Overview

The world's largest academic multi-disciplinary database, Academic Search Premier provides full-text for nearly 4,600 scholarly publications, including full-text for more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study and offers information dating as far back as 1975. This database is updated on a daily basis via EBSCOhost.

This guide covers basic searching techniques for Academic Search Premier. For an in-depth discussion of general searching strategies for all databases, consult Searching Strategies for the Sawyer Library's Subscription Databases.

Access to Academic Search Premier

Access to Academic Search Premier is limited to current Suffolk University students and faculty. To use Academic Search Premier on campus, go to the Sawyer Library web page at www.suffolk.edu/sawlib/sawyer.htm. Select Databases When You Are On Campus. Choose Academic Search Premier from the database list.

To search from off campus, choose Databases When You are Off Campus and go to the List of Databases Available from Home. You must have a valid Suffolk University ID to use this database from off-campus.

Basic Keyword Search
Use the **Basic Keyword Search** to generate a list of articles containing one or more key terms found in the Article Title, Article Subject Headings, Author and Abstract fields. You may combine multiple terms using Boolean operators "**and,**" "**or,**" "**not**":

- The "**and**" operator combines terms so that each result contains all of the terms.
- The "**or**" operator produces results that contain at least one of the terms.
- The "**not**" operator produces results that do not contain any of the terms that follow the "**not**" operator.

Click the **Search** button to start the search (go to **Search Results**) or select search **Limiters** or **Expanders** as described below.

Select any **Limiters** or **Expanders** (available on the **Refine Search** sub-tab) that you want to apply to the search. For example:

- **Peer Reviewed** limits search results to articles from peer-reviewed journals (publications that include only those articles that have been reviewed by experts in the field of study covered by the journal).
- **Full Text** limits the search results to full-text articles.
● **Publication Type** gives you a drop-down list of options to limit search results to a specific type of publication.

● **Search within full text** expands the search to include the full-text of articles.

Click the **Search** button to start the search (go to **Search Results**.)

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**Advanced Keyword Search**

On the tabbed toolbar, click **Advanced Search**. Enter your search terms in the **Find** fields. Boolean operators ("**and**", "**or**", "**not**") can be included in your search.

You can also select fields for the search terms. The default fields for searches are: Article Title, Article Subject Headings, Author and Abstract. Additional choices are available in the drop-down menus.

Click the **Search** button to start the search (go to **Search Results**.) or select search **Limiters** or **Expanders** to further refine your search results. **Advanced Search** gives you more **Limiters** to choose...
Search Results

The initial search results screen displays All Results sorted by Date (most recent to oldest). You may limit the results to Scholarly Journals, Magazines, or Newspapers. You may also change the order in which the results are displayed by clicking Source, Author, or Relevance in the Sort drop-down list. To further limit or expand your search results, click the Refine Search tab.

Click on the HTML Full Text or PDF Full Text link below the citation to view the full-text article.

If the full-text article is not in the Academic Search Premier database, click Check Full-Text Search Engine to see if the Sawyer Library has access to the publication’s full-text articles in a different research database. Clicking Click HERE to see library holdings or Check Library Catalog searches the online catalog to determine whether the publication is available in any
Reference & Citation Searching

1. U.S. National Identity, Political Elites, and a Patriotic Press Following September 11
   BILLEAudeauX, ANDRE; GARLAND, PHILIP. Political Communication, Jan2004, V
   References (65)  Times Cited (1)
   Check Full-Text Search Engine  Check Library Catalog

Clicking the References link in a search result displays the References sub-tab screen which lists records cited in your original article. If you click the Times Cited link, the Citing Articles sub-tab screen presents a list of records that cite your original article.

On the References sub-tab screen, marking the checkbox beside a reference and clicking the Related Records button will display a list of articles that cite this reference. In the example shown, the list would consist of 35 citing articles.
You may also search for citations of a specific article. Click References on the green tabbed toolbar. Enter search terms in the Author, Title, Source, Year or All fields and click the Search button. The References search screen will display a list of citation records for the search terms you entered. If you mark the checkbox of a citation record, you will retrieve a list of citing articles.

Subject Terms Search

Click the Subject Terms tab on the green toolbar to browse a list of subject headings available in the database. Since the headings are drawn from the subjects assigned to each record in the database, all terms link to pertinent records.

Enter your search term in the Browse for field, select either the Alphabetical or Relevancy Ranked radio button, and click Browse. In this example, the search term "pueblo pottery" is also a subject.
heading. Clicking the subject heading displays more information including broader and narrower terms. Placing a checkmark in the box beside the term and clicking the **Add** button selects the term and places it in the **Find** search box. Click the **Search** button to start the search (go to **Search Results**).

**Indexes Search**

Access the index browse feature by clicking the **Indexes** tab on the green toolbar.

First, select an index from the drop-down/pop-up menu in the **Browse an Index** field.
Then enter a term in the **Browse for** field and click the **Browse** button.

In this example, the search is for the term "clinton, bill" in the **People** index. Values matching the search term are displayed along with the corresponding number of hits (**Records Count**). Placing a checkmark in the box beside the desired term and clicking the **Add** button selects the term and places it in the **Find** search box. To run the search, click the **Search** button (go to **Search Results**).

### Publications Search

From the green tabbed toolbar, click the **Publications** button to search for publications in the Academic Search Premier database. Enter your search terms in the **Browse Publications** field, select a search type...
Publications that match your search criteria are displayed. For a description of the journal or publication, click the hyperlinked Publication Name. The information found in the details may include: the title, publisher information, a description of the journal, and whether the journal is peer-reviewed. Hyperlinks to all available issues are displayed in a column on the right side of the screen.

Images Search
To search for images, click the **Images** tab on the green toolbar.

- Enter your search term(s) in the **Find** field
- Select one or more image categories to limit your search (optional)
- Click the **Search** button.

The **Images** search generates a list of results containing search terms found in the title or caption of an image. Click on the thumbnail to view, print, or save the image.