

# Durham County Library

## Academic Search Premier

This multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 4,500 journals, including full text for more than 3,700 peer-reviewed titles. Academic Search Premier contains unmatched full text coverage in biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, psychology, religion & theology, etc.

**Access:** NC LIVE password (call 560-0110 or email [librarywebmaster@durhamcountync.gov](mailto:librarywebmaster@durhamcountync.gov) for current password)

### Search Options:

#### Basic:

- Type your keywords in the search box.
- Click the check box next to Full Text if you only want to see articles which you can read online. If you do not check this box, you will get both articles which you can read online and citations to articles which you would need to get the paper copy in the library or through interlibrary loan (call 560-0110 if you have any questions).
- Click the checkbox next to Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals if you must have scholarly works for an assignment.
- If you want to search through a particular journal or magazine title and you know the exact name, type the name next the Publication box.
- Click on Search.
- You will see a list of articles. If you click where it says HTML Full Text or PDF Full Text you can read the article.
- If you click on the title of an article that looks like it matches what you want from the list, you will see an abstract for the article and its subject headings. You can either click on a subject heading, or do a keyword search using the same wording as several of the subject headings to get better results.
- For example, let's say that you're searching for articles about the presidential election and you use "presidential election" as your keyword search. When you click on an article that looks right, you will see that the subject heading is "Presidents – United States – Election." You can search with those words to get better results.

#### Advanced:



- Click on Advanced Search if you want to search by more than option at a time. For example, you want to search by the author and the exact title of an article at the same time.

### Special Features:

#### Keeping a List of Articles

- If you see an article you like, click on Add to Folder from the list of articles, or if you are reading the article, click on the folder icon in the middle right of the screen.
- Once you are ready, click on the folder icon in the upper-right side of the screen to see your list. You can print, email or save all or some of your articles at the same time.

## RSS Feeds

- What is an RSS Feed? It is a subscription to different websites, blogs, or other online content which lets you see updates from many sources in one place at one time by using an online aggregator. My Yahoo, Google Reads and Bloglines are all free aggregators you can use.
- You can subscribe to any search that you do in an Ebsco database as an RSS Feed. If you have signed up with an aggregator and want to receive all the new articles in a particular magazine or journal as they are published, do a Basic Search, leaving the keywords blank with the name of the magazine typed in the Publication box. You will get a long list of articles. Click on the orange  at the top of the screen. You will get a link to copy and paste in your aggregator to get the articles as they are published.
- If you have signed up with an aggregator and want to receive all the new articles for a certain topic, do any search you like in either Basic or Advanced. Click on the orange  at the top of the screen. You will get a link to copy and paste in your aggregator to get the new articles as they are published.

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