



Introduction to Academic Search Complete



Frame(s): Searching as strategic exploration; Research as inquiry	Level: 100	Learning Objective: Students can access the main library database for locating scholarly articles.
Duration: 20-25 minutes	Discipline: Any	

LESSON PLAN:

Introduction (2 minutes)

Description of the session and learning outcomes.

Finding Academic Search Complete (2-3 minutes)

- Briefly explore the library homepage.
 - ⇒ Blue “Library Search” box
 - ⇒ “Electronic Resources” link

Searching Basics (5-10 min.)

- Perform a model search in Academic Search Complete (ASC).
- The search term(s) used should suit the requirements of the research assignment the library session is intended to support.
- Describe the following:
 - ⇒ Results screen
 - ⇒ Search boxes and drop-down menus
 - ⇒ Facets

Understanding Database Records (5-10 minutes)

- Select one or more item types, such as scholarly articles, articles from magazines or newspapers, videos, or articles from trade publications, again in keeping with the research assignment.
- Describe the following:
 - ⇒ Brief record of a scholarly article (or other item type)
 - ⇒ Full record of a scholarly article (or other item type)
 - ⇒ Information for locating or accessing item(s) including printing

The session may end at this point. If additional time is available, students will be given time to use ASC individually or in groups and retrieve/access one or more items, then report out on what they locate and any challenges they encountered.

Habits addressed by this lesson:

- Be persistent, adaptable and flexible
- Recognize the broad range of information sources
- Seek help when needed