

## **What is a journal?**

An academic journal is a regular publication (scholarly magazine) that contains articles relating to a specific area of study.

The articles are written by experts in the field, and often go through a process called 'peer review' which means that you can be sure that journals contain good quality academic information.

Academic journals are an essential source of information as they provide accurate, reliable and up to date research.

**This short guide shows you how to find journals for your course and subject.**

## **Finding journals for your module**

To view the recommended journals for your course, go to the [Library Catalogue](#) web page

Click on the drop down menu on the left-hand side of the page and select 'Module Code' from the list. ('Keyword' is the default)

Type your module code with no spaces into the search box.

Click on the drop down menu on the right-hand side of the page and select 'all Journals'.

(The default choice is 'View Entire Collection')

Click on 'Submit' or press enter.

The results will be the recommended journals for your course.

## **Finding journals for your subject**

To search the [Library Catalogue](#) for all journals relating to e.g. **Theatre**.

Use 'Theatre' as your Keyword.

Select 'All journals' from the drop-down menu to the right of the search box.

You will see that there are journals covering different aspects of Theatre.

To put your results into alphabetical order, according to title, simply click on the 'title' link just to the right of the search box.

## **Finding printed journals**

Information about print journal holdings and the location in which they are held can be found in the [Library Catalogue](#).

If you want to see whether we subscribe to a particular journal go to the library catalogue web page

Click on the drop down menu on the left-hand side of the page and select 'Title' from the list. ('Keyword' is the default)

Type the title of the journal into the search box.

Click on the drop down menu on the right-hand side of the search box and select 'all Journals'. (The default choice is 'View Entire Collection')

Click on 'Submit' or press enter.

Most journals are housed on the first floor of the University Library, however, some Law journals may be located on the second floor with the law collection.

Some of our older journals may be kept in the University Library journals store.

### **Inter Library Loans**

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