

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.

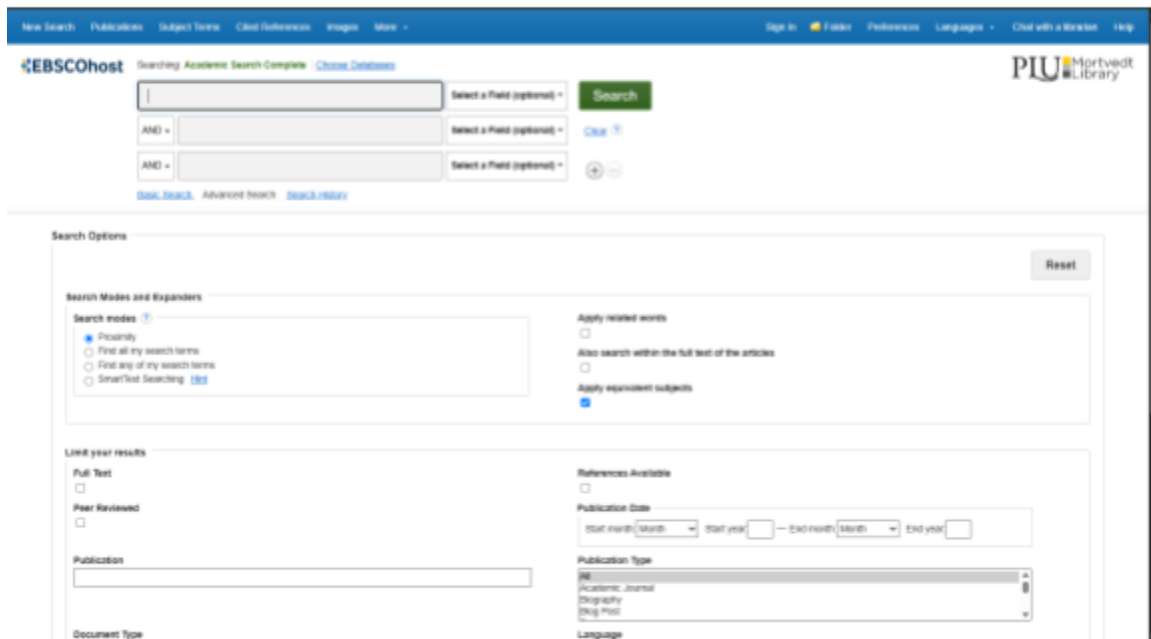
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If you have any questions about this migration, please contact the library as soon as possible. With changes in staffing levels, we will need additional time to respond to requests as we move through this transition.

General Changes

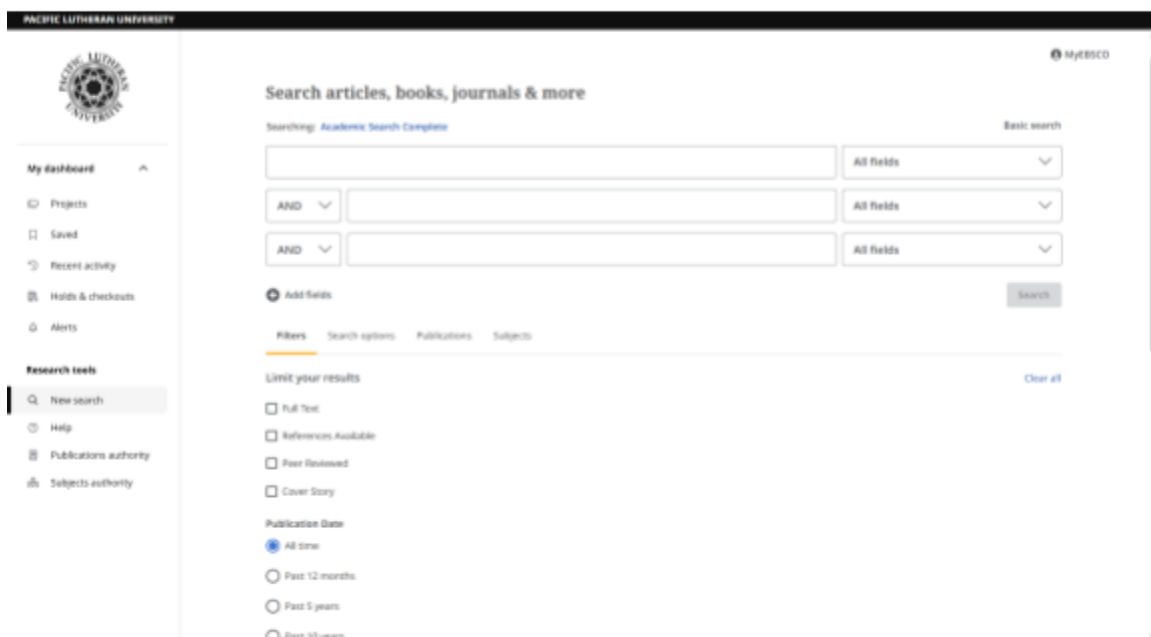
If you compare the old interface with the new interface, you will observe the familiar layout with some visual simplification and navigation updates.

Old EBSBO Interface



The screenshot shows the Old EBSBO Interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with links: New Search, Publications, Subject Terms, Cited References, Images, and More. On the right of this bar are links for Sign In, Folders, Preferences, Languages, and Chat with a librarian. Below the navigation bar is the EBSCOhost logo and a search bar. The search bar has a text input field, a dropdown menu for 'Select a Field (optional)', and a green 'Search' button. Below the search bar are three rows for 'AND' searches, each with a text input field, a dropdown menu for 'Select a Field (optional)', and a 'Click' button. Below these are links for Basic Search, Advanced Search, and Search History. The main content area is titled 'Search Options' and has a 'Reset' button. It contains several sections: 'Search Modes and Expanders' with a 'Search modes' dropdown and radio buttons for 'Proximity', 'Find all my search terms', 'Find any of my search terms', and 'SmartText Searching'; 'Apply related words' with a checkbox; 'Also search within the full text of the articles' with a checkbox; 'Apply equivalent subjects' with a checkbox; 'Limit your results' with checkboxes for 'Full Text', 'Peer Reviewed', and 'Publication'; 'References Available' with a checkbox; 'Publication Date' with dropdowns for 'Start month', 'Start year', 'End month', and 'End year'; 'Publication Type' with a dropdown menu; and 'Document Type' with a text input field.

New EBSCO Interface



The screenshot shows the New EBSCO Interface. At the top is a black navigation bar with the Pacific Lutheran University logo on the left and the MyEBSCO logo on the right. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the text 'Search articles, books, journals & more'. The search bar has a text input field, a dropdown menu for 'All fields', and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are three rows for 'AND' searches, each with a text input field, a dropdown menu for 'All fields', and a 'Search' button. Below these are links for Filters, Search options, Publications, and Subjects. The main content area is titled 'Limit your results' and has a 'Clear all' button. It contains several sections: 'Full Text' with a checkbox; 'References Available' with a checkbox; 'Peer Reviewed' with a checkbox; 'Cover Story' with a checkbox; 'Publication Date' with radio buttons for 'All time', 'Past 12 months', 'Past 5 years', and 'Past 10 years'; and 'Publication Type' with a dropdown menu.

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](#)