

## Podcast 4: Finding Journal Articles

This Podcast is about locating journal articles through CDU Library.  
**What are journals, how do I find journal articles and why are they important sources of information?**

A journal is a publication that contains a collection of articles by different authors. Journals often focus on a particular subject area and are published at regular intervals, such as monthly or quarterly.

Journals are sometimes called periodicals or serials, to reflect the fact that they are published at regular intervals.

Newspapers and magazines are other examples of periodicals.

Some journals are referred to as Peer Reviewed.

This means that the content of the articles in these Journals is evaluated by other people in the same field in order to ensure the quality of the work.

Journals contain the latest, most up to date information, and are therefore important sources for research.

So, a journal article is an individual piece of writing within a journal.

Details in the reference or citation, such as volume number, issue number or month and page numbers tell you exactly where the article is within the journal.

If you are trying to locate a journal article, you need to look at the reference or citation and identify the journal title.

In a citation, the journal title is usually listed after the article title.

When you have the journal title, go to the CDU Library webpage and click on the link to the Library Catalogue.

Select "Periodical title" from the drop down menu, and type in the journal title.

You will find that some Journal titles are held in hard copy on the CDU Library Campus' shelves, but most CDU Journal titles are now available in full text online, in electronic format, also referred to as e-journals.

This means that as a CDU student or staff member, you can access them from any computer linked to the Internet, 24/7.

You can also get access to e-journals directly through the E-journal portal where you may search an individual title or through our Library databases, searching on your topic across multiple journals.

Databases are collections of information in electronic format.

There are 2 main types:

- Full text databases, which usually give access to the whole article, and
- Citation databases, which are indexes or lists of articles, conference papers, etc, in a subject area, and usually include an abstract, or short summary of the article.

You can restrict or limit your searching in many databases to only peer reviewed, amongst many other options for example dates or a particular journal.

Also don't forget that if you are looking for an article your lecturer has placed on a reading list, you should check the E-Reserve link on the Library Webpage, as a copy of the article has probably been placed there.

Your lecturer may also include a direct link to an article from within your Learnline unit.

Good luck with your studies, and if you need any help accessing databases or finding the journal articles you need, contact your Liaison Librarian for more help.