



# Online resources to help your studies



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**More and more resources are available online as well as in print. Using electronic resources can be a great way of finding up-to-date information fast and effectively. *Becoming an efficient user of such sources will prepare you well for University study. Detailed guides are available for every specialist database to help you make the most of them.*** The main database is called Ebsco Discovery

**To log in to these databases, you need your OPEN ATHENS password. You need to COME INTO THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE to fill in a form for this password. It is important that you do this as soon as possible.** You will then be given your username and password

**Please make a note of these!**

Once you have your OpenAthens password, go to

**<http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/online-resources/> and click on the OpenAthens logo**



Always ask if  
you get stuck!  
The Learning  
Resource Centre  
staff like to help

**You will then have access to the following database:**

- **EBSCO Discovery**

A quick and easy way to search nearly 5,000 academic and business journals **AS WELL AS** e-books. Good for business research, marketing and management. Provides access to company information. Also has a collection of electronic books **The Learning Resource Centre has 2 detailed guides on how to use Ebsco Discovery. Please ask the staff.**

- **Electronic books (Ebook Central)**

From the menu at the top of Ebsco Discovery, you will find **Ebook Central**, INTO Manchester's collection of e-books (online textbooks) covering wide range of subjects from language to science. **The Learning Resource Centre has guides on how to use electronic books (E-books) including Ebook Central. Please ask the staff.**

- **The Reviews (was called *Philip Allan databases*)**

From the menu at the top of Ebsco Discovery, you will find the **The Review** magazines which gives online access to copies of *Biological Sciences Review*, *Business Review*, *Chemistry Review*, *Economic Review*, *Physics Review* and *Politics Review*. Great way of keeping up-to-date with current issues. **The Learning Resource Centre has a detailed guide on how to use The Reviews database. Please ask the staff.**

- **Issues Online**

From the menu at the top of Ebsco Discovery you will find **Issues Online**, a database on social issues; covers topics such as ethics in business, globalisation and ageing in society. Includes key statistics and also links to a range of e-books on social issues. **You need an extra special *Issues Online* password/username. This is on the screen when you go into Ebsco Discovery**

**The Learning Resource Centre has a detailed guide on how to use Issues Online. Please ask the staff.**

- **The guardian**

From the side-menu of Ebsco Discovery when you have done your first search, you will see the logo for ***The Guardian***.



Click on the logo and your Ebsco Discovery search also runs in ***The Guardian***

**Subject guides/ Useful websites** The Learning Resource Centre has a range of guides to help you with your particular course offering suggestions on useful and authoritative website sources for you to use. ***Pick up the full set!***

There are also some specialist databases for particular subjects that have their own passwords, all available via

**<http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/online-resources/>**

Details as follows:

- **A-N Newsletter:** *for art and design students.* Get your password from Art & Design Foundation Staff
- **Emerald:** *only available to Pre-Masters Programme students.* Get details from Pre Masters Programme staff.

**Open Access depositories** It is recommended that you also make use of **Open Access depositories** that give you access to free, full-text scholarly articles from hundreds of universities and colleges worldwide.

- **CORE (COnnecting REpositories):** free access to scholarly publications. **<https://core.ac.uk/>**
- **Digital Commons Network :** brings together free, full-text scholarly articles from hundreds of universities and colleges worldwide. **<http://network.bepress.com/>**
- **Directory of Open Access Journals:** gives access to some very useful “peer reviewed” journals for you to use. This means that articles have been checked by fellow experts. Has a section covering business and economics. Suitable for those carrying out in-depth research. **<https://doaj.org/>**
- **JURN :** find content in over 4,000 FREE ‘open access’ ejournals in the arts and humanities. Provides a useful list of the journals included. **<http://www.jurn.org/>**

## What other help can I get?

**Remember: if you need help, just ask!**

