How are EBSCO's disciplines selected and assigned?

The disciplines selected for inclusion in *EBSCO Discovery Service*’s Discipline Limited Searching (DLS) were derived from several controlled vocabularies and leverage EBSCO’s existing thesauri. The goal in creating the list was to make sure the discipline set covered a wide spectrum of topics, yet with an eye toward distinctness. Several factors were considered including:

- number of articles, titles, and databases that would be indexed with each discipline
- the number of vocabularies that include the discipline
- the level of indexing depth associated with the discipline

The list is non-hierarchical, some disciplines may be narrower in focus than others, but all of them represent distinct academic or professional fields with a large amount of content available. Each discipline acts as an umbrella term under which narrower subjects are organized. These subjects are used to further refine search results within a discipline but can appear in more than one discipline.

Disciplines have been indexed at the database level, in addition to utilizing BISAC headings and call numbers for *EBSCO eBooks* and library catalogs, respectively.

**Disciplines:**

- Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Anthropology
- Applied Sciences
- Architecture
- Arts & Entertainment
- Astronomy & Astrophysics
- Biography
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Botany
- Business & Management
- Chemistry
- Communication & Mass Media
- Complementary & Alternative Medicine
- Computer Science
- Construction & Building
- Consumer Health
• Dance
• Dentistry
• Diplomacy & International Relations
• Drama & Theater Arts
• Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
• Economics
• Education
• Engineering
• Environmental Sciences
• Ethnic & Cultural Studies
• Film
• Forestry
• Geography & Cartography
• Geology
• Health & Medicine
• History
• Information Technology
• Language & Linguistics
• Law
• Library & Information Science
• Life Sciences
• Literature & Writing
• Marketing
• Mathematics
• Military History & Science
• Mining & Mineral Resources
• Music
• Nursing & Allied Health
• Nutrition & Dietetics
• Oceanography
• Pharmacy & Pharmacology
• Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy
• Physics
• Political Science
• Politics & Government
• Power & Energy
• Psychology
• Public Health
• Religion & Philosophy
• Science
• Social Sciences & Humanities
• Social Work
• Sociology
• Sports & Leisure
• Sports Medicine
• Technology
• Veterinary Medicine
• Visual Arts
• Women's Studies & Feminism
• Zoology