

Searching for journal/magazine articles using Academic Search Complete

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Go to <http://www.firelands.bgsu.edu/library/index.html>

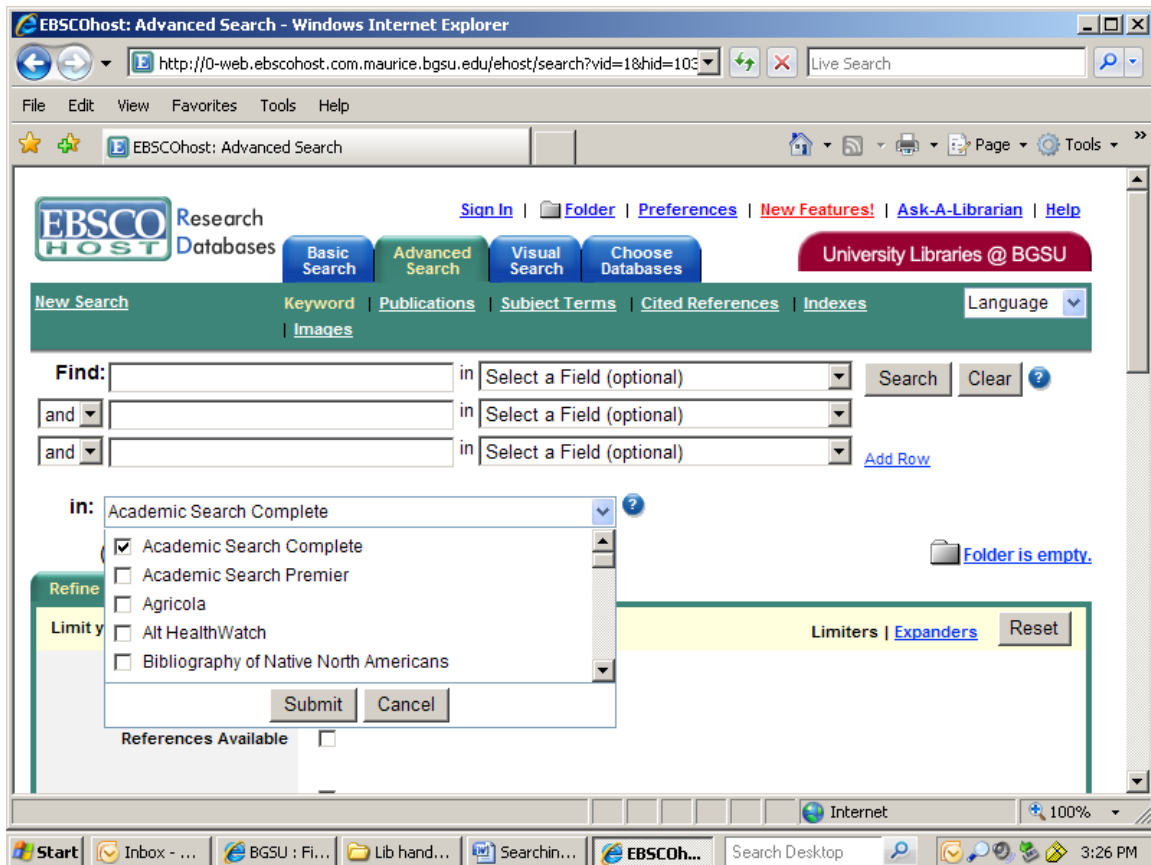
Under Article Searches click on Research Databases.

Click on the letter A – then click on the word **Connect:**

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OR

click on **Databases arranged by subject**, pick your subject and click on the title of the database.

The Basic Search Window



AND – combines search terms so that each result contains all of the terms. For example, search education and technology to find only articles that contain both terms.

OR – combines search terms so that each result contains at least one of the terms. For example, search education or technology to find results that contain either term.

NOT – excludes terms so that each result does not contain the term that follows the not operator. For example search education not technology to find results that contain the term education but not the term technology.

Wildcard (?) and Truncation (*) Symbols

Use the wildcard and truncation symbols to create searches where there are unknown characters, multiple spellings or various endings. Neither the wildcard nor the truncation symbol can be used as the first character in a search term.

- The *wildcard* is represented by a question mark (?). To use the wildcard, enter your search terms and replace each unknown character with a ?. EBSCO*host* finds all citations of that word with the ? replaced by a letter.
- For example, type **ne?t** to find all citations containing **neat**, **nest** or **next**. EBSCO*host* does not find net because the wildcard replaces a single character.
- *Truncation* is represented by an asterisk (*). To use truncation, enter the root of a search term and replace the ending with an *. EBSCO*host* finds all forms of that word.
- For example, type **comput*** to find the words **computer** or **computing**.