Useful information
Find specific subject support online on your subject page:

www.dur.ac.uk/library/subject/

You can use these pages to find out who your academic liaison librarian is and how to contact them for more help using DISCOVER.

Contact us
In person
We’re here to help whenever you need assistance. During staffed hours, visit the Help and Information Desk on Level 2 of the Bill Bryson Library or contact us by telephone.

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Online
For enquiries, email:
main.library@durham.ac.uk
**Key facts about... DISCOVER**

**DISCOVER** is a search engine which provides a broad range of search results across many of our academic book and journal collections. It is available on the main library homepage: www.durham.ac.uk/library

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**Top tips...**

**Logging in off-campus?** It is likely that when you access the online resources you will need to enter your university username and password.

1. **Sign into your account** and you can save items by clicking on the star next to an item. When it goes yellow you will be able to find it easily by checking the ‘e-shelf’ in your account.

   - The green dot means that Durham University has access to the resource and will provide information about how to access it.

   - The grey dot means that the resource is in our catalogue but it is currently unavailable. Follow the links to the library catalogue for further information about status or to log in to your account and reserve the item.

2. **You can further refine your search by using the following operators:**
   - **AND, OR, NOT:** to search for results displaying both words or either word, and to exclude a specific word from your results.
   - **Wildcard *:** to be used anywhere in the word to perform a multiple character search (e.g. creat* = creation, creature, create).
   - **Wildcard ?:** to be used anywhere in the word to perform a single character search (e.g. wom?n = women, woman; colo?r = colour, color).

3. **You can refine your results by selecting specific resource types, subjects or authors on the left hand side of the screen.**

4. **The More button links you to Connexions:** Connexions is a service provided by Durham University Library that lists additional locations of the source you are looking for. It specifies whether there are holdings at Durham (and gives you the location), whether you have online access, and directs you to our Document Delivery Service.

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**So, what’s the difference between searching using the library catalogue and DISCOVER?**

By searching the Library catalogue you will find books we have in the Library and journals we subscribe to. The same keyword search run through **DISCOVER** will also include among the results: specific articles, objects, images or research (dissertations and theses) that could be relevant.

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