Harvest UC Davis Library Catalog: Basic Search

1. Select a tab
2. Select search field
3. Type search terms

What are you looking for?

The Harvest Catalog contains books, journal titles, music scores, maps, government documents and other materials in the UC Davis libraries. For materials from the UC Davis Law Library, check the Melvyl Catalog.

1. Select a tab:
   Choose from Full Catalog (if you want to search everything), or select a specific collection to search: Reserves (course reserves), journals & serials, e-journals, Special Collections materials, or more (dissertations, and new items).

2. Select search field (drop-down menu):
   Search by keyword, title word, journal/serial title words, title begins..., author or subject. Use keyword search when you want to perform a broad search. Use title words if you know a few words from the title. Use author or author begins... when you know the name of a person, organization, association or agency. The words can be typed in any order.

3. Type search terms:
   Try your search terms, but use synonyms or related words and concepts if your search is not successful. Ask a librarian for assistance with search terms or search strategies.

Do not use Harvest Catalog to find articles

For articles, use one of the electronic databases. Select a database from the list of databases, Databases A-Z, or from the Subject Guides (see the Catalogs and Databases page: www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/research/). A reference librarian can help with database choices and search hints.
Anatomy of a Harvest record

1. Is it a book, print journal, e-journal…?
   Look at the record format (e.g.: BK Book)

2. Is it in the library?
   Look for Check Availability:
   Click on the All items link.

3. Which library? Where in the library?
   Look for the Call number:
   Note the library and complete call number. Use the library map to identify the floor that houses the desired call number ranges (A-Z).

4. Are you looking for similar items?
   Click on the Subject links at the bottom of the record to view related items.

Journals / Periodicals

Does UC Davis have a particular journal/periodical?

IF YOU KNOW THE JOURNAL TITLE:

Select Title begins… option from the drop-down menu and type the beginning words of the journal title. Otherwise, select the Journal/serial title word(s) option from the drop-down menu and type the significant title words. Occasionally, you will browse the retrieved list to find the desired title.

Truncation

Use the question mark or asterisk

? or * character (asterisk) placed to the right of any word will truncate the word and retrieve word variations.

e.g.: comput* will find computer, computing, computation, etc.

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