Searching for Articles

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1. To perform a basic search for articles, choose the Articles tab from the library homepage, pvd.library.jwu.edu

Technique: Start with the broadest possible keyword. The Articles tab will search 25 of the library’s 99 databases; it covers many topics, but if your search is very specialized, please reach out to a librarian for assistance with choosing a database.
2. This is your results page. You can see that we have too many results to look through, so your first job is to narrow the search. Start with the Refine Results options. If you know, for instance, that you need your article today, check the Full Text box. If your research topic is timely, narrow the Publication Date to the 5 years. You can also narrow your results by Source Types; if you need Peer-Reviewed or Scholarly Sources, be sure to check those boxes, as well.
3. Now it’s time to add another keyword. If you are not sure what you want to research under your broad topic, try looking at the Subjects listed under each result for ideas.

Type your next keyword in the second search box. You will notice that the database is using AND to link your two keywords together. Alternatively, you could type “cyber security” and management in one search box.
4. Add as many additional keywords as you’d like. When you find an article that looks good, click on its title. This will bring you into a record of the article, which means you will see information about the article’s publication and an abstract, or summary, of the article. Use the abstract to determine whether the article is related to your own research; this way, you can avoid reading a lengthy article only to realize it is about a different topic than your own.
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