Finding journal articles with ProQuest Central, SPORTDiscus and Google Scholar

ProQuest Central is a leading multi-disciplinary online resource which you can use to access databases across all major subject areas, including business, health and medical, social sciences, arts and humanities, science and technology. The online resource contains 17,000 full text journals as well as newspapers, magazines and market reports.

Activity 1: Watch 2 training videos

Watch the 2 short videos provided on the Sheffield Hallam Library webpage for resources in your subject area http://libguides.shu.ac.uk/shape/sport to learn how to search ProQuest Central effectively.
Activity 2: Access ProQuest Central

A link to ProQuest Central has been placed in your College VLE or web site. SHAPE Library staff or course teaching staff will be able to advise you on where to find the link. When you click on the link to ProQuest Central you will be taken straight to the search page - you do not need to enter an additional password.

Please do not try accessing ProQuest Central through search engines like Google as you will not be able to get to the full text of any journal articles.

Activity 3: Try a search

Follow the step by step search below to search for information on Performance Sport Development (or search for a topic of your choice)

Step 1: Type in your topic in the search box and click on the search button

Notice that when you search for a topic, ProQuest Central will prompt you with possible alternative search terms - in this case: performance and sport, performance in sport, performance sports, anxiety sport performance, diet and sports performance. Sometimes this can help you decide on a better search term to use.

Step 2: View your results

Please note that ProQuest Central also includes some journal articles which only give you an abstract not the full text. You need to look for results which have a full text or Full text – PDF link as shown below. Click on the full-text ink to view the article.
Step 3: Filter your results

This is important as you will often get a lot of results when you search for information. The search on Performance Sport Development finds over 661,000 results! You can filter (reduce and make more specific) your results in several ways. Try the following

a) Search within your results

You can add another topic to your search by clicking on the Search within link (find this after the number of search results).

Click on this link and add another topic to your search e.g. Elite sports

Your results will then be filtered to show articles on Performance sport development AND elite sports.

b) Filter again by peer reviewed

You can further filter your results by clicking in the Peer-reviewed box near the top of the screen. Your results will now just show journal articles from peer-reviewed journals (good quality academic journals which have gone through the peer-review process). See screen shot on next page.
c) More filters to try

You can find more filters in the left hand side of your results screen. Have a look at what is available.

Try using the **Publication date** filter, this is very useful for making sure you have up to date information. **Location** is also very useful to limit your search results to a particular geographical area.

It is also very useful to use the **Subject** filter. This gives you a list of subjects and you can choose whether to include or exclude them in your search to make it more relevant. Click on the **Apply** button when you have made your choices.

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**Step 4: Create a citation in APA referencing style**

If you find a useful article you want to use in your assignment, you can create the citation in APA style (referencing style used by Sheffield Hallam University) and save or email it to yourself. When you are creating your reference list for your assignment you can easily cut and paste the citation into your reference list.
Highlight the reference (or references) you want to create a citation for by clicking in the box to highlight it:

You then have the option to email or print the details for yourself using the options at the top of the screen. You can also cite it by choosing the Cite link - see the screen shot on the next page.

When you choose the Cite link, you will be offered a choice of Referencing styles. You need to choose APA 6th (the referencing style used by Sheffield Hallam University). You will then get a citation created for you that you can cut and paste into your reference list when you write your assignment. Notice that you also get a short abstract of the article to remind you what it is about.

You can print, email or download the results.
Activity 4: Try a search yourself on the topic SPLISS (Sports Policy factors leading to international sporting success)

Limit the results to peer-reviewed.

Limit the results to the last 5 years.

Choose 2 results and email yourself the citations in APA reference style.

Activity 5: Finding more journal articles.

Repeat the search on SPLISS on the following 2 resources to find more articles.

a) Google Scholar [http://scholar.google.co.uk/](http://scholar.google.co.uk/)

b) [SPORTDiscus with Full Text](http://sportdiscuswithfulltext.com/) available from SHAPE VTC library, SPORTDiscus with Full Text is the world’s most comprehensive source of full text for sports & sports medicine journals, providing full text for more than 440 journals indexed in SPORTDiscus. It is the definitive research tool for all areas of sports & sports medicine literature.