Library searching help

Truncation symbol or wildcard

The truncation symbol or wildcard * is used to search for words that might begin the same letters but different endings. For example Tour* will return result with

- Tourist
- Tourism

Be aware of American and English spelling. The truncation symbol * can also act as a wildcard e.g. behavio* to search both spellings.

Phrases

Quotation marks around two or more words will be searched as a phrase. This search will yield more relevant results. For example “Eco Tourism” will return results with this phrase.


Boolean searches

Using Boolean operators (AND, OR) can reduce your search or expand your search results

- For example a search on “Eco-tourism” AND Tourist will search for items with both these terms. An example from the results would be.


- A search with the OR operator will search for either of the words or both of the words. For example Eco tourism OR Tourist will search for items with the word Eco tourism but not Tourist and other items with the word tourist but not eco-tourism
**Using Synonyms**

A synonym is a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language. Use these to widen your searches – consult the dictionaries or your text book for common words used within the industry.

For example;

Tourist - traveller, visitor, sightseer, holidaymaker, vacationer, daytripper

Tourism – travel, vacation industry, holiday

**Searching Databases**

- Journal search
- Databases
- Research Online
- Document Delivery

Access the databases from the Library home page

These can be accessed either through the library home page or your subject guide. *Emerald, Informit (Australia) and Leisure Tourism* are databases relevant to Tourism. Many of these databases do not interact with ECU Worldsearch and will need to be search separately. These can be searched using the same techniques used for ECU Worldsearch or check in each for their help and tips.
Emerald database

Click on Advanced Search

Place your search term into the search box

Boolean operators defaulted to AND. Change as required

Use the filters to refine your search
Informit Database

Click on Advance search

Place your search terms in to the boxes

Change Boolean operators as required

Use the filters to refine your search

Leisure Tourism database

Click on Advanced Bibliography search
Change Boolean operators as required

Place your search term in to the search box

Use filters to refine your search

You can refine your results further by using the Refine Result box
Key Journals for Tourism and Hospitality

- Annals of Tourism Research
- Cornell Hospitality Quarterly
- International journal of contemporary hospitality management
- International journal of culture, tourism and hospitality research
- International journal of hospitality management
- Journal of Hospitality, Leisure, Sport & Tourism Education
- Journal of human resources in hospitality & tourism
- Journal of Leisure Research
- Journal of Quality Assurance in Hospitality & Tourism: JQAHT
- Journal of Sustainable Tourism
- Journal of Travel and Tourism Marketing
- Journal of Travel Research
- Journal of Vacation Marketing
- Leisure Sciences
- Progress in Tourism and Hospitality Research
- Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism
- Tourism and hospitality research
- Tourism Management
- Travel Weekly
- OECD tourism trends and policies

Other Useful links


Other links are available on the subject guide.

Referencing

The referencing guide is available from the list of subject guides listed on the library home page. Click on subject guide and then Referencing. The guide has links to the ECU Referencing Guide in both Pdf and online format.

APA Style Central is a new tool to assist you in understanding the referencing rules and style. The package includes many video tutorials and examples.