

From Topic to Research in 3 steps

Are you preparing your Final Project and don't know how to start your research in our catalog?



1 STARTING

Do you have a general topic? When you search in a catalog, this might give you:

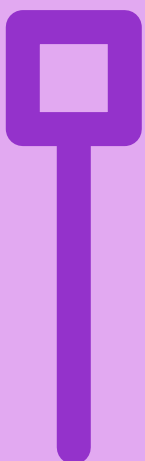
- Too many results
- Very different topics
- No clear research direction

But you can improve it with some tips.



Library tip

Use the Advanced Search section in our [catalog](#).



2 FOCUS

- Ask yourself: Which sector? Which group?
- Choose an angle (e.g., behaviour, impact, performance)
- Use the boolean operators to refine your search.

Search for

Search index	Search terms	Operator
Keyword (kw:)	social media	AND
Keyword (kw:)	education	AND
Keyword (kw:)	academic engagement	⊕



3 FILTER

- Does your research needs to be in Open Access?
- Do you need to retrieve literature from the last 5 years?
- Are you looking only for articles, or PhD Theses?

Filter by

☐ Full text ☐ Peer-reviewed ☒ Open access

Format

Thesis, dissertation

Publication Year

2020

to

2025

Language

All

Audience

All

Content Type

All

If **yes** → you're ready to start your literature review.

If your search **retrieves thousands of unrelated results**, you need to refine again your topic.