Finding research articles

There are several ways to get access to article through the Unitec Library.
Go to the Unitec Library website http://library.unitec.ac.nz

1. **Articles express** (access from the Library home page)

   a. Type in your keywords and click ‘Search’
   b. Limit your results to ‘Peer-reviewed Journals’ on the left, to ensure that you get quality research that has been reviewed by other experts in the field

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   c. Narrow down your results by using the refiners on the left

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   d. If you aren’t getting the results you want

      - Change the keywords you are using to do your search OR
      - Use the suggested ‘Subjects’ to refine your results further

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   e. Access articles by selecting ‘View online’ and then click one of the full text links that appear
2. **Databases – Communication databases via Ebsco.** This is a really good source of articles as it is part of our biggest database at Unitec. To access:

   a. From the Library home page click ‘Subject Guides’
   b. Go into the ‘Communication’ subject guide
   c. Go to the ‘Databases’ tab at the top. From here you will see a list of databases that have Communication related content.
   d. Select ‘Communication databases via Ebsco’ (if you are off campus you will be asked to login using your Unitec Login and password)
   e. Tick ‘Select all’ and click ‘Continue’

Once you are here you can begin finding articles.

Enter each of your keywords or terms in the different search boxes.

Tips:

- Suggested keywords appear as you type, use some of these if you can
- Try changing your keywords if you get too few results
- Try adding keywords or using more specific ones if you get too many results
- For searching New Zealand related content use the word ‘Zealand’ in one of the search boxes

To get the best results

- Tick the **Full Text** box so you get results with articles you can access through Unitec
- Tick the **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** box, again so you get better quality research
- Use the Refiners on the left to narrow down your results

To access:

- For more information click on the blue title of the article you are interested in. This will give you the abstract and the article details.
- To read click on the link to the link to ‘PDF Full Text’ or ‘HTML Full Text’
Have a look at the Communication Study Guide for more Communication Studies specific resources and tools.

The Library Website also has many study resources including the Study Toolbox which you can access from the Library home page

http://libguides.unitc.ac.nz/studytoolbox

If you get stuck send an email or give a call to your Knowledge Specialist. Contact details can be found on the Communication Study Guide.