How to Get the Full Text of an Article (when it isn’t in the database)

Very few databases will have the full text of every article. Sometimes, a database only provides the citation and abstract. This is useful for evaluating the relevance of the article to your research, but not so great, if you decide that you want to read the entire article.

Fortunately, Foley has a tool that will search for an article in all of our online databases and connect you to the full text of that article if it is available in any of those databases.

Look for a “full text options” link in your results list. In EBSCO databases, it looks like this →

The link takes you to Periodicals@Foley, the library’s list of periodicals (journals, newspapers, and magazines) to which we have access, whether electronic or in print. It automatically searches for that specific article and connects you to the full-text if it’s available.

In this case, the article is available in a couple of different databases. →

Click on a link to see that database's entry for the article, along with the attached full text.

If you still can’t get full-text, don’t give up! Instead, look for the Interlibrary Loan link and submit a request for the article.

See the section of this guide on interlibrary loan for more info.