Changes to EBSCO User Interface (UI)

EBSCO has used customer feedback, usage data, user research, and usability studies to update the EBSCOhost interface. The primary concerns they aimed to address in this change were: 1) Modernizing their Interface; 2) Meeting Accessibility Guidelines; 3) Adding More Customization Features; and 4) Creating a Responsive Design for All Devices.

This document provides a non-exhaustive list of the changes that the new EBSCO interface brings. For a broad overview, please consult EBSCO's official documentation. For more specific questions, please contact Roberto Arteaga (rarteaga@plu.edu), or the library team (library@plu.edu).

What you will need to do

Backup your saved items.

EBSCO has not guaranteed that they will be able to migrate user folders and saved searches. Please be sure to create backups of your MyEBSCO account items prior to the migration on June 16, 2025. EBSCO directs MyEBSCO account holders to move saved items from custom or shared folders to your My Folder location. Items saved under My Folder should be visible in the new UI under My Dashboard in the Saved section under the Records tab. If you have research you will need to access in the future, we suggest both options.

Update your article URLs.

When EBSCO migrates its databases on June 16, 2025, **all article/URL links to articles in EBSCO databases will break**. You will need to replace existing URLs in your course materials with the updated links once the migration has taken place.

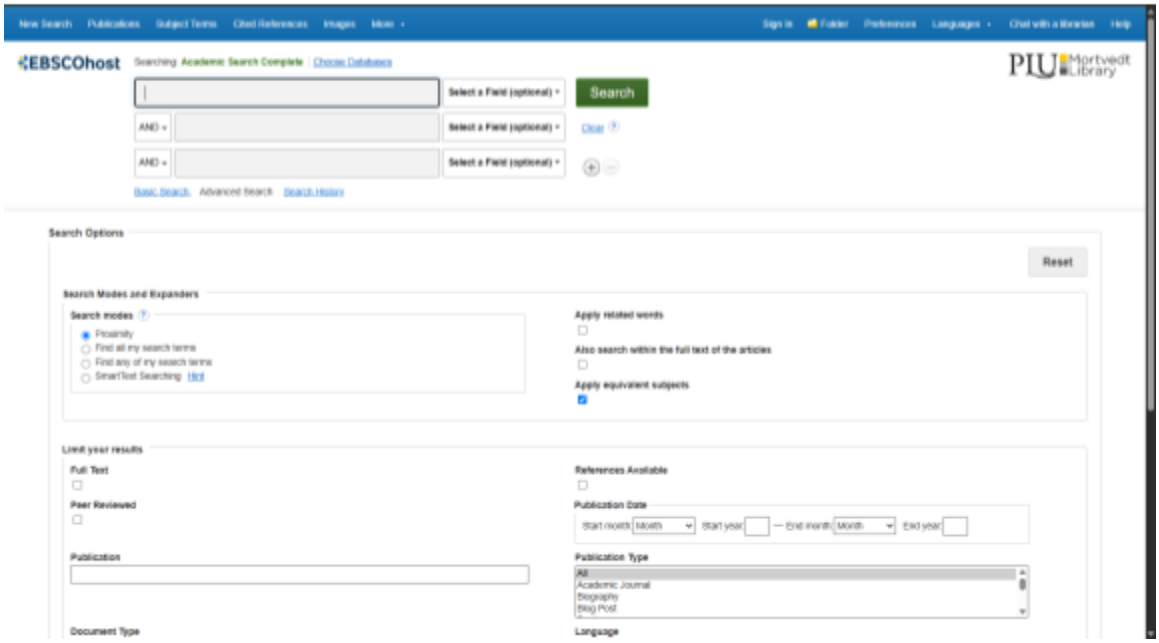
Contact the library with questions as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about this migration, please contact the library as soon as possible. With changes in staffing levels, we will need additional time to respond to requests as we move through this transition.

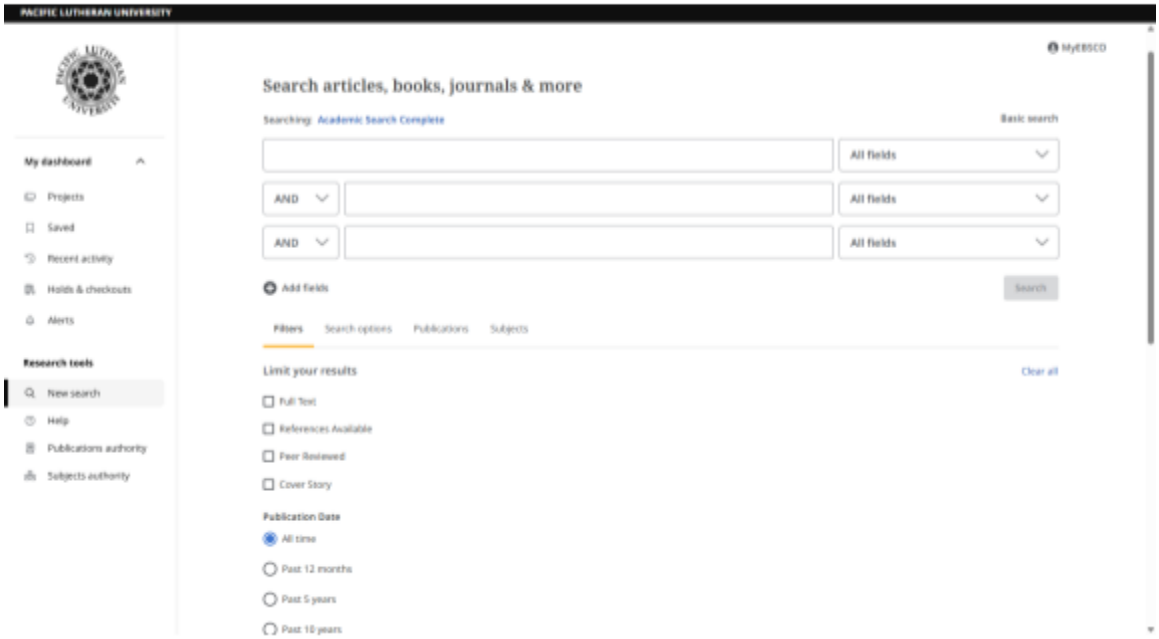
General Changes

If you compare the old interface with the new interface, you will observe the familiar layout with some visual simplification and navigation updates.

Old EBSBO Interface



New EBSCO Interface



The new interface is easily identifiable by the many new options on the left-side of the screen. Additionally, the additional tools that used to be located above the search bar are now more accessible and located below the search bars.

The new EBSCO interface has additional functionality in many areas. Of note is the ability to copy an EBSCO URL directly from the browser's address bar and expect to be able to get back to the resource with no additional steps required.

Research tools

When doing research on EBSCO databases, you will have access to additional features to help you along the way:

- Filtering updates make it faster to navigate to commonly used facets. Filters and facets are now located below the search bar, instead of the left-side of the screen.
- Bulk exporting allows you to share or export up to 25,000 search results for later review.
- Expanders and combined searching make it easier to broaden or expand your searches.
- Enhanced options for translations are available for over thirty languages.
- The EBSCO eBook Viewer also has additional features, making it easier to access, read, and download ebooks.

Accessibility

These are some of the accessibility improvements in the new interface:

- The new interface is responsive for use on different sized devices.
- Videos will have transcripts.
- Text To Speech for eBooks functionality is available for English language online and PDF content.
- Enhanced WCAG conformance.
- Enhancements to navigating EBSCO eBooks with Screen Readers and using EBSCO eBooks with a Braille Display.

For More Information

EBSCO Quick Start Guide