Literature Database Search

Step by step literature search
General search tips
Databases
How do you search for literature?
Step - by - step literature search

1. Subject selection
2. Frame the research question
3. Define search terms
4. Publication types & search tools
5. Search techniques & strategies
6. Citing and reference managing
General search tips

Define search terms

Use multiple search tools

Practice with search techniques
Search terms

- Specific / general
- Specialist term
- Synonyms
- Language
- Key terms
Search tools

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Find Literature

Our recommendations
The NSM Library Team offers workshops (free of charge) for students and staff of the Radboud University.

- Web of Science
  All subjects; journal articles
  more...
- RUQuest
  All subjects; journals, books, journal articles
  more...
- JSTOR
  General; journal articles
  more...
- International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)
  Economics, political science, social and cultural anthropology, sociology, journal articles

Find Data

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- EU Open Data Portal
  Access portal; European Union open data
  more...
- European Social Survey
  Survey data; media & social trust; politics; well-being; socio & demographics; human values
  more...
- MacroDataGuide - NSD
  Data source overview; datasets; social sciences; culture, politics, education
  more...
- OECD iLibrary
  OECD; full text books; publications
  more...

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Search techniques

Boolean search

AND - All terms must appear in the search results

OR - One or both terms must appear in the search results

NOT - The terms must not appear in the search results

More search techniques
“chocolate cake” AND “cherry on top”
“raspberry cake”
OR “chocolate cake”
OR “coconut cake”
OR “caramel cake”
Databases

Goolge Scholar
RU Quest
Web of Science
Business Source Complete
EconLit
Advanced search

Find articles
with all of the words
with the exact phrase
with at least one of the words
without the words
where my words occur
○ anywhere in the article
○ in the title of the article

Return articles authored by
e.g., “PJ Hayes” or McCarthy

Return articles published in
e.g., J Biol Chem or Nature

Return articles dated between
e.g., 1996
More GS tips

- Cited by search
- Endnote export
- Journal metrics h5 index

Smarter searches with Google
## Advanced Search

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**Search**
More RUQuest tips

Basic search with pre-selection books, articles or journals

Sort by: best match, recency, library

Use filters like library location, material type, year of publication

EndNote export

RUQuest Help
Basic Search

And

Or

Not

Author Search

Example: oil spill* mediterranean

Cited Reference Search

Advanced Search

Structure Search

Topic

Search tips

+ Add row | Reset
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Filters by Scholarly (peer reviewed)

Thesaurus

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