

## Using Facets in EBSCO Interfaces

Some databases organize the Result List into Facets by source type, subjects, authors, or journals. This feature, also known as clustering, is helpful if you want to discover the major subject groups for your topic without having to browse multiple pages of results, or checking individual articles to see if they are relevant.

From either Basic or Advanced Search, enter your search terms in the Find field and click Search. The Result List that is displayed will have a list of facets in the left-hand column.

Hide or show the different facets by clicking the control arrows near the top of each facet. You can narrow by source type, subject, journal, and more. This feature is helpful if you want to discover the major subject groups for your topic without having to browse multiple pages of results, or checking individual articles to see if they are relevant.

Hit counts are available indicating the number of results for each facet. Facets are displayed by hit count in descending order.

### To use facets:

A new Result List, limited to the chosen term or terms is displayed and the selected terms are added to the Current Search box.

1. Select a term by clicking the checkbox in a facet.

The screenshot displays the EBSCO search interface. On the left, there are two facet panels. The 'Source Types' panel lists categories like 'All Results', 'Academic Journals (43,189)', 'Magazines (12,013)', 'Trade Publications (2,137)', 'Book Reviews (2,066)', and 'Newspapers (1,965)'. The 'Subject Thesaurus Term' panel lists terms such as 'climate change (32,268)', 'climatology (4,217)', 'global warming (4,077)', 'precipitation (meteorology) (2,193)', 'nonfiction (1,822)', and 'climate change research (1,705)'. The 'climate change' term is selected with a red box. On the right, two search results are shown. The first result is from the 'Sarhad Journal of Agriculture' (3/31/2018, Vol. 34 Issue 1, p85-92) with a PDF full text of 617KB. The second result is from 'Current Science' (3/10/2018, Vol. 114 Issue 5, p987-996) with a PDF full text of 1.5MB. The title of the second result is '3. Understanding the linkages between climate change and forest.'

Your result list is updated and the term appears in the Current Search box.

2. Click the **Show More** link to select multiple terms at once, or to view all available terms.

The screenshot shows a search results page. On the left, there is a 'Subject: Thesaurus Term' panel with a list of terms and their hit counts: climatology (2,730), global warming (2,694), precipitation (meteorology) (1,480), global temperature changes (1,044), greenhouse gases (1,038), and nonfiction (986). A 'Show More' link is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows a snippet from an 'Academic Journal' article. The snippet text is: 'The present study reviews the application of various regional climate models and remote sensing techniques to understand and define impacts of climate change on the forest resources with specific...'. Below the snippet, there are subject terms: 'Subjects: CLIMATE change; CLIMATE change detection; CLIMATE change research; GOVERNMENT policy on climate change; CLIMATE change prevention; RISK assessment of climate change'. A 'PDF Full Text (1.5MB)' link is also visible. At the bottom of the snippet, there is a blue link: '4. Climate Change and Agriculture: An Overview of Farmers Perception and Adaptations in Balambat Tehsil, District Dir Lower, Pakistan.'.

3. Mark the checkboxes for the facet terms you would like to apply and Click **Update**.

**Note:** You can select to re-sort facet terms by name or hit count by clicking the **Name** or **Hit Count** links at the top of the facet window. You can select all terms using the checkbox to the left of the **Name** link.

The screenshot shows a 'Subject: Thesaurus Term' facet window. At the top, there are two sorting options: 'Name' and 'Hit Count'. The 'Hit Count' option is selected and highlighted with a red box. Below the sorting options is a list of terms with checkboxes and hit counts:

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Hit Count
<input type="checkbox"/> climatology	2,730
<input type="checkbox"/> global warming	2,694
<input type="checkbox"/> precipitation (meteorology)	1,480
<input type="checkbox"/> global temperature changes	1,044
<input type="checkbox"/> greenhouse gases	1,038
<input type="checkbox"/> nonfiction	986
<input type="checkbox"/> atmospheric models	882
<input type="checkbox"/> rain & rainfall	764
<input type="checkbox"/> atmospheric temperature	716
<input type="checkbox"/> ocean temperature	651

At the bottom of the window, there are 'Update' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Update' button is highlighted in yellow.

## Notes:

- When you select a single heading (Subject, Journal, Author, etc.) from a facet on the result list, the heading is added to the search terms with the AND operator, limiting results to only those related to the search terms and subject heading.
- When you select multiple headings from the facet window before clicking the **Update** button, the headings are added to the search terms with the OR operator to prevent the user from receiving zero results.

## Using Current Search



The screenshot displays the EBSCO search interface. On the left, a 'Refine Results' sidebar is visible, containing a 'Current Search' section. This section lists the search query 'climate change' under 'Boolean/Phrase', and 'Full Text' and 'Subject: Thesaurus Term' under 'Limiters'. The 'Subject: Thesaurus Term' section lists 'climate change' and 'global warming'. The main search results area shows 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 2,694'. The first result is titled '1. Improving Students' Higher Environmental and Climate Change Knowledge: A Case Study.' by Radaković, Jelena Andreja; Petrović, Nataša; Milenković, Nemanja; Stanojević, Kristina; Đoković, Aleksandar. The result is from the 'Polish Journal of Environmental Studies', 2017, Vol. 26 Issue 6, pp. 2711-2719. The subjects listed are CLIMATE change, HIGHER education, ENVIRONMENTAL education, and GLOBAL warming.

The Current Search box is located at the top of the left column and keeps track of your entire search by displaying:

- Your search query.
- All applied limiters and expanders.
- Applied source types.
- Applied subject terms.

Each limiter, expander, source type, and/or subject term you selected is added to Current Search with an 'x' icon. Clicking on the icon will remove the corresponding term from the search and a new result list will be displayed.

Clicking on a hyperlinked item will execute a search for only that term.