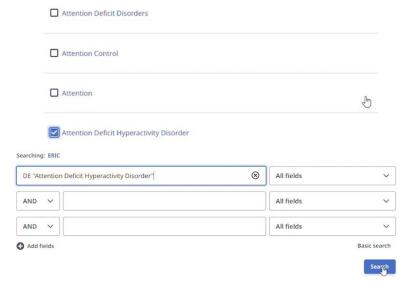
Step 1: Begin on the library site (library.olivet.edu).

Step 2: Click the Subject Guides tab. You can find ERIC under the education subject guide or A-Z eResources. ERIC (EBSCO) indexes journal articles as well as the reports and dissertations in Eric.gov.

Step 3: Click on the Advanced Search option and go to the Subjects tab. Type in your search term and click on the search icon.



Step 4: Find the appropriate term and check-mark the search topic from the list. Click Add to add the term to the search at the top of the page. Click Search.



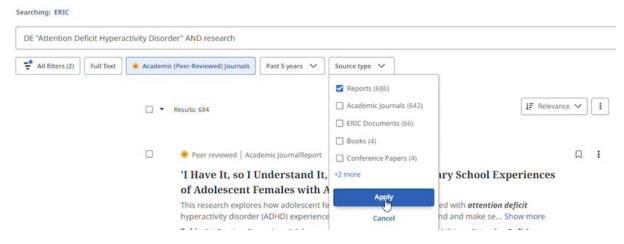
Note: Depending on the topic, the initial search may return too broad or too narrow a number of results.

Refining and Editing Results

Step 1: To refine results, use the limiters at the top of the page to narrow your search. You can choose peer-reviewed articles or limit to articles from the last 1, 5, or 10 years.



Step 2: Add "research" as a search term to help you find an academic study. After you've clicked search, you can also choose "source type" and select *reports*.



Note: Having around or less than 50 search results is a good number to work with. Try adding another search term to help narrow your results.

Access options and helpful tools

Step 1: If PDF or HTML fulltext are not available, click the link to Check for Fulltext, or request the item through Interlibrary Loan (ILL).



Step 2: As you find relevant articles be sure to save them using one of the helpful EBSCO tools. You can bookmark the article or put it in a project folder on your EBSCO dashboard, share the article to your email address, or download the full-text if it is available.



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