



A GUIDE TO INFORMATION SEARCH



Vilnius University Library

In this guide, you will find the main aspects of scientific information search.

1. How can I access the electronic resources subscribed to by the library?

Electronic resources are available from home or any other place outside VU campus if a computer or other device is connected to VU computer network using [VPN service](#).

No separate logins are required when using databases in VU library, faculty or students' dormitory.

You can check whether you are already on VU computer network [here](#).

2. Where can I find the library's resources?

On [Virtual Library](#), you can perform a one-stop search for all VU library's resources, both printed and electronic ones.

[A list](#) of all databases subscribed to by the library and other electronic resources.

[Subject guides](#) by faculty.

NOTE: Use the search guides you find on the databases, the Help section or the explanations given on the page of advanced search.

3. What steps do I have to make to find relevant electronic resources?

When searching for scientific information on Virtual Library or database platforms, it is important to formulate a search query properly and select the most suitable results.

- Choose relevant keywords for your search query. Think of possible keyword alternatives that could change the main ones.

Variations of keywords	Examples
Synonyms/ related terms	word combination / collocation; language disorder / language impairment
Full terms/ widely used abbreviations	second language / L2
Keywords in other languages	Metaphor / metafora / Metapher / métaphore
Spelling variations	Behavioral / behavioural linguistics
Singular / plural forms	Idiom / idioms

- Formulate a search query with Boolean search operators and other search symbols.

Search operator/symbol	Function	Examples
AND	Searches for documents whose descriptions contain all keywords used in a query	Ground water AND pollution; NaCl AND corrosion;
OR	Searches for documents whose descriptions contain one or both of the keywords used in a query	Sodium chloride OR NaCl; olivetol OR оливтол
NOT	Searches for documents whose descriptions do not contain a keyword following operator NOT	Salts NOT Nitrate; air pollution NOT sulfur dioxide
"..."	Searches for an exact phrase	"Sodium chloride"
?	Enables variations of one letter in a word	wom?n = woman, women
*	Enables variations of more than one letter in a word	cultur* = culture, cultures, cultural, culturally

- Use Advanced Search

Search Criteria ^

Search Scope: Library Resources ▾

Search Filters

Any Field ▾ contains ▾

AND ▾ Any Field ▾ contains ▾

+ ADD A NEW LINE ↻ CLEAR

Material Type

All items ▾

Language

Any language ▾

Publication Date

Any year ▾

➔ Any Field contains _____ AND Any Field contains _____ 🔍 SEARCH

- Filter and refine your search results.

Refine my results

Include hits with no full-text

Sort by relevance ▾

Availability ▾

Resource Type ▾

Creation Date ▾

From To Refine

Language ▾

Topic ▾

Reading rooms ▾

eResource Collection ▾

Creator ▾

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NOTE: Avoid slang, colloquial words (buck, klick etc.).

Do not use adjectives, conjunctions, interrogative words. Do not search in full sentences.

Use thesauruses.

4. Whom can I contact if I have some questions on information search and management?

Contact the [Subject Librarian](#) of your faculty and get a consultation.

5. Where can I find information about the library's services?

Information about the library and its services can be found [here](#).