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Research Skills
Field Searching

For further research assistance access the Wahlstrom Library website via the myUB Portal.

Ask a Librarian via Chat: Available when the Library is open through the Library website.

E-mail a Librarian: reference@bridgeport.edu

Call a Librarian: 203-576-4747

Walk-ins welcome!
Why you may want to use it...

Field Searching is a great way to limit your search when looking for articles in databases. It can be helpful when...

... you have a specific author whose work you want to find.
... You want to look at a specific journal only.
... You already know the title of the article you want.
... You know the ISSN number of a journal or book.
... You want to search using the databases Subject Terms

Most databases let you access Field Searching via the Advanced Search page. The image to the right is an example of the Field Searching menu in the database Academic Search Premier.

It must be noted that not all databases look like this. However, in most databases, if you find the Advanced Search page the Field Searching options will be somewhere to the left or right of the empty search boxes you type keywords into.

If you do not select anything in the Field Searching box, the database typically searches for your keywords in a few pre-determined places such as the: title, abstract, and subject terms.

...when doing research

A few examples:

If you select **TI Title**, you will search for your keywords only within the titles of articles.

Select **AB Abstract or Author-Supplied Abstract** and you look only within the abstract of articles.

**AU Author** looks only by author name.

**SO Journal Name** looks within the title of journals, useful if you want to look at everything published by a particular journal.