CS100 Video Tutorial 2: Researching the Annotated Bibliography

In this tutorial, I'll show you some of the best places to search for scholarly sources for your Annotated Bibliography assignment.

I'll start at the library homepage

And I'll use the Omni catalogue, which is searched from this screen.

I'll do a simple search using the example topic "the history of Polaroid's instant camera in relation with time and space."

Let's go to Advanced Search.

I'm going to search POLAROID and "INSTANT CAMERA*" OR "INSTANT PHOTOGRAPHY*"

Note that putting double quotes around the phrase specifies an exact phrase search.

A star at the end of a word is a wildcard and searches for variant spellings.

Our results show a mix of documents.

To find scholarly or "peer-reviewed" articles, select the peer-reviewed checkbox at left

Select articles also to ensure we limit to only research articles.

Then "Apply Filters."

To see if we have the article available, click "Available Online."

You'll see different options for databases that you can access the article from.

From our original set of results, to find books, simply select books Books and eBooks under Resource Type at the left, then Apply Filters.

If you're working off-campus, select "Available online" to limit your results to ebooks only.

Sometimes it's difficult to sort through all the results you get from Omni, so you may wish to search one of our specialized research databases.

To do this, on the Homepage top menu select Research then Subject Guides.

And on the next page, scroll to Communication Studies.

We have a number of different databases listed you can search in.

Let's select Communication Studies at ProQuest.

Once in ProQuest we can run a similar search to the one we did earlier.

Ensure you Limit to "peer-reviewed" articles, but don't limit to full text.

I'll show you how to access full text in a moment.

Below that, under Source Type select Scholarly Journals, and under Document Type you select Articles.

This will ensure that you keep out book reviews.

Under Result page options, sort your results by Relevance and make sure you exclude duplicate documents.

You'll notice this search doesn't return many results.

To increase your results, click Modify search.

Then change the default search from Anywhere except full text to Anywhere.

The default search excludes the full text of articles in its search.

We've now changed that.

If you're still not getting a lot of results, another thing you can do is change Databases in the centre of the page

Then Select all the databases and rerun your search.

If we have the full text of an article available to us, you'll either see the full text link on the search results page or you'll see a Get it @ Laurier button that you can click through to see if we have the full text available.

If you're not finding enough results in one database, we have a number listed here on the page, so try another one.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.