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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF AU LIBRARY

Dear AU Community,

The AU Library remains committed to supporting your academic success by providing reliable resources, innovative tools, and high-quality services. We continue to expand our digital offerings, enhance research support, and ensure that our facilities meet the evolving needs of students, faculty, and researchers. Your engagement motivates us to improve and deliver the best possible experience.

Thank you for your continued trust in the AU Library.

Bashar Al Mousawi

Library

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



The AU Library is dedicated to supporting the university's mission by providing students and staff with essential information resources, technology, and academic services by providing access to both physical and electronic materials. The Library aims to foster an environment of research, learning, and teaching excellence while adapting to the evolving curriculum of the AU community. Key facilities include:

- ❖ **Electronic Learning Center (ELC):** Equipped with computers, printers, scanners, and essential academic software.
- ❖ **Study Rooms:** Quiet and collaborative spaces suitable for group work, research, and project discussions.
- ❖ **Physical & Digital Collections:** Access to hundreds of print materials and extensive digital resources through the AU Digital Library.
- ❖ **Research Assistance:** Support with information literacy and research.
- ❖ **Workshops & Training:** Regular sessions on database searching, referencing tools, Printing and scanning services.
- ❖ **Specialized academic software** through library workstations.
- ❖ **Access to e-learning materials:** video tutorials, and digital toolkits.



ACADEMIC DATABASES AVAILABLE ON THE AU DIGITAL LIBRARY

Discover a wide range of high quality, subscription-based academic resources accessible to all AU students, faculty, and researchers through the AU Digital Library.

EBSCO Academic Search Complete

- ❖ 20,444+ indexed journals & magazines
- ❖ 18,453 peer-reviewed
- ❖ 8,949+ full-text journals
- ❖ 20,284+ subjects

EBSCO Business Source Ultimate

- ❖ 8,132 indexed journals & magazines
- ❖ 4,873 peer-reviewed
- ❖ 6,503+ full-text journals
- ❖ 16,185+ subjects

Samples of Open Access Resources Available on the AU Digital Library

- **Internet Archive:** *Over 1 trillion freely accessible web pages*
- **DOAB: The Directory of Open Access Books:** *Over 106,500 peer-reviewed books.*
- **OALib:** *More than 5,719,613 open-access articles covering a wide range of academic disciplines.*



NEW DATABASE:

EBSCO ACADEMIC SEARCH ULTIMATE

AU Digital Library Announcement

The AU Digital Library is pleased to announce that the **EBSCO Academic Search Complete** database has been officially upgraded to **Academic Search Ultimate** in order to better support the academic and research needs of AU students, faculty members, and researchers.

This upgrade reflects AU Library's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality, depth, and accessibility of scholarly resources available to the university community. The new subscription will provide significantly broader coverage of peer-reviewed journals, full-text academic resources, and high-impact scholarly publications across multiple disciplines.

The **Academic Search Ultimate** database will become officially active starting from the **Summer Semester 2026**.

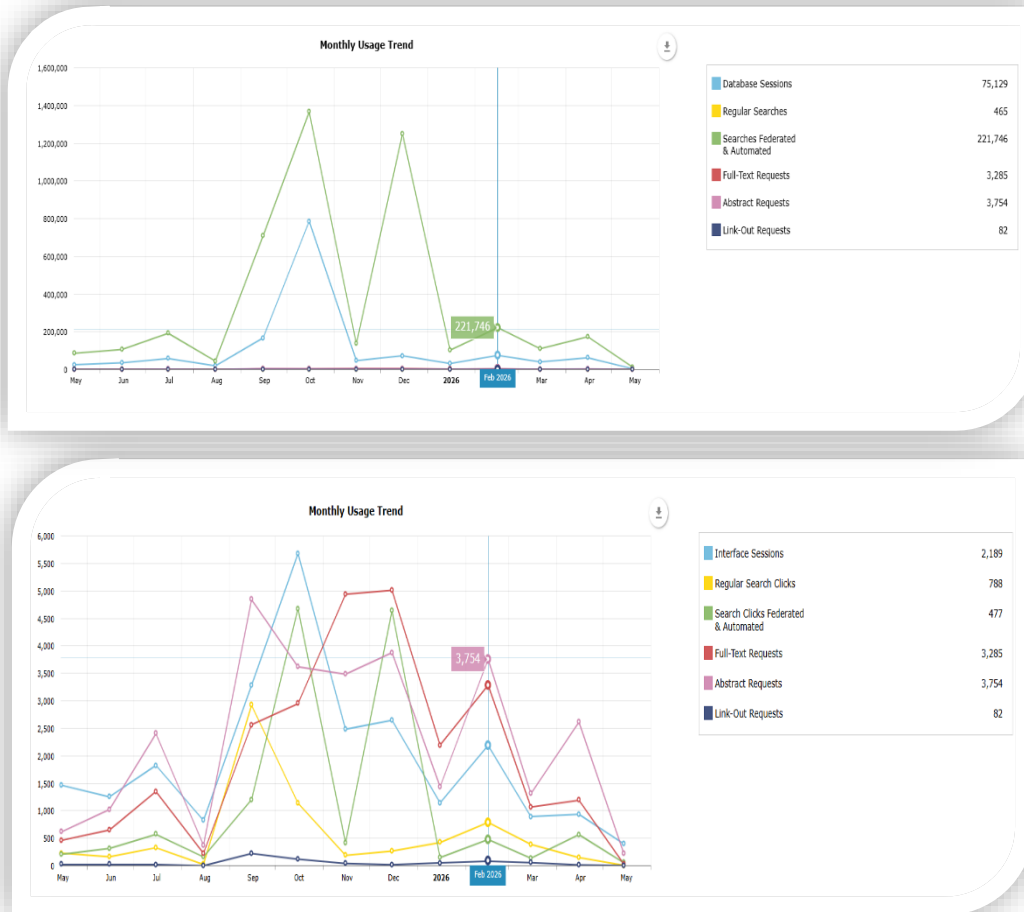
Features	Academic Search Complete	Academic Search Ultimate
Active Full-Text Journals & Magazines	5,759	10,179
Active Full-Text Peer-Reviewed Journals	5,310	9,472
Active Full-Text Peer-Reviewed Journals with No Embargo	3,702	7,497
Active Full-Text Journals Indexed in Web of Science or Scopus	3,873	5,828

Additional Benefits for AU Students, Faculty, and Researchers

The upgrade to **Academic Search Ultimate** provides several major advantages, including:

- ➔ Access to a substantially larger collection of scholarly and peer-reviewed journals.
- ➔ Increased availability of high-impact journals indexed in **Scopus** and **Web of Science**.
- ➔ More full-text articles available immediately with reduced or no embargo restrictions.
- ➔ Enhanced support for advanced academic research, dissertations, coursework, and publication activities.
- ➔ Improved interdisciplinary coverage across business, engineering, health sciences, humanities, social sciences, and technology.
- ➔ Better research efficiency through expanded discovery and access to reliable academic resources.
- ➔ Stronger support for AU's teaching, learning, accreditation, and research excellence initiatives.

AU DIGITAL LIBRARY USAGE FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2025/2026



During the Spring Semester 2026 (January–May 2026), the AU Digital Library continued to demonstrate strong engagement with electronic resources and discovery services. According to the Database Usage Report, federated and automated searches remained the dominant activity, reaching approximately **221,746** searches during February 2026, while database sessions recorded around **75,129** sessions. In addition, full-text requests reached approximately **3,285** and abstract requests increased to nearly **3,754**, indicating that students and faculty members were actively accessing and utilizing scholarly materials and academic content throughout the semester.

Moreover, the continued increase in full-text and abstract requests confirms that users were effectively engaging with the discovery platform to retrieve academic resources and research materials. The alignment between the Database Usage Report and the Interface Usage Report demonstrates that AU students and faculty members maintained active use of the digital library services during the Spring semester, highlighting the effectiveness of the library's digital systems, online research support, and awareness efforts in promoting efficient access to electronic resources and academic databases.

FEATURED RESEARCH: *UNLOCKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS: THE IMPACT OF TIME MANAGEMENT ON COLLEGE STUDENTS' STUDY ENGAGEMENT.*

BY YUTING FU. (2025)

Access the full article here: [Unlocking academic success: The impact of time management on college students' study engagement.](#)

A recent study by Yuting Fu (2025) explores the significant impact of time management on university students' academic engagement and overall success. The study examined responses from more than 1,000 college students and found that students who effectively manage their time tend to be more organized, focused, and actively involved in their learning activities.

The research also highlights the important role of self-control in academic achievement. According to the findings, students with stronger time management skills are better able to control distractions, particularly excessive mobile phone use, which positively affects their concentration and study engagement. In contrast, poor time management was associated with lower focus, reduced productivity, and weaker academic participation.

Additionally, the study emphasizes that effective time management not only improves academic performance but also supports students' personal development by encouraging discipline, responsibility, and healthier study habits. The author recommends that universities provide workshops, guidance, and support programs to help students strengthen their time management and self-regulation skills.

Overall, the article demonstrates that time management is a key factor in helping students succeed academically while maintaining better balance and engagement in university life.

Focus Areas of the Study:

- Improving students' time management skills and academic engagement
- The relationship between self-control and study performance
- The impact of mobile phone dependence on students' focus and learning

TRAINING SESSIONS

TRIAL ACCESS TO SCOPUS, SCOPUS AI & SCIVAL

The AU Library successfully arranged trial access to Scopus, Scopus AI, and SciVal for the Australian University community during April 2026. The initiative aimed to introduce faculty members, researchers, and staff to advanced research, citation, analytics, and AI-powered academic tools provided by Elsevier.

As part of the trial period, an online demonstration session was conducted by Dmitri Sultanov, Elsevier Regional Account Manager for Research Solutions, where participants were introduced to the platforms' key features, including research discovery, citation analysis, AI-assisted literature exploration, and institutional research benchmarking.

The session witnessed valuable engagement from AU faculty and staff and highlighted the AU Library's ongoing commitment to supporting research excellence, innovation, and access to world-class academic resources for the university community.

 Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2026

 Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

 Platform: Microsoft Teams



FREE WEBINARS

WORKSHOPS & RESEARCH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

As part of its continuous commitment to supporting academic excellence and research development, the AU Library collaborated with Taylor & Francis to provide a series of free online webinars for AU faculty members, researchers, and postgraduate students during Spring and Summer 2026.

The webinar series focused on essential topics related to research, academic publishing, and scholarly communication. Sessions covered a variety of important areas including selecting high-quality journals, research integrity and publishing ethics, academic article writing across different disciplines, and effective peer reviewing skills.

The initiative aimed to enhance the research capabilities of the AU community by providing direct guidance from publishing and academic experts. Participants were introduced to best practices in academic writing, ethical publishing standards, and strategies for increasing research visibility and impact.

These webinars reflect the AU Library's ongoing efforts to empower researchers and promote continuous professional and academic development within the university community.

 Period: February – June 2026

 Platform: Online Webinars

 Target Audience: Faculty Members, Researchers & Postgraduate Students



AU LIBRARY

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of the AU Library Newsletter. We remain committed to enhancing your academic journey through continuous improvements in our services, resources, and support initiatives. Your feedback is always valuable and helps us grow in ways that better serve the AU community. We encourage you to stay connected, explore the wide range of tools and collections available through the AU Library, and reach out whenever you need assistance.

Together, we continue building a stronger, more resourceful academic environment for all.

For any inquiries or further assistance, please feel free to contact us at library@au.edu.kw.

We look forward to supporting your learning and research this academic year.

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