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How to Search for Scholarly Articles in Library Databases

1. Go to the library homepage at http://www.greensboro.edu/library

2. On the library’s homepage, click on “search databases” in the middle of the page to access our database list

The Library houses 28 computer workstations, including 5 laptops that are available for students to borrow for in-library use. The Library also hosts a number of fun social events throughout the year, such as game nights, knitting lessons, craft projects, and a Halloween costume contest.

View a full list of collections in the James Addison Jones Library.

Frequent Links

3. From here, you can see a list of all the databases you have access to through the library. There are a bunch of different ones based on different subjects, but for general research, I recommend the ones on the right side of the page listed under “Popular Databases.” I’ll show you how to use ProQuest Central.

Popular Databases

The most frequently-used databases

JSTOR
Now updated with the Arts & Sciences VII Collection! JSTOR offers a high-quality multi-subject archive to support scholarship and teaching. Journals are always included from volume 1, issue 1 and include previous and related titles.

Lexis-Nexis Academic
Lexis Nexis contains company and industry information for business research as well as codes, court cases and other legal information for legal research. Lexis Nexis also provides access to an array of newspapers and full text journal articles for legal and business research.

ProQuest Central
An all-inclusive database for over 175 subjects from magazines, journals and newspapers, including peer-reviewed and scholarly works.
4. Click on the name of the database to get started!

5. Since these are databases the library pays for, you have to prove you’re a student before you can get access. Enter your email WITHOUT the @greensboro.edu and your email password to log in.

To access library resources, please login using your Greensboro College e-mail credentials.

Your username is your e-mail address without the @greensboro.edu.

Your password is your e-mail password.

Please enter your username: Lauren.Brewer
Please enter your password: ********
Login

6. In ProQuest Central, you’ll type your search keywords in the big box at the top of the page. All the databases look different, but they should have a search box for you to type your keywords. Remember to use AND, OR, and NOT to expand your search! I’m looking for resources on fascism in America, so I’ll type in fascism AND America to make sure both those words show up in my results. I also checked the boxes beside “Full text” and “Peer reviewed” because I want articles that are peer reviewed and have the full text of the article available for me to read.
7. Once you hit search, your results will pop up. If you selected the “Full text” and “Peer reviewed” boxes, 99% of the results you should get are scholarly, peer-reviewed, journal articles. Now the fun part of reading through the results and seeing if they fit your paper begins!

**Tips & Tricks**

- If you can’t find any useful results, try brainstorming other keywords you can use to search! And try combining words with AND, OR, and NOT
  - AND makes sure both words appear in your results (fascism AND america)
  - OR makes sure both words appear in your results, but not necessarily in the same article. This is great for similar words! (fascism OR nazis)
  - NOT makes sure the word after NOT doesn’t appear at all in your results. This is useful if the two terms are often used together in a specific context (fascism NOT nazis)

- You can change the search settings to only include results published during a certain year, if for example, you need articles from the last 5 years. In every database this looks different, but in ProQuest it’s on the left side of the results page after you search:

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Publication date
1930 - 2017 (decades)

Enter a date range  Update
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- Most importantly: if you’re having trouble, please come into the library or send me an email! We can work on developing keywords, topics, and search strategies together!