

# Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) databases

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Databases that can be accessed from the Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) interface include:

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| ART Bibliographies Modern             | Design and Applied Arts Index       | Philosophers Index                    |
| ASFA (Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries) | EconLit                             | Plant Science                         |
| Avery                                 | ERIC via CSA                        | PsycINFO                              |
| Biological Sciences                   | GeoRef                              | RILM (Music Literature)               |
| Biology Digest                        | MEDLINE via CSA                     | Social Services Abstracts             |
| Civil Engineering Abstracts (TRD)     | MLA (Modern Language Assoc.)        | Sociological Abstracts                |
| Conference Papers Index               | National Criminal Justice Abstracts | TOXLINE                               |
|                                       | Oceanic Abstracts                   | Worldwide Political Science Abstracts |

## Accessing CSA databases

From the Library's Homepage at <http://www.utas.edu.au/library>

- Click on **Databases** in the left-hand menu.
- Click on the alphabetical list for the **first letter** of the database you require.
- Opens the **Advanced Search** page

## Conducting a search

In the **first row** of the **Advanced Search** page

- In the **first box** enter your first search term or phrase.  
Variations of this term may be added to the other boxes in the first line. e.g. university **OR** tertiary.
- In the **last box** select the area of the records you wish to be searched. e.g. author, title, or subject. **Anywhere** is the default.

In the **second row** of the **Advanced Search** page

- In the **first box** enter your second search term or phrase. eg. policy  
The **and** between the first and second lines means that **both** (university or tertiary) and policy must appear in the record.
- From the **last box** select the area of the records you wish to be searched.

## Limits

- You can select a **Date Range** to be searched or use the default date range.
- You can **Limit to** Latest Update, Journal Articles only and/or English only.
- You can select a **Record format** from Short format, Full format, Full - omit refs or Custom format.

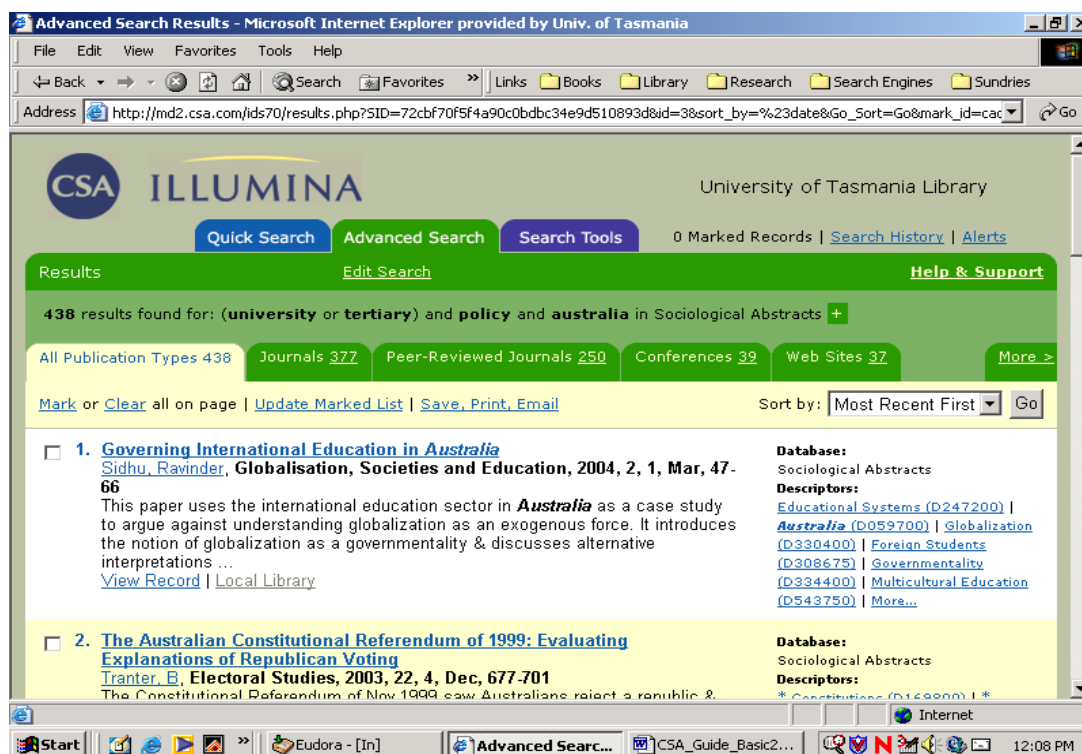
Click on the **Search** button

## Search Results

A list of search **Results** is displayed with the number found in each of the selected database(s).

- Results may be viewed by **Publication Types**. e.g. Peer-Reviewed Journals, Books, Conference Papers, etc.
- There is sometimes a link to related **Web Sites**.
- Duplicate records are removed. The **Show Duplicates** link below the records will replace them.
- Some records may have a link to the **Full Text** of the article.

The **Local Library** link will search the University of Tasmania Library catalogue for the journal or book, etc.



## Editing and combining searches

- The **search boxes** are located at the bottom of the search **Results** page where they may be edited.
- To **Combine Searches** click on the link at the bottom of the search **Results** page.
- Your **Search History** is shown at the bottom of the **Combine Searches** page.

## Truncation and Wildcards

**Truncation** – Use an asterisk (\*) after a root word to find all the alternative endings for this word. (e.g. behav\* would find behaviour, behavior, behavioural, etc.)

**Wildcards** – Use a question mark (?) to replace a character anywhere within a word. (e.g. wom?n will find woman and women.)

## Saving, printing and e-mailing records

**Mark the records** that you want to save/print/e-mail by clicking in the box by the record number.

- Click on the **Update Marked List** link at the top of the records before opening the next search results page.
- Click on the **Marked Records** link at the top of the screen.
- Click on the **Save, Print, Email** link above the records.

To **Save** your records:

- Select which records are to be saved from either the **Marked Records** or from a **number range**.
- Select the **Record format** from Short format, Full format, Full-omit refs or Custom format.
- Select the **Document format** from html, Text, RTF, or MS Word.
- Chose a **Bibliographic style**.

Select either

- **Create** – to create a bibliography.
- **Email** – Fill in your email address.
- **Save** – Select a File Format from PC, Mac, or Unix.
- **Print** – Select Print Preview and use your Browser's Print command.

It is also possible to export records to **EndNote**. (See EndNote help notes)

**For more help see the CSA online Help or ask a librarian.**