SI 647 pt. 2: Library Resources for Search

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What we’ll cover today

- Getting started with search
- Compare and contrast various resources
  - Open Web
  - Google Scholar
  - Library Website
  - Scopus
- Search tips & strategies
- Give it a try!
How do you begin researching a question?
General tips for searching

- Phrase searching (""")
- Truncation (*)
- Try many different keywords
- Boolean “OR”
- Boolean “AND”
- Combine strategies
- Iterate
THE GREAT WIDE INTERNET!
(Using the search engine of your choice)

Tip: Use site search

Tip: Open Access Button, Unpaywall, or other browser extensions to find legal, free versions of research articles
Google Scholar

Tip: use [link on library homepage](#) to be sure you’re signed in!
Library Search results

Example of library search results
Library Databases

**Academic Discipline**

**Arts (181)**
- Architecture (66)
- Art and Design (51)
- Art History (68)
- Dance (15)
- Film and Video Studies (69)
- Landscape Architecture (22)
- Music (74)
- Theatre and Drama (53)

**Business (110)**
- Business (General) (64)
- Careers (18)
- Companies and Industry (29)
- Entrepreneurship (23)
- Finance (45)
- International Business (47)
- Management (40)
- Marketing (51)

**Engineering (145)**
- Aerospace Engineering (18)
- Automotive Engineering (11)
- Biomedical Engineering (41)
- Chemical Engineering (46)
- Civil Engineering (18)
- Climate Sciences (13)
- Computer Science (25)
- Electrical Engineering (14)
- Energy (14)
- Engineering (General) (22)
- Engineering Education (6)
- Entrepreneurship (23)

**Humanities (408)**
- American Culture (180)
- Asian Languages and Cultures (104)
- Classical Studies (95)
- English Language and Literature (161)
- General and Comparative Literature (57)
- Germanic Languages and Literatures (24)
- History (General) (260)
- Humanities (General) (90)
- Judaic Studies (64)
- Linguistics (46)
- Museum Studies (20)
- Philosophy (50)
- Religious Studies (162)
- Romance Languages and Literatures (27)
  - French Language and Literatures (19)
  - Italian Language and Literatures (14)
  - Portuguese Language and Literatures (21)
  - Spanish Language and Literatures (37)
  - Scandinavian Languages and Literatures (10)
  - Slavic Languages and Literatures (10)
  - United States History (265)

**International Studies (296)**
- African Studies (79)
- Asian Studies (95)
  - Central Asian and Caucasian Studies (27)
  - Chinese Studies (98)
  - East Asian Studies (72)
  - Japanese Studies (30)
  - Korean Studies (24)
  - Pacific/ Australia/ New Zealand Studies (14)
- South Asian Studies (49)
- Southeast Asian Studies (43)
Scopus
Activity

- Start with a research topic/question
- THINK--brainstorm some strategies and approaches
- Choose ONE pathway
  - Open web
  - Google Scholar
  - Library website
  - Scopus database
- Explore the topic, making note of your experiences. Try to find one relevant source to bring back for discussion
- Compare & contrast experiences
A patron is going to address their local city council regarding a new proposal to limit car traffic in the downtown area.

In order to prepare, they want to do background research on the pros, cons, and other implications of such policies.

How will you help?
10-15 minutes independent work

- Choose one:
  - Open Web
  - Google Scholar
  - Library website
  - Scopus

- Experiment!
- Try to bring back one relevant result
- Be prepared to share something about your experience:
  - What worked well?
  - What obstacles did you encounter?
  - Did you feel you were on the right track, or did you want to take a whole new approach?
Useful links to bookmark

- [Library website](#)
- [Information Science guide](#)
- [About Becky](#) (contact info and/or schedule an appointment)
- [Ask a Librarian service](#) (instant message, text or email)
Questions?

And thank you!

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