

“Stepping Up Your Scholarly Research: Tips for Databases & Search Strategies”

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Grad Online Success/Grad ONL Jawn workshop

Drexel University Libraries Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dragon Search- Databases A to Z- Subject and Course Guides- Interlibrary Loan- 24/7 Chat (bottom right of page)- Research Assistance / Consults with subject librarian- Video Tutorials
Research Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Iterative process- Shifts over the research life cycle
Translating into a Search Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Not like a Google search – need to be intentional and literal- Breaking the pieces of the research question into concepts to search- Synonyms- Boolean Operators- Keywords vs. Controlled Vocabulary
Selecting Databases Databases A to Z By Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- By subject or interdisciplinary?- Big vendors/platforms: EBSCOhost, Clarivate, ProQuest, Gale, McGraw Hill, Wolter Kluwer, Elsevier, Taylor & Francis...<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Car make and model: EBSCOhost → CINAHL, APA PsycINFO, Criminal Justice Abstracts
Database searching	Library Guide
Citation Searching	Web of Science ProQuest Dissertation and Theses Global
Saving Search Results and Citation Management Tools	EndNote Zotero

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