Doherty Library Databases: Where to Start...

The library subscribes to over 80 online databases! This is a selective list of suggested starting points for students just beginning their library research. Find an extensive list of Doherty Library databases grouped by subject at the “Databases by Subject” list on the Library’s homepage @ http://library.stthom.edu.

General Interest / Multi-Disciplinary

academic search premier
- Our biggest periodicals database. Provides indexing and abstracting for thousands of magazines, newspapers & journals and provides full-text access to nearly 4,650 titles.
- This all-purpose database is an excellent stop for most because it covers practically all subjects & disciplines.
- You can keyword search, or browse for subject terms and “add” them to build a search.
- You can limit your search to only retrieve scholarly publications, to a certain date range, or to only bring full-text content to the search result list.

social science abstracts
- Find journal articles in the social sciences.
- This is a large database with lots of full text.
- SSA will suggest topics as you keyword search or you can browse a list provided in the Topics index.

jstor
- All full-text, highly respected scholarly journals.
- Try entering keywords in the basic search box, then limit to a discipline (e.g. “History” or “Language & Literature”).

Hot Topics / Current Events & Controversies

topic search (as in “Topical” current issues)
- Use the “Current Events” drop-down menu to choose a current event or topic; then click Search.
- Alternatively, use the Find box to enter keywords on your topic
- The Dictionary tab allows you to browse for subject terms.
- Result types may include: government publications, pamphlets, opinion polls, newspaper, magazines, and journal articles, “points of view” or editorials, book reviews and biographical information.

CQ Researcher
- The most recent reports are listed on the first page; Use the Quick Search or Browse options for other reports.

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• A great first stop to find a topic or issue that interests you.
• Each report includes: Abstract, Overview, Background, Current Situation, Outlook, Chronology, Pro/Con, Bibliography, Next Step, Contacts, etc.

Newspapers / Newswires

Find newspaper databases in the “Newspapers” category under the “Databases by Subject” list

• The Houston Chronicle, Wall Street Journal and New York Times are listed individually on the database lists.
• Academic Universe offers newspaper and wire service ranging from local to global news. Choose the tab “Guided News Search.”
• NewsBank Southwest and InfoTrac Custom Newspapers offer more collections of newspapers.

Geographical / Country Information

CountryWatch

• Provides news, information, key data, statistics, and demographics.
• Select a country using the Shortcut to Country Review dropdown menu.
• Country profiles cover economics, environment, politics and social issues.

Business, Economics, & International Business Topics

Business Source Premier

• Coverage of all business related disciplines, incl. marketing, management, accounting.
• Lots of full text from thousands of business periodicals.
• Company profiles with histories and financials.

Catholic Interest

Catholic Periodical and Literature Index

• Catholic interest/Catholic perspectives on all sorts of issues.
• Covers Catholic journals, magazines, books, newspapers and Papal documents.

The Library’s Journal Collections

A library can keep journals in several different formats - from online, to paper, to microfilm or microfiche - for example. To find out what journals the Doherty library owns, use the Journals Locater list on the library’s web site. This is a master list of all the journals & newspaper titles the library has access to, regardless of their format. Browse the list alphabetically or search for a specific journal title by using the FIND box in the upper right corner of the welcome screen. Each entry tells you the dates or years available and the location / format of the title (i.e. in an online database, in the microfiche collection, in paper collections, etc).