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## Library Research Guides

### Searching EBSCO

ATLA Religion Database, Academic Search Premier, SocIndex with Fulltext. Canadian Reference Center. MasterFILE Premier

Ebsco provides us with several databases. This guide will give you a quick overview of the search page, the results list and options for how to save, request, and cite these sources for your research.

For more details on searching in Ebsco, please refer to the Help tab on the top navigation bar of each database.

**Database Name:** Click on [Choose Databases](#) to search more than one at a time. This may increase the number of results your get.

**Search Mode:** Choose 'Find all my search terms' for keyword searching. Choose 'Boolean/Phrase' for more focused results

**Limit:** Narrow your results to **peer reviewed** sources, by **date** or by other limiters.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Searching: Academic Search Premier" and a "Choose Databases" link. Below the search bar are buttons for "Search", "Create Alert", and "Clear". A navigation bar includes links for "Search Options", "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", and "Search History".

The "Search Options" section is highlighted in green and contains the following options:

- Search modes:**
  - Boolean/Phrase
  - Find all my search terms
  - Find any of my search terms
  - SmartText Searching [Hint](#)
- Apply related words:**
- Also search within the full text of the articles:**

The "Limit your results" section is also highlighted in green and contains the following options:

- Full Text:**
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals:**
- Publication:**
- Document Type:**  (Dropdown menu showing Abstract, Article)
- References Available:**
- Published Date from:** Month:  Year:  to Month:  Year:
- Publication Type:**  (Dropdown menu showing Periodical, Newspaper, Book)
- Image Quick View:**

Red arrows point from the callout boxes to the corresponding options in the interface: "Database Name" points to "Choose Databases", "Search Mode" points to "Find all my search terms", and "Limit" points to "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals" and "Published Date from".

## Search Results

**Limit:** Narrow your results to peer reviewed or full-text sources, by date or by other limiters.

**Preview pane:** Hover over this icon to preview quickly a summary or brief citation of the article

**Clustering:** Narrow your results further by subject or source type

**Full text or Not?** Check here to see if you can view the article right away. If not, click to search our Catalogue or ask us to get the item for you.

## Article Information

**Similar Results:** use this to find more articles like this

**Tools:** Click on these icons to print, save, email, bookmark, and get formatted citations in APA, MLA, Chicago & other styles