The terms "Periodicals", "Magazines", and "Journals", often used interchangeably, refer to publications which appear at regular intervals. Strictly speaking, magazines are popular, general interest periodicals, while journals are scholarly or professional literature. For more information on types of periodicals see STUDY GUIDE #5 DISTINGUISHING SCHOLARLY FROM NON-SCHOLARLY PERIODICALS.

The library subscribes to over 500 print periodicals covering a wide range of interests. Current periodicals, bound volumes of periodicals, and microfilm are arranged in alphabetical order on the main floor of the library.

WHY USE PERIODICALS?

You should use the periodicals because they may

1. provide information that cannot be found in books
2. provide the most up-to-date material available on a subject
3. provide contemporary opinions and theories on past events

HOW TO FIND ARTICLES IN PERIODICALS

Periodical articles on a particular subject can be found by using one of many periodical indexes. They provide listings by subject (sometimes by author) for specific articles in magazines. These indexes are guides to published information in magazines and appear on a continual basis at regular intervals throughout the year (monthly, quarterly, etc.).

WHICH INDEX TO USE

While most indexes have the same general format, each covers different subject matter or different kinds of periodicals. To determine the coverage of an index, read the introduction in one of the volumes. It will tell you how the index is arranged, what subjects it covers, and which periodicals and other types of sources it indexes.

If you are looking for information about a subject, you should begin your search by looking under the most specific topic of interest rather than a general heading. If you find nothing, use a SEE or SEE ALSO or related heading. Consult a Reference Librarian if you are still having trouble.
If you wish to find articles on a particular topic from different perspectives, you may have to consult more than one specific index. For example, if you are interested in finding out how violence on television affects viewers, you may wish to find information on:

- **psychological aspects**
- **moral implications**
- **legal questions**
- **industry perspective**

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The following lists describe some of the general and specialized periodical indexes in the library. These indexes are shelved in the Index section on the main floor alphabetically by the title of the index.

**GENERAL PERIODICAL INDEXES**


Start here for articles on almost any subject. This index covers general interest magazines which means that although you will be able to use articles found here as a starting point, you will usually need to go to another index to find the more professional or scholarly articles. Author and subject entries are arranged alphabetically. There is also an author listing of citations to book reviews following the main body of the index.

*Academic Search Premier* (through EbscoHost)

Provides full text for about 4,600 journals covering the social sciences, humanities, general sciences, multi-cultural studies, education, and much more. In addition to the full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for over 8,000 journals, with over 6,600 journals being peer reviewed. Full text backfiles go as far back as January of 1990, while indexing and abstract backfiles go back to January of 1984. This database is updated daily on EBSCOhost. This database is available from any network port on campus with Internet access. For off-campus access, an id and password are required. See a librarian for information. Coverage: 1975 - present.

*MasterFile Premier* (through EbscoHost)

MasterFILE Premier provides full text for over 2,000 general reference, business, consumer health, general science, and multi-cultural periodicals. In addition to the full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,700 periodicals. Full text backfiles go back to January of 1990, while indexing and abstract backfiles go back to January of 1984. This database is updated daily on EBSCOhost. This database is available from any network port on campus with Internet access. For off-campus access, an id and password are required. See a librarian for information. Coverage: 1975 - present.
**ProQuest Research Library - all modules** (through Proquest)

From business and political science to literature and psychology, ProQuest Research Library provides one-stop access to a wide range of popular academic subjects. The database includes more than 3,820 titles, over 2,550 in full text. It features a highly-respected, diversified mix of scholarly journals, trade publications, magazines, and newspapers. This combination of volume and scope makes it one of the broadest, most inclusive databases ProQuest has to offer. ProQuest Research Library consists of two components: a core list of periodicals; plus 15 supplemental subject-specific modules. Coverage: 1971 - present.

**Wilson OmniFile Full Text, Mega Edition** (through WilsonWeb)


**Humanities Index.** 1974 to date.

This index covers nearly 300 scholarly periodicals dealing with archaeology and classical studies, area studies, folklore, history, language and literature, literary and political criticism, performing arts, philosophy, religion, and related subjects. Author and subject entries to periodical articles are followed by a listing of book reviews, arranged by the authors of the books. Available in paper or online through Wilson OmniFile.

**Social Sciences Index.** 1974 to date.

This index covers over 300 scholarly periodicals in the fields of anthropology, area studies, psychology, public administration, sociology, and related fields. The format is similar to Humanities Index with a book review section following the author/subject entries. Available in paper or online through Wilson OmniFile.

**General Science Index.** 1978 to date.

A cumulative subject index to more than 100 English-language general science periodicals not completely covered by other abstracts and indexes. In addition, an author listing of citations to book reviews follows the main body of the index. No other author entries are included. Available in paper or online through Wilson OmniFile.

**Public Affairs Information Service International.** (P.A.I.S.) 1915 to date.

Indexes books, pamphlets, government publications, and periodical articles dealing with economic and social conditions, public administration, politics, and human and international relations. In the subject index, each entry appears under one to four subject headings in alphabetical order. The author index is provided for entries which have either personal or a corporate author.
SPECIALIZED PERIODICAL INDEXES

Many of the following indexes are now also available online. Please see a Reference Librarian if you have trouble finding the index that you need. All accessible through http://www.asbury.edu/library.

HUMANITIES

*Essay and General Literature Index.* 1960 to date. (available online through WilsonWeb)

*MLA International Bibliography.* 1969 to 1999. (available online through EbscoHost)

*Philosophers Index.* 1980 to date.

*Christian Periodical Index.* 1956 to date. (also available online)

*Art Index.* 1970 to date. (available online through Wilson OmniFile)

*Art Museum Image Gallery.* (available online through WilsonWeb)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

*Business Periodicals Index.* 1958 to date. (available online through Wilson OmniFile)

*Business Source Premier.* 1990 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*ERIC (Education Research Information Center).* [comprised of the two indexes RIE and CIJE]. 1966 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*Education Index.* 1929 to date. (available online through Wilson OmniFile)

*Psychological Abstracts.* 1887 to date. (through EbscoHost and in paper from 1980)

*Social Work Research and Abstracts.* 1969 to date.

*Sociological Collection.* 1965 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*Communication & Mass Media Complete.* 1946 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*Proquest Alt-Press Watch.* 1970’s to date. (available online)
   This is a full text database of the newspapers, magazines and journals from alternative and independent presses.
SCIENCE AND HEALTH

*Physical Education Index*. 1984 to date.

*SportDISCUS*. 1800 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*MEDLINE*. 1966 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature (CINAHL)*. 1982 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

*Agricola*. 1970 to date. (available online through EbscoHost)

PERIODICAL LIST

The library does not own all of the periodicals indexed in the periodical indexes. The **Online Catalog** contains the most up-to-date listing of periodical holdings for both the College and the Seminary. Look in the Online Catalog by the title of the periodical. If we do not own a title you need, you may go directly to other libraries to use their periodicals or you may order specific articles on interlibrary loan by filling out an **Interlibrary Loan Form** at the Reference Desk. Fill out a loan form only if the College or the Seminary does not own the title of the periodical that you need. Also check the **FULL TEXT** list to see if a journal or magazine is available in one of our full text databases. This list is available at: http://www.asbury.edu/library and http://qw8zg3mz8k.search.serialssolutions.com/

WHERE TO FIND PERIODICALS

Periodicals are located on the main floor of the library where they are shelved alphabetically by title. They may be in the form of paper copies or on microfilm. No periodicals may be taken from the library. Photocopies may be made of articles in paper format. Microfilm reels may be read on machines located in the copier room near the Circulation Desk. These machines can also print copies of the articles. If you are unfamiliar with the operation of the machines, don't hesitate to ask members of the library staff for assistance.