



Funk Library Easy Search

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/funkaces/>

About Funk Library Easy Search

Funk Library Easy Search is a search and discovery tool that allows you to simultaneously search more than one database. It provides access to many databases (some general and some specific) and resources that serve as a starting point to help you discover where you can find information about your topic. It is by no means intended to be comprehensive since there are many databases and other library resources it does not search, which can be found on departmental library sites (see <http://www.library.illinois.edu/services/find.php> to find).

Access:	From the Funk Library homepage (http://www.library.illinois.edu/funkaces/)
Types of searches:	Brief search: Single search field that can be searched by keywords (default), title, and author (see drop down box) Advanced search: Links to the main University Library Gateway's Easy Search tool where you can identify what resources are being searched, select resources from a variety of subject areas, and find more search tips to help you hone your search strategy.
Boolean Operators:	To <i>limit</i> results: use AND to find articles with both terms (x AND y) To <i>broaden</i> results: use OR to find articles with either term (x OR y) To <i>eliminate</i> some terms: use NOT to find articles with one term but not the other (x NOT y) Funk Library Easy Search defaults to AND searches. If you search for "landscape architecture," Funk Library Easy Search interprets it as "landscape AND architecture."
Search Options:	To search for a specific phrase, surround the phrase with quotes. To search for a specific title phrase, surround the phrase with quotes and select "title" in the drop-down menu.
Results Page:	The "Suggestions" box at the top of the page may suggest a relevant LibGuide (a subject-specific research guide), a specific and relevant database or journal, and a list of related terms that you can add to your search or start a new search with. It also has a link to the "Ask a Librarian" chat reference service, which will summon the online aid of a reference librarian. Below the Suggestions box is the list of results, including all of the matches found in the various databases and online resources that are included in Funk Library Easy Search. For a full list of what is included in the Funk Library Easy Search, please see the back page of this handout. Each "matches" result is a link that will open in a new tab or page and take you to the results page of the specific resource. Once you are within a resource, it may be beneficial to narrow your search by time period, format, subject area, etc.

Choosing search terms

1. Choose specific terms closely related to your research topic.
2. Choose terms that you might use when discussing your topic with a colleague, including current jargon.
3. Include synonyms and abbreviations.
4. This search is not case sensitive.
5. Funk Library Easy Search also finds variant spellings and forms of a word.

If you need assistance, contact a

Funk Library librarian!

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What You're Searching When You Use Funk Library Easy Search:

Multi-Subject Article Databases	Academic Search Premier PLUS (EBSCO); Academic Onefile (InfoTrac); Scopus; Web of Science <i>General, broad databases, good for sweeping searches of a variety of resources.</i>
Business Resources	EconLit <i>Specific subject resources that are good for narrowing your search.</i>
Engineering Resources	Compendex (Engineering Index) <i>Specific subject resources that are good for narrowing your search.</i>
Life Sciences Resources	Life Sciences Ebsco; BIOSIS Citation Index; PubMed; CAB Abstracts and Global Health; Food Science & Technology Abstracts; Zoological Record; Environmental Sciences & Pollution Management <i>Specific subject resources that are good for narrowing your search.</i>
Social Sciences Resources	Sociological Abstracts <i>Specific subject resources that are good for narrowing your search.</i>
E-Journals and Databases	Online Journals and Databases; Databases List <i>Searches all online journals and databases that UIUC library patrons have access to.</i>
Books, Ebooks, & Media in UIUC & Illinois Libraries	UIUC Library Classic Catalog; UIUC Library VuFind+ Catalog; I-Share Library Catalog [state-wide Illinois, academic]; Springer Ebooks; Elsevier Ebooks; Wiley Ebooks; Google Books; Hathi Trust Ebooks; IDEALS [UIUC Reports, Papers]; Amazon Books <i>Comprehensive search of all physical and electronic books that UIUC library patrons have access to.</i>
Web Search Engines	Google; Bing; Google Scholar <i>Internet search engines.</i>
Library Web Pages	Library Web Pages, including LibGuides, ContentDM Collections, Archon, and Library Committee Materials <i>Searches image collections, archival collections, subject guides, and Library Web Pages.</i>