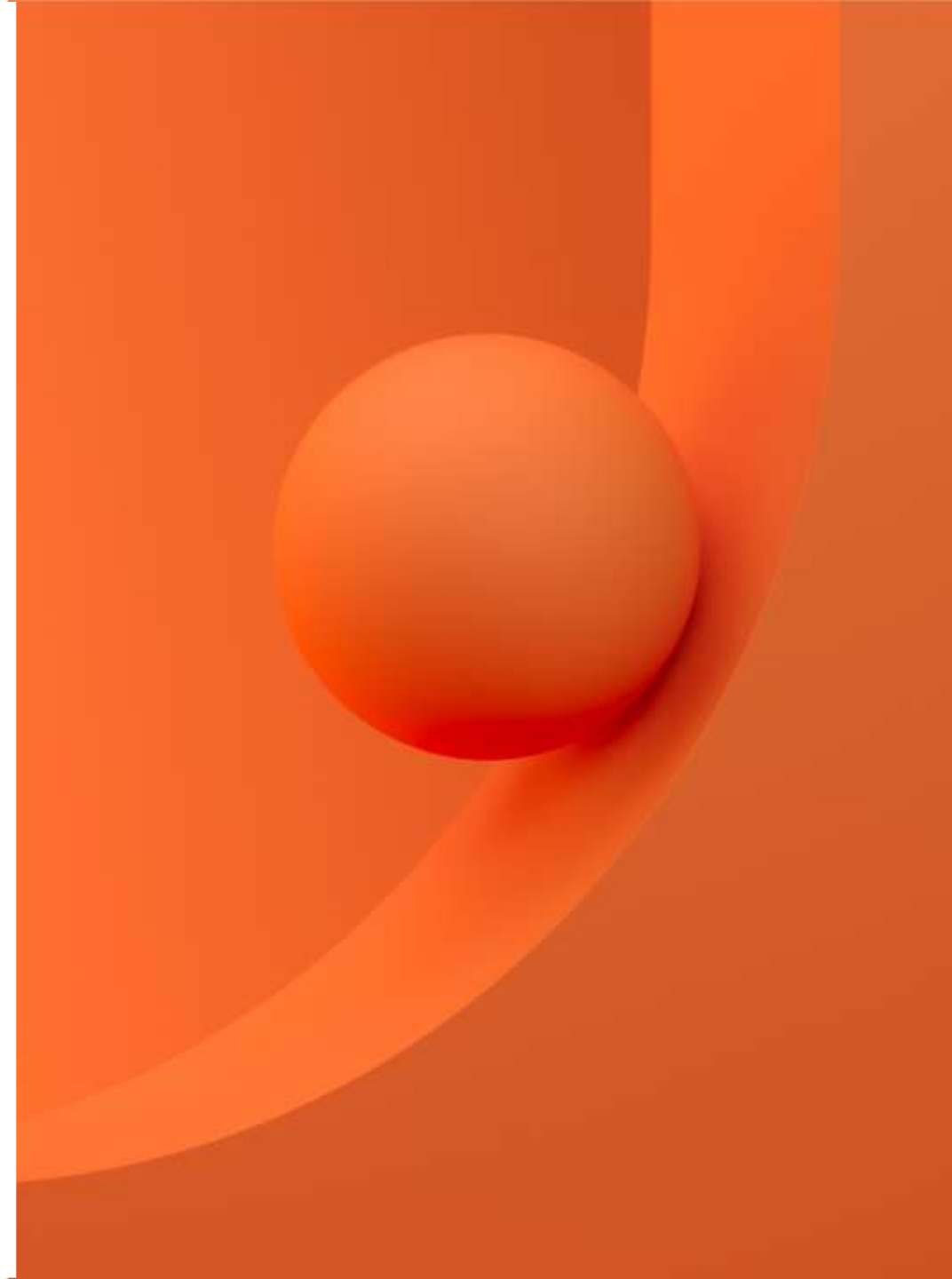




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How to find information for your papers?

MRU Library, 2026



The aim

To get familiar with the search of information in the main MRU, Lithuanian and foreign scientific e-resources.

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Keywords



- The **title** of your paper gives you the **main keywords**;
 - Think of **synonyms** and **related terms** (e.g. teenager OR young adult OR adolescent, etc.);
 - **Whole title** or **abbreviation** (e.g. European Union OR EU);
 - **Common name** or **scientific term** (e.g. flu OR influenza);
 - **Singular** or **plural** (e.g. child OR children).
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Keywords



Thezaurus - a type of dictionary that lists words in groups of synonyms and related concepts.

- UNESCO thesaurus
- ELLST thesaurus
- European Education Thesaurus (EET)
- MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)
- Eurovoc thesaurus
- ...and many others.

Searching for keywords in Thezaurus

Formulating a search query



AND – the operator narrows the search by instructing the search engine to show only those records that contain **both** words or phrases. If you do not insert AND between your search terms, it will be inserted automatically in most of the search systems.

Example: renaissance Italy is searched as renaissance **AND** Italy

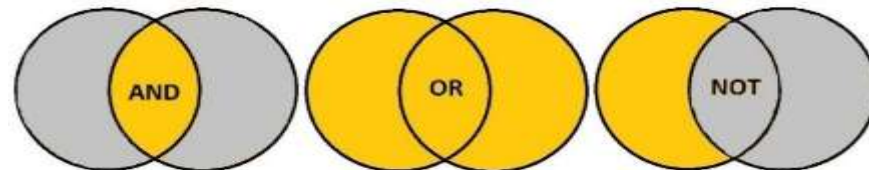
OR – the operator OR broadens the search to include records containing either one keyword or the other. The OR search is particularly useful when there are several common synonyms for a concept or several variants to write a word.

Example: adolescent **OR** teenager

NOT – the operator narrows the search by excluding unwanted words. You want to find books that are about architecture, but EXCLUDE those that discuss landscape.

Example: architecture **NOT** landscape

Boolean Operators



Using special search symbols



- To search exact phrases, enclose the phrase in quotes.
Example: "artificial intelligence", "global warming"
- To group terms together, use parentheses.
Example: (divorce OR separation) AND (teens OR adolescents)
- To find a term with different endings, use a mark *.
Example: child* - finds child, children, childhood, etc.

Searching for information sources

Search by:

1. Any word
2. Title
3. Author
4. ISBN, ISSN, ISMN, DOI
5. Publisher
6. Place of publication
7. Serial
8. Years of publication
9. etc.

The screenshot displays the MRU search interface. At the top right, the MRU logo is visible. Below it, the 'SEARCH CRITERIA' section is active. Under 'Search for:', several radio buttons are present: 'All library resources' (selected), 'Library Catalog', 'Science Publications (MRU PDB)', 'Electronic Theses and Dissertations (MRU ETD)', 'Institution Repository MRU CRIS', 'Subscribed DB', 'Lithuanian Standards Board Standards (LST)', and 'Discovery Network'. Below this, a 'Search filters' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Any field', 'Title' (highlighted in yellow), 'Author/Creator', 'Subject', and 'ISSN'. To the right of the dropdown, there are two search input fields, each with a 'Enter a search term' placeholder. Further right, there are filters for 'Material Type' (set to 'All items'), 'Language' (set to 'Any language'), 'Start Date' (with Day, Month, and Start Year dropdowns), and 'End Date' (with Day, Month, and End Year dropdowns). At the bottom, a search bar contains the text 'Any field contains Enter a search term AND Any field contains Enter a search term', followed by a green magnifying glass icon and the word 'SEARCH'.

Simple search / Basic search

- Keywords are searched throughout the entire document, bibliographical information, keyword field, etc.
- It is easy to use – one search box to enter the keyword(s).
- A large number of results are provided – usually, you need to narrow the results by using Boolean operators or special search system criteria.



Searching for information sources

Advanced search



- Several search boxes are provided for the search.
- Allows narrowing the search and getting more relevant results.
- Provides the ability to choose the search location for each keyword.

SEARCH CRITERIA 

Search for:

☒ All library resources ☐ Library Catalog ☐ Science Publications (MRU PDB)

☐ Electronic Theses and Dissertations (MRU ETD) ☐ Institution Repository MRU CRIS ☐ Subscribed DB

☐ Lithuanian Standards Board Standards (LST) ☐ Discovery Network

Search filters

Title ▼ contains ▼ **management**

OR ▼ Title ▼ contains ▼ **administration**

[+ ADD A NEW LINE](#) [↻ CLEAR](#)

Material Type

All items ▼

Language

English ▼

Start Date:

01 ▼ 01 ▼ 2020

End Date:

01 ▼ 01 ▼ 2025

Searching for information sources

Browsing



- You can review document lists by subject, journal title, and other criteria.
- Browsing from broad subjects to narrower results, for example, a particular journal or article.
- Useful when you are unsure of what you're looking for and want to become familiar with a subject.

Searching for information sources



MRU Virtual Library



Scientific resources for MRU community

1. Enter the search term(s).
2. Note the Location of a book(s) (*Reading Room, Lending Department, etc.*).
3. Write down the Call Number.
4. Find a book on the shelves by the Call Number.



Subscribed Databases



- MRU Library subscribes to many full-text and bibliographical databases, most of which are in English. Scientific journals, articles, e-books, legal acts, statistical information, etc., are available in these databases.
- Remote access (outside the University campus) to the databases for the MRU community is available through the EZproxy system.



Scientific resources for MRU community

<https://www.mruni.eu/databases/>

Subscribed Databases

- You can download, print, or e-mail articles from the databases.
- E-books can be read online, and there is the possibility to download them for a certain period (reading conditions differ in various databases).
- Not all documents will be available in full text - it depends on the subscription conditions in different databases.



MRU Institutional Repository (CRIS)



- About 33 000 documents.
- Books, scientific articles, conference proceedings, doctoral theses and other materials.
- Choose a proper collection.
- Search by: title, author, subject, etc.

eLABa - Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library



- **Lithuanian academic libraries electronic catalogues:** books, scientific journals, doctoral theses, CD and other materials at MRU and other libraries of higher education institutions. Choose the relevant resource before searching.
- **Lithuanian academic electronic libraries in eLABa:**
 - ✓ Scientific publications of MRU and other higher education institutions in Lithuania.
 - ✓ Defended theses of higher education institutions in Lithuania: Bachelor, Master, Doctoral theses and their abstracts (*access to them differs*).
- **Other Lithuanian and foreign Open Access resources.**

Open Access Journals



- DOAJ <http://www.doaj.org/>
- HighWire Press <http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/allsites.dtl>
- PLoS <https://plos.org/>
- PubMedCentral <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/>
- Hindawi <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/>

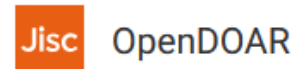


Open Access Repositories



Open access to articles, books, conference materials, Bachelor and Master theses, Doctoral dissertations and unpublished papers.

- **DOAB** (Directory of Open Access Books) <https://www.doabooks.org/>
- **OpenDOAR** <https://opendoar.ac.uk/>
- **ROAR** <http://roar.eprints.org>
- **OAlster** (Union catalog of digital resources) <http://oaister.worldcat.org/advancedsearch>



Open Access Publishing

<https://resourcesbysubject.mruni.eu/subjects/>

Open Access Repositories

Several repositories of theses defended at universities in various countries:



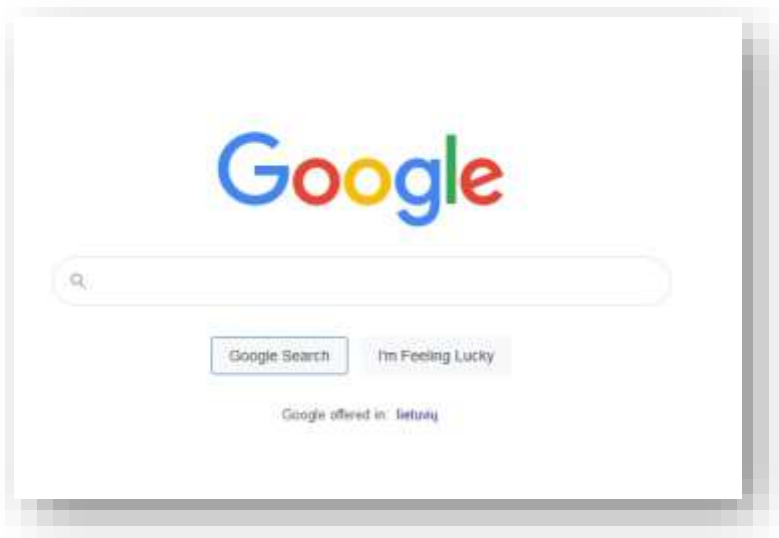
Open Access
Theses and Dissertations



Scientific Information Search Systems

Google

Search “history of law” – about 87 700 000 results



Google Scholar

Search “history of law” – about 127 000 results



Scientific Information Search Systems



- Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/>
- Google Books <http://books.google.com>
- Google Patents <https://patents.google.com/>
- Worldwidescience <http://worldwidescience.org/>
- ScienceResearch.com
<http://www.scienceresearch.com/>
- CrossRef Metadata Search <http://search.crossref.org/>
- BASE <http://www.base-search.net/>



You will find **lots** of information, but **only a part** of it will be freely available.

Where can I get HELP?



MRU Library webpage

[/https://www.mruni.eu/en/library](https://www.mruni.eu/en/library)

Information Desk at the Library

- phone: +370 5 271 4599
- e-mail: biblioteka@mruni.eu

“Personal” Librarian

[Subject Librarian](#)

Help section at the webpage

[FAQ](#)

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Trainings

Individual consultations

Other services

Library Training



- **How to find information for your papers?**
- **Academic Literacy**
- **Reference management tools: Zotero**
- **How to prepare a good presentation for thesis defence?**
- **And other on demand.**

You can book:

- Individual consultation:
 - individual consultation: in the Library or remotely via *MS Teams*,
 - contact the Subject Librarian of your Faculty.
- Information Search Strategy
- Invite Subject Librarian to your class (after making agreement with your lecturer).



Reference Management Tools

ZOTERO and Mendeley

- Free
- Helps to organize your references
- Helps to cite and automatically generate bibliographies
- Variety of citation styles (APA, Chicago, etc.)

<http://www.zotero.org>

<https://www.mendeley.com/>

How to cite and generate a reference list?



- Follow the instructions of your Faculty Bachelor/ Master theses methodical requirements.
- **APA** (American Psychological Association) citation style or **Chicago** citation style is used for all academic and research papers at MRU.

Examples: <https://www.mruni.eu/en/library/citation/>



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