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LexisNexis Academic

LexisNexis Academic database is most useful for researching news, business, and legal topics. The database includes over 6,000 sources in these areas, including news and magazine articles, legal review, and case reports. It does NOT contain scholarly journals (except for law journals). Directions for searching this database appear below. For further assistance, you can ask at the Reference Desk or call 978-3584.

Accessing LexisNexis Academic

1. Begin by accessing the WSU Libraries' home page at <http://library.wichita.edu>. Click on *Electronic Databases*.

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Search Library Pages

2. Under *Direct Links*, choose the *LexisNexis Academic* database.

Direct Links to Databases Frequently Used to Find Articles:

- CSA ILLUMINA
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- LEXIS-NEXIS Academic**
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- WilsonWeb

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Search Sources

General News Legal Business People

Notice the database defaults to the *General* tab. You can also choose to search just within *News*, *Legal*, *Business*, or *People* sources

General Searches

To search in the *General* tab, you can choose between *Easy Search* and *Power Search*. These searches look across all content in the database. *Easy Search* is a simple query—much like Google. *Power Search* allows you more flexibility in choosing how and where you search.

Search
» Easy Search™
» Power Search

1. Enter your keywords in the box.
2. Select what sources to search within.
3. Limit your search to specified date ranges.

Easy Search

1 Search terms Search

2 Search within

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major U.S. and World Publications	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Publications
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Power Search

Search term 1 Terms and Connectors 2 Natural Language

Search

Use connectors to show relationship of terms, e.g., cat **OR** feline, john **W/2** smith
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3 Add keywords (Index Terms) to your search...

4 Sources *Major World Publications
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Show options to search specific document sections

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1. You can choose between searching with *Terms and Connectors* or *Natural Language*. Commonly used connectors include AND, OR, NOT. Example: Mark Twain OR Samuel Clemens, teenager AND drugs. Use ! to truncate words. Example: teen! would find teen, teens, teenager, etc.
2. For a *Natural Language* search, just type in phrases or words.
3. *Index Terms* are keywords assigned to articles. These terms can help you narrow down your search by company, industry, subject, or geographic location. Click on this link to find Index Terms to add to your search.
4. Use this drop down menu to select in what sources to search.
5. Limit your search to specified date ranges.

Legal Searches

Under the *Legal* tab, you can perform searches of law reviews, find federal or state court cases or codes, tax law, and more.

1. To find a specific case, click on *Federal & State Cases* in the left hand menu.

2. Like Power Search, you have the option to search using keywords with connectors or using natural language.

3. You can limit your search to only certain sources. This includes looking in cases of individual states or federal cases.

4. Besides keyword searching, you can choose to search by Case Name or Citation Number.

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Use connectors to show relation of terms, e.g., apple **and** orange, cat **or** feline, trade **w/5** act [Tips for using search connectors](#)

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4 Case name v.

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Counsel or Firm Name

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Title of Article

Title of Journal

Author

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Specify date

1. To search law reviews and journal articles, make sure the *Law Reviews* option is chosen in the left menu.

2. You can do a keyword search. It defaults to searching in *US Law Reviews and Journals*, but you can narrow this down to specific sources by using the drop down menu.

3. You can also search by journal, article title, or author.

News Searches

The *News* search tab will search newspapers and magazines.

1. It provides multiple search boxes that allow you to add connectors and decide where to search for the term.
2. You can add index terms to the search
3. Choose to limit your search to specific news sources or by date.

Results

From the *Results* screen you can view articles, sort the result list, or refine your search.

Refining Your Search

1. On the left hand menu, you can see results grouped by *Sources*, *Publication Name*, *Subject*, *Industry*, *Company*, etc
2. You can search within results by adding keywords, or edit the search or start a new one.

Viewing Results

3. You can choose to sort results in a number of ways.
4. You can even “tag” relevant articles by checking the box next to the article and then viewing only these results by clicking on the *View Tagged* button.
5. Use these icons to print, email, or download results list.

Viewing an Article

To view the text of the article, click on the title. Immediately following the full text article will be another way to revise your search or further refine your results lists.

1. Listed after the heading *Find Documents with Similar Topics* are the Index Terms associated with the article. Choose as many terms as you want by checking the box next to the term.
2. Choose *Modify Search with Selections* to add these terms to your original search and retrieve a new results list.
3. Choose *Narrow Search with Index Terms* to search within the current results for only those that include these terms.

1 **Find Documents with Similar Topics**

Below are concepts discussed in this document. Select terms of interest and either modify your search or search within the current results set

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2 **Modify Search with Selections** OR **3** **Narrow Search with Index Terms**

Using the icons in the top right corner, you have the options to print, email, or download the full text article, return to the search results, or edit the original search.

Search within results **Go**

Next Steps **Go**

   