

DISCOVER

Discover is LJMU's single search tool, which is accessible on and off campus. You can search for a specific item on your module reading list or explore the vast range of books, eBooks, journal articles, proceedings, theses, multimedia, etc. which are available.

Discover can also help you to manage your research – sign in to review your Library Account and check your borrowing history, save items to your Favourites list, export references to EndNote and create search alerts.

You can access Discover from the Library website at <http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/library>

1. Searching

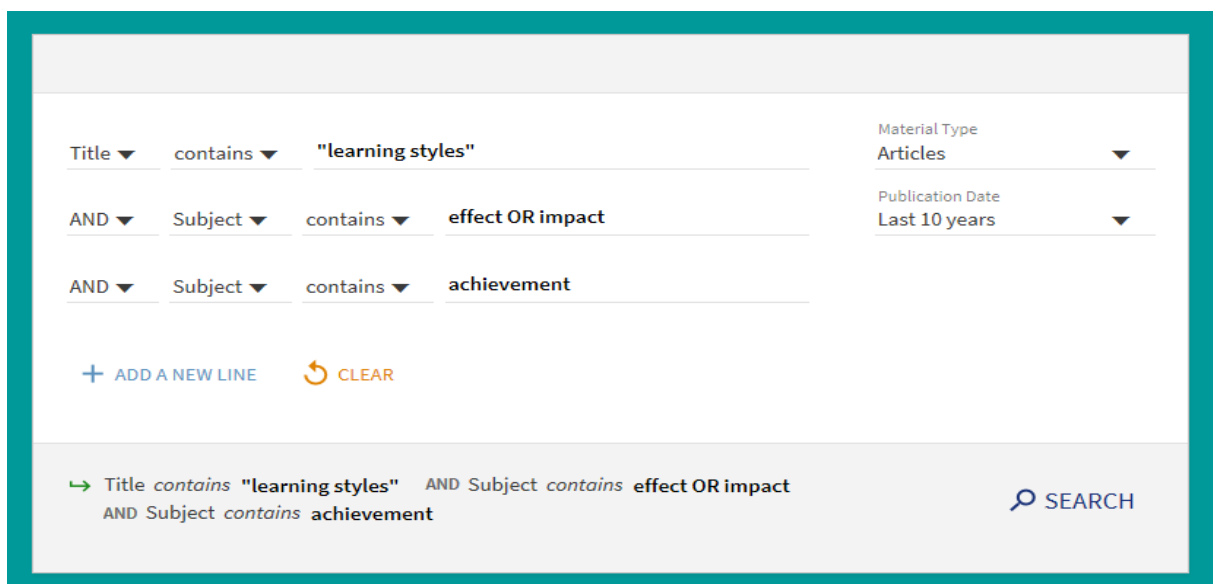
Begin searching by entering keywords into the **Basic Search** box.

To find a specific item enter the author(s) name and words from the title. Alternatively you can enter relevant keywords to find all information which has been published on the subject. Click **Search** to see your results.



A screenshot of the Basic Search box. The search input field contains the text "Cottrell AND study skills". To the right of the input field are a clear button (an 'x' icon) and a search button (a magnifying glass icon).

For more complex searches you may wish to use the **Advanced Search** option. This will allow you to enter more information and choose the type of resources you would like to find.



A screenshot of the Advanced Search interface. It shows a multi-line search builder with the following structure:

Title	contains	"learning styles"	Material Type	Articles
AND	Subject	contains	effect OR impact	Publication Date
AND	Subject	contains	achievement	Last 10 years

Below the search lines are two buttons: "+ ADD A NEW LINE" and "CLEAR". At the bottom, a summary of the search criteria is shown: "Title contains 'learning styles' AND Subject contains effect OR impact AND Subject contains achievement". A "SEARCH" button with a magnifying glass icon is located at the bottom right.

To view full search results, request items and access online full-text you will need to sign into Discover (via the Athens service) with your LJMU username and password.

2. Search Tips

2.1. Boolean Operators

Boolean search operators AND, OR and NOT link your keywords together and enable you to search more effectively. You need to enter Boolean Operators in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

AND – Narrows a search to only find records which contain all search terms:
e.g. academic AND achievement

OR – Widens a search to find records containing any of your alternative search terms, but not necessarily all:
e.g. evaluate OR analyse OR assess

NOT – Excludes part of a topic or specific terms from a search:
e.g. evidence NOT opinion

2.2. Phrases

You can search for an exact phrase of two or more words by surrounding it with quotation marks e.g. “learning styles”. This will ensure that the database or search engine only retrieves records where these words appear together as a phrase.

2.3. Truncation

An asterisk * is a truncation symbol that can be used after the first few characters of a word to include all varying endings of that word in a search.

e.g. learn* will find learns, learnt, learned, learner, learners, learning, etc.

2.4. Wildcards

A wildcard symbol such as ? \$ or * can be used within a word as a substitute for one or more characters to account for differences in spelling.

e.g. organi?ation will find organization (American spelling) and organisation (British spelling)

2.5. Alternative Search Terms

Authors can refer to the same topic in a variety of ways and there can also be international differences in terminology. If you are struggling to find information – try changing your search terms to include alternative keywords

e.g. a student could also be referred to as a learner, pupil, undergraduate or scholar

2.6. Search Limits

You can limit your searches by **Availability**, **Resource Type**, **Publication Year** or **Subject** using the refinement options on the search results page. This will help you to find the most relevant research quickly and easily, filtering out any results which are not fully focused on your search topic.

You can also click **Expand My Results** to include abstracts/data from wider bibliographic collections e.g. Scopus where full-text is not immediately available. This option may be useful if you are performing a literature search for a research project and want to explore all research which has been published on a topic.

3. Displaying Results

Search results are sorted by relevance and displayed ten per page, click **Load More Results** to see more.

A list of **Facets** are shown on the right e.g. Resource Type which you can use to limit your search. The limits are ordered numerically within each Facet. The limits with the most items are shown first (top 5), however you can click **Show More** to see the full list.

If you select one of the limits e.g. Articles or Books (Electronic), your results will only display the items that match your criteria. Alternatively, you can remove items from your search by hovering over the limit and clicking on the red **Exclude This** icon on the right.

NEW SEARCH E-JOURNALS A-Z BROWZINE DATABASES A-Z FIND A REFERENCE ILL REQUEST ...

academic AND learning AND achievement

PAGE 1 308,154 Results Save query Personalize

1 ARTICLE / multiple sources exist. see all
The Big Five personality traits, learning styles, and academic achievement
Komarraju, Meera ; Karau, Steven J. ; Schmeck, Ronald R. ; Avdic, Alen
Personality and Individual Differences, 2011, Vol.51(4), pp.472-477
PEER REVIEWED
Full text available >

2 BOOK (ELECTRONIC)
Handbook of classroom assessment learning, achievement, and adjustment
Gary D Phye ; Gary D Phye
San Diego : Academic Press c1997
Online access >

3 BOOK (ELECTRONIC)
Improving academic achievement impact of psychological factors on education
Joshua Aronson
Amsterdam ; Boston : Academic Press c2002
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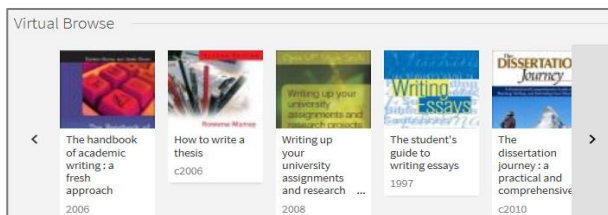
Tweak my results
 Expand My Results
Sort by Relevance
Availability
Peer-review... (242,873)
Full Text Online (308,112)
Available in the Lib... (30)
Open Access
Resource Type
Articles (259,979)
Audio Visual (10)
Book Chapters (5,290)
Books (Electronic) (1,239)
Books (Print) (30)
Show More
Publication Date

Each item listed in your search results will indicate how you can access it.

- Print copies will show that the item is **Available in the Library**.
- Electronic items will have the option to access the item by clicking **Full Text Available** or **Online Access**.

Click on the title to view the full item record. Item records provide access to a variety of smart tools e.g. Print, Email, Citation, EndNote/EndNote Web.

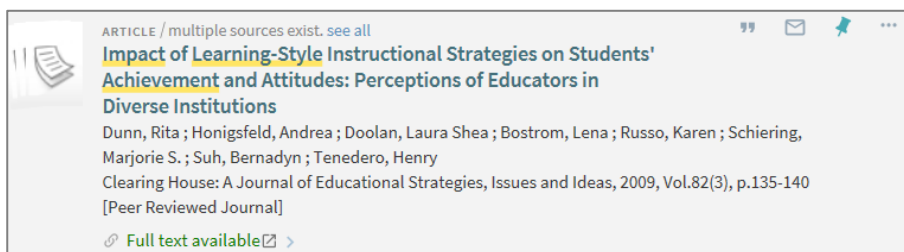
Records for print items also contain an extra feature called **Virtual Browse** which enables you to 'browse the Library bookshelves to find other relevant items which cover the same/similar subject(s).



4. Save Records

You can save selected records by adding them to your **My Favourites** list. To do this you will need to sign into Discover (via Athens).

From your search results, click on the blue **PushPin** next to relevant items.



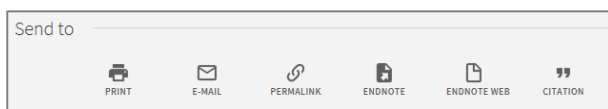
The items selected will then be added to your **My Favourites** list in Discover, which you can access by clicking on the white **PushPin** at the top of the screen.



If you have signed into Discover, the items will stay in your My Favourites list until you choose to delete/unpin them.

5. Print/Email Records

You can print or email records from the list of search results in Discover. Click on the **Title** to open the item record. A range of options will appear underneath **Send To**.



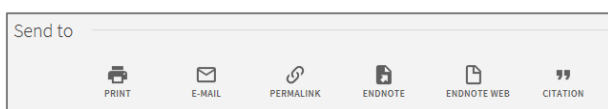
- **Print** – click the **Print** icon to send full publications details to the printer (via LJMU's FollowYou system).
- **Email** – select the **Email** icon to send a publications details for an item to yourself or email the details to a friend/peer.

6. Export Citations/References

You can export references for items listed in your search results into EndNote bibliographic software. EndNote helps you to manage your research and 'cite while you write' to create referencing lists for assignments/projects.

6.1. Individual References

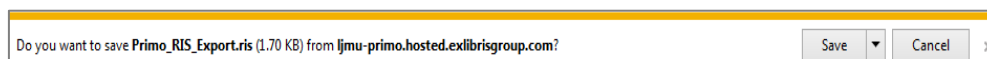
To export an *individual* reference, click on the **Title** to open the item record. A range of options will appear underneath **Send To**.



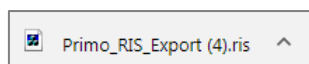
Click **EndNote** and then select **Download**.

You will then be prompted to save the records, the next step may differ depending on which internet browser you are using:

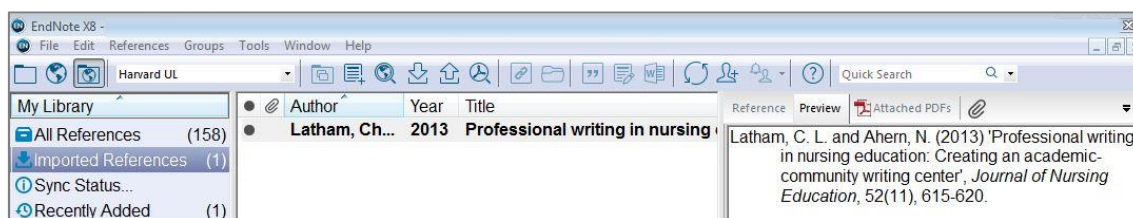
- **Internet Explorer** – a toolbar will appear at the bottom of your internet browser asking you if you wish to save the EndNote RIS export record, click **Save** and when prompted, choose **Open**.



- **Chrome** – an export option will appear at the bottom of your internet browser, click on the ^ arrow to open the File Menu and choose **Open**.



This will open your EndNote Library and the full reference will be imported from Discover.



6.2. Multiple References

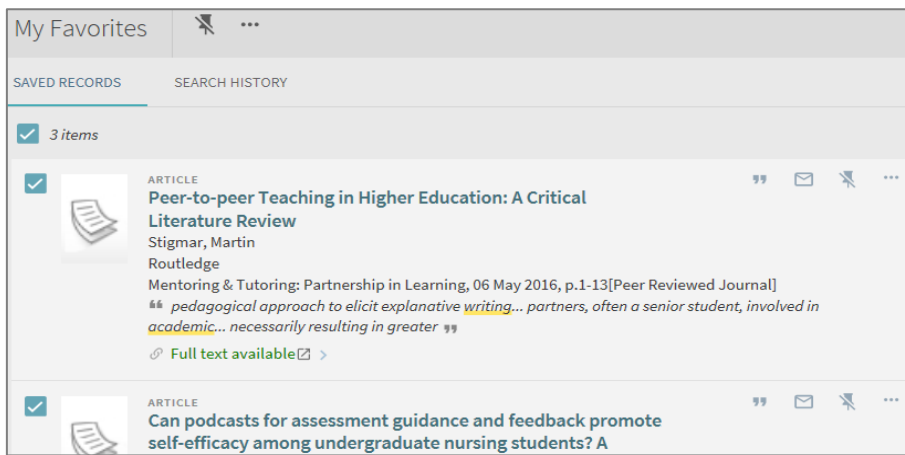
To export *multiple* references, click the blue **PushPin** icon next to relevant items to add them to your Favourites list.



Click on the white **PushPin** at the top of the screen to open your My Favourites list.



Click the checkboxes to select all items on the list which you would like to export.



Click the ... icon at the top of the screen to open the **Send To** menu.

Click **EndNote** and then select **Download**.

You will then be prompted to save the records, the next step may differ depending on which internet browser you are using. Follow the steps above (6.1) to export all references into your EndNote Library.

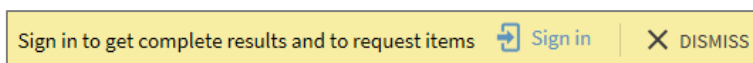
Please Note: Citation details and EndNote references are provided by Discover for *guidance only*. Remember to check the format of each reference for accuracy making sure it matches the LJMU Harvard Referencing style before including it in your assignments/projects.

7. Save Searches & Create Search Alerts

You can save Basic/Advanced searches to your **My Favourites** list. Discover also offers an alerting service to notify you when new publications are available. To save searches and activate search alerts you will need to sign into Discover (via Athens).

7.1. Save Searches

Enter a search and select relevant limits e.g. resource type and subject. Click **Sign In** on the search results page and enter your LJMU username and password.



At the top of the search results a new option will appear. Click **Save Query** to save the search to your **My Favourites** list.



You can view your Saved Searches by clicking on the white **PushPin** at the top of the screen and selecting the **Saved Searches** tab.



7.2. Search Alerts

To create a search alert, you first need to click **Save Query** and then select **Turn on Notification for this Query**.



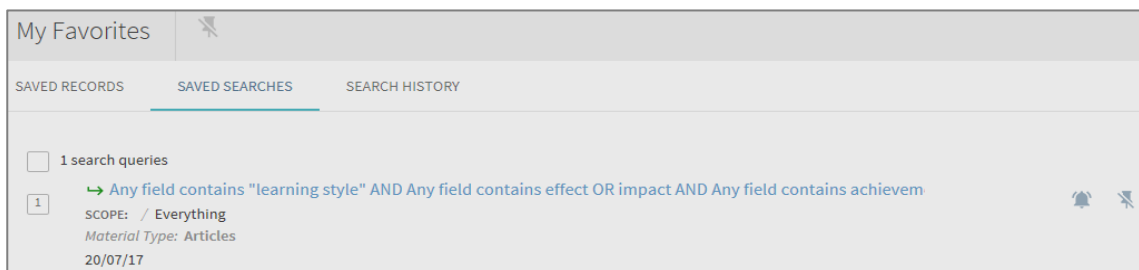
A Notification Settings window will appear, confirm the email address where you want to receive notifications for your search alert. We recommend using your LJMU email address e.g. j.bloggs@2018.ljmu.ac.uk

The alert will automatically run your search every 7 days and notify you by email if new publications have been added to Discover which match your search. This is a useful tool for keeping up to date with new research.

Please Note: You can edit search alerts from your Favourites list.



Click on the white **PushPin** at the top of the screen and view your **Saved Searches**.



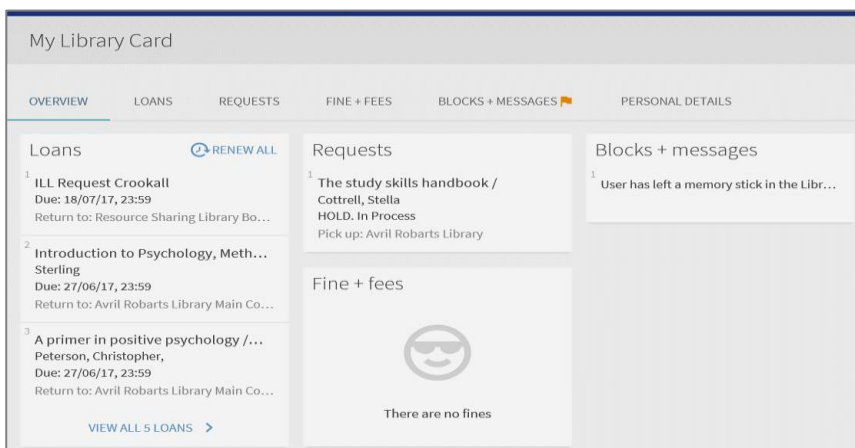
Click on the **Bell** icon to turn alert notifications on or off for each of your saved searches.

8. Library Account

Discover also provides access to your LJMU Library Account. To access your **Library Account** click on the **Sign In** option at the top of the screen and enter your LJMU computer username and password (via the Athens service).

Once you have signed in, click on your name and then select **My Library Account** from the list provided.

Your Library Account shows an **Overview** of all items you currently have on loan, any requests, fines + fees, blocks + messages, and your personal details.



To view further information please click on a specific section e.g. in the **Loans** section you can sort your **Active Loans** by **Due Date** and also view your **Previous and Historic Loans** (borrowing history).

9. Further Help

Basic assistance using Discover is available face-to-face within the Library, on Library Chat, via our 24/7 Helpline (+44) 0151 231 3179 or the online Help Form at:

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/about-ljmu-libraries/contact-us>

Advanced help is also available. Please contact your **Academic Liaison Librarian** to book a one-to-one appointment at: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/learner-support/subject-support>.

You can also view a useful range of online tutorials, videos and guides from our **Skills@LJMU** webpages at <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/skills-ljmu>.

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