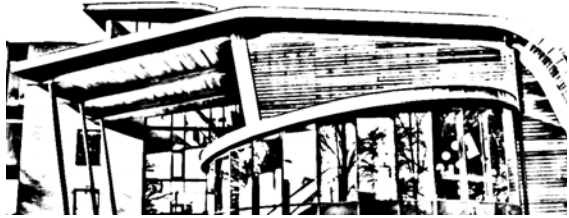


# Faculty of Education Library & Information Service



## Searching the British Education Index (BREI)

The British Education Index is a national database providing information on research, policy and practice in education and training in the UK.

It indexes over 300 education and training journals, mostly published in the UK.

*If you are unable to find what you are looking for, please ask a member of Library Staff for help*

## 1. Accessing the British Education Index

- Go to the Faculty of Education Library homepage <http://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/library>
- In the left hand menu go to the **24 hr Library – password required** section & click on **Databases**
- Then select **British Education Index**

Choose the correct option to access the database:

- **Athens Logon:** click on this if you are accessing it off campus
- **On-Campus Logon:** click on this if you are using a computer on campus – no password required

## 2. Searching the Database

Use the **Advanced Search** to combine search terms, to search the thesaurus, or to bring results from different searches together.

- From the list of databases, click on **Advanced Search** next to **British Education Index**

resource portal

### Databases

For a basic search click the box next to one or many databases and click on [Easy Search](#). Click on [Advanced Search](#) for additional search functions. Open a single database in [Advanced Search](#) by clicking on the icon [advanced search](#) next to the database. Click [?](#) for database description and price.

[easy search](#) [advanced search](#)

[advanced search](#) **Select All**

[advanced search](#) Australian Education Index - 1979 to date (AUEI) [?](#)

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[advanced search](#) ERIC - 1966 to date (ERIC) [?](#)

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The database defaults to searching a **whole document**, but you can also search by Title, Author(s) or Source (e.g. journal title).

- Type the word or phrase in the box provided & click on **Search**

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Enter your search term(s): [Search tips](#)  Thesaurus mapping  
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Information added since:  or: none

Published since January 2007  Published since January 2005  Published since January 2003  Abstracts  
 English

Click [+](#) to select terms from the following list(s):  
[Publication year](#)  
[BREI thesaurus - enter a known thesaurus term](#)  
[Age and educational-level groupings](#)  
[Language of publication](#)  
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You can also type in a word or phrase, tick the **Thesaurus mapping** box & click on search to bring up a list of descriptors to include. Once you have selected your terms from the list, click on **Search**.

### 3. Combining Searches using Set Numbers

Use the set numbers (displayed on the left in your search history) to develop your search by combining terms. First of all, ensure that the **Thesaurus mapping** box is not ticked and then type the set numbers in the search box on the same page, e.g.:

**1 and 2** specifies that documents retrieved must satisfy the criteria of set 1 and set 2.

## 4. Your results

- Click **Show Titles** beside the set of results you want to view
- From the list of titles, click on **Link to abstract/database record** to display more details – any abstracts & full text online availability will be shown here
- To go back to your list of titles click on the blue **Titles** tab at the top of the page
- To select particular items from the list of titles to email, print or save, tick the boxes next to the records & use the options at the bottom of the screen

## E-mailing your search results

Once you have selected your references from the list, tick the relevant boxes at the bottom of the page and click on **E-mail**. Follow the instructions on screen and the requested results will be sent to you.

## Locating the journal articles

When you have searched the British Education Index and have a list of references, you will need to find out how to access the articles. Follow the steps set out in the **Journals** section of the Library web pages, under **Locating an article**.