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Center “Search Box” with One Search, Books, Articles, Subject Guides

One Search searches many of our resources, but not all. Enter any search term and get many results (rather like Google). It’s useful if you know the exact item you want, but not always useful if you want to find information on a topic.

Books searches the library catalog for print books, electronic books, government documents, juvenile books, reference books, video and audio titles. If we don’t have a book you want, you can sometimes get it from another CSU library through CSU+ or Interlibrary Loan

Articles searches many of the databases all at one time.
Subject guides lists subjects by department, e.g., English or Education or Criminal Justice. There is also a “browse all subject guides,” which includes other guides to help you, e.g., citation.

Key “Quick Links”

Databases A-Z Lists our 127 databases and you can click on the one you want to search. To figure out which one you want, use the subject guides.

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If you sign in on a public computer, be sure to sign out before you leave. You don’t want others seeing your record or checking books out in your name.

Principles of Searching

1. You want to find information for your project and keep out the “noise,” that is, things that don’t belong.

2. You want information, but you should also look for clues—words or phrases or names or organizations that are in your results. You can use them as search terms if you need to find more information.

3. Getting more results is not always helpful. It’s better to get fewer results that are exactly what you need than get hundreds of results that don’t fit. Often, the motto to remember is “less is best.”

4. If you get no results, don’t panic—try other words, take out your least important word and see if anything shows up. Get help from a librarian.

Useful Places to Search for Your Project

- Academic Search Complete
- CQ Researcher
- ProQuest News
- Opposing Viewpoints in Context
- Federal website: http://www.usa.gov
- California website: http://www.ca.gov
Additional Places to Search for Your Specific Topics

ABI/Inform Complete, Business Source Complete: business databases that will help with promotion and wage equity topics

Berg Fashion Library: cultural appropriation in fashion. Be sure to search “cultural appropriation” with quotation marks around the phrase to make sure the two words are next to each other

CINAHL: suicide/euthanasia, sexual abuse

Communication and Mass Media Complete: video games, voting (perhaps), cultural appropriation in fashion

Criminal Justice Abstracts: any topic with criminal aspects, such as suicide/euthanasia, death penalty, sexual harassment, police issues, immigration policies, guns, security (physical and cyber), human trafficking, prostitution, prison issues

Education Research Complete: teenagers, bullyin in schools, surveillance in schools, education for prisoners

Political Science Abstracts: voting issues, black lives matter and other movements (#MeToo), policy issues related to suicide/euthanasia, death penalty

PsycArticles, PsycInfo: any topic that deals with attitudes and human decision-making, such as racism, bullying, police, prostitution, women’s oppression, guns, prisoners, native americans,

PubMed: suicide/euthanasia, sexual abuse

Social Services Abstracts: prostitution, human trafficking, immigration

Sociological Abstracts: prison issues, U.S. treatment of native americans, black lives matter, #MeToo

Westlaw: legal issues, such as immigration, human trafficking, prostitution, guns, black lives matter
Google Scholar

See separate handout for how to connect your computer to Google Scholar.

You can search Google Scholar, but make sure you can connect to CSUEB’s library to ensure finding information that’s not freely available on the Web. Also, when we get to citation, you’ll see you have to find article citations separately and also edit them more.

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Note: APA & MLA handbooks are at the reference desk

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