Performing a literature search using databases in EBSCOhost

You should use the Advanced Search option when searching databases in EBSCOhost if you need to perform a literature search or review.

Selecting databases

You can search as many databases as you wish simultaneously (try to only select databases that are relevant to your topic).

Using the Advanced Search option

After selecting your databases the screen will open on the Advanced Search option. This option will allow you to perform a ‘Field search’ where you can combine related terms from one concept of your topic and select which field you wish those terms to appear within a document.

You can use techniques such as truncation, wildcard and proximity operators to enhance your search terms.

You should perform a separate search for each concept of your topic.
Combining your searches using your Search History

Each search you make will be added to your Search History. You can view this by clicking on the Search History link.

You will need to combine these searches (S1, S2 & S3) together using the AND operator to get your final result (S4):

You can refine your results further by using EBSCOhost’s ‘Search Limiter’ options (see the Using Search Limiters guide in this section to discover how to do this).