



4-2E Let's search ERIC Education

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) is an educational database sponsored by The U.S. Department of Education. It contains journal articles and technical reports.

<How to access>

1. Please open the library web page <https://www.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>.
 2. Click on [Databases] under "Electronic Resources (For Members)" in the "Search Resources" section.
 3. Click on the "ERIC" on the EBSCOhost databases select screen.
- ※ If the authentication screen is displayed, enter your THERS account and password (multi-factor authentication).

<How to search>

1. Enter the search terms in the search box
2. Specify search options as needed
3. Click on Search

A. Languages

: Select the language for interface display.

B. Add search boxes

: Click the plus icon to increase the number of search boxes.

Search Examples

Database: ERIC

Search terms: autonomous learning

Conditions: computer(AND Search), Full-Text

C Other search functions

: Select [Thesaurus], [Citation Matcher], or [Indexes] to go to the respective search screen.

D Log out

: Ensure to log out after completing your search.

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface for the ERIC database. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for New Search, Thesaurus, Citation Matcher, Indexes, Sign In, Folder, Preferences, Languages (which is circled in red), ログアウト (Logout), and Help. Below the navigation bar, the EBSCOhost logo and a search bar are visible. The search bar contains three input fields for search terms and dropdown menus for selecting search fields. A large green 'Search' button is prominently displayed. To the right of the search bar, there's a 'FAQ' section with a cartoon cow illustration. Below the search bar is a 'Search Options' panel, which is highlighted with a red box. This panel contains sections for 'Search Modes and Expanders' and checkboxes for 'Apply related words' and 'Apply equivalent subjects'. Arrows point from labels A, B, C, and D to their respective parts on the screen.

Search hints

【Wildcard (truncation)】

* Prefix search Ex.: pharm* → all hits starting with the prefix “pharm”

? Search by replacing with appropriate characters Ex.:te?t → text, tent, test, etc.

【Enter singular/plural form】

“ ” Plural only for “singular words”, simultaneous search for possessive case equivalent
Ex.: “alley cat” → simultaneously searches for alley cats / alley cat’s / alley’s cat / alley’ s cat’s

【Logical operators】

AND	A and B	→	include both A and B
OR	A or B	→	include either A or B
NOT	A not B	→	include A, exclude B

<Search results>

On the search result screen, information on the articles matching search criteria is displayed.

A. "Preview" Icon

: Abstracts can be viewed by hovering the cursor over them.

B. ERIC reference number

: It is useful to make note of this when making a photocopy request. The first letter of the document number differs depending on the type of document.

EJ000000:Journal (Periodicals) ED000000:Document (e.g. Reports, proceedings)

C. Full-text Browsing

: Click on [ERICでレコードを表示] or [PDF Full Text] to read full text of the article. If there is no link to full text, click on [NULink] to find out the availability of the journal (e-journal or printed version) in Nagoya University.

D. Change the display layout

: Change the result list order and number of results per page.

E. Refine Results

: Set additional criteria to refine search results, such as "Full Text", "Source Types", "Subject", or "Publication".

The screenshot shows the ERIC search results page with a red box highlighting the 'Refine Results' sidebar on the left. The sidebar includes fields for 'Phrase' (autonomous learning AND computer), 'Expanders' (Apply equivalent subjects), 'Limiters' (Full Text checked), and date range from 1980 to 2023. A red arrow points from the 'ERI...表示' button in the results list to the 'ERICでレコードを表示' link in the sidebar. Another red arrow points from the 'PDF Full Text' link in the results list to the 'PDF Full Text' link in the sidebar. The results list shows two entries: 'Autonomous Classroom Computer Environments for Learning' and 'Computers and School: Indian and French Students' Discourse'. Each entry has a 'ERICでレコードを表示' button, a 'NULink' button, and a 'PDF Full Text' link. The top right of the page has 'Relevance' and 'Page Options' buttons.

<Search using thesaurus terms>

Here thesaurus means controlled vocabulary. Controlled term means representative concept of words which has many expressions, as synonyms or spelling variants. By using thesaurus terms, you can get more precise results. Order search of thesaurus is as follows:

Search Examples

Database: ERIC → Thesaurus search screen

Search terms: school choice

The screenshot shows the ERIC Thesaurus search interface. A red box labeled 'A' highlights the search term 'School Choice'. A red circle labeled '2' is on the search button. A red arrow labeled 'B' points from the 'Educational Environment' link to the 'Explode' button, which is highlighted with a red circle labeled 'C'. A red circle labeled '3' is on the 'Used For' section.

The screenshot shows the detailed information for the term 'School Choice'. A red box labeled 'D' highlights the 'Broader Terms', 'Narrower Terms', 'Related Terms', and 'Used For' sections. A red arrow points from the 'Used For' section to the 'Educational Choice' and 'Family Choice (Education)' terms.

1. Click on [Thesaurus] in menu
 2. Thesaurus terms search box will be displayed. Enter the words you want to search and click [Browse].
 3. List of thesaurus terms will be displayed. Click on the appropriate term to view detailed information.
 4. Check required terms and click [Add], selected terms will be reflected in ERIC search box. Click on [Search] to search articles.
- A. Thesaurus terms corresponding to the searched term
- B. The term "Educational Environment" is indexed in the literature on "School Climate." If this happens, click on "Educational Environment" to bring up the list again.
- C. [Explode]: Search including narrower terms of the search word
- D. [Broader Terms], [Narrower Terms], [Related Terms]
[Used For]: use "School Choice" instead of "Educational Choice", "Family Choice"