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Points to note:-

- Typing an abbreviated journal title into Explore usually won’t work so look it up in one of the links provided in the ‘Collections’ tab at www.ucl.ac.uk/library/subject-support/guides/reference or ask for help.

- Where you see the word “Pers” in the Catalogue as in “Geosciences Pers” this is an abbreviation of the word periodicals which is just another name for journals.

- If you want to know what journal articles have been published on a particular topic you can search a specialist database which is more focused on your subject so see www.ucl.ac.uk/library/electronic-resources/database.

Looking for a journal title in Explore

www.ucl.ac.uk/library/explore

“Locations” = Collection(s) or Libraries where you will find the journal with details of dates held.
By clicking on the + to the left hand side of “Archaeology” you can find details of volumes held in this location:

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This indicates that the volumes on the shelves are Volume 45 (also Number 177), published in 1993, and Volume 58 published in 2006 to Volume 65 published in 2013.

By clicking on the + to the left hand side of “Stores” you can find details of volumes held in this location:

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This indicates that the volumes on the shelves in our storage facility outside London are Volumes 46 to 57 covering the years 1994 to 2005.

The "Details" tab provides information about the journal including publisher, start date, International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) etc.
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How to physically locate journals

• To find the journal on the shelves within collections consult the “Subject Locations” guide, follow signs or floorplans, or ask a member of Library Staff

• Journals are shelved in alphabetical order so Journal of Geology, for example, will be under “J” and the shelf arrangement will ignore words such as “of”

• Many journals are now kept in our Store outside London but they can be ordered for next-day delivery to several of our libraries. You can fill in a Store Request Form at the top of the Explore Home Page or via www.ucl.ac.uk/library/stores

E-journals

You can access e-journals via Explore or via the dedicated ejournals web pages on UCL Library Services’ website www.ucl.ac.uk/library/electronic-resources/ejournal-faq

Usually you can click “View Online” to the left of the “Locations” tab for journals in electronic format but sometimes there is a separate record for this below the print holdings:

provides links to electronic versions of a journal and to specific articles, and you will find this in addition to the “View Online” tab but they usually lead to the same place.
It is important to note details of the volumes and years available, sometimes through more than one service, as you may come across details of volumes that are not covered by our subscription.

You sometimes have to hunt around to find older volumes via e.g. "All Issues" or "Archive".

If you have any problems with e-journals please fill in a Problem Report Form at: www.ucl.ac.uk/library/electronic-resources/problem-form