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About the Database

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Academic Search Elite provides full text for more than 2,100 journals, including more than 1,700 peer-reviewed titles. In addition to the full text, indexing and abstracts are provided for over 3,650 journals. This database offers information in nearly every area of academic study including: computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more. Examples of titles offered in *Academic Search Elite* include: *American Historical Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Libraries, American Sociologist, British Journal of Psychology, British Journal of Sociology, Central European History, Contemporary Literature, Early American Literature, Journal of Social Psychology, Library Journal, Social Forces, Sociological Review, Theological Studies, Women's Studies,* etc. In addition to journal coverage, *Academic Search Elite* provides full text information from a variety of source-types such as scholarly monographs. The majority of full text titles are available in native (searchable) PDF, or scanned-in-color. Full text information in this database dates as far back as 1985.

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Searching Tips

There are a number of helpful tips and hints you can use to improve your search results. For example, you can use Boolean operators to link search terms together; and/or limit the search to a specific title.

Boolean Operators

Sometimes a search can be overly general (results equal too many hits) or overly specific (results equal too few hits). To fine tune your search, you can use AND, OR, and NOT operators to link your search words together. These operators will help you narrow or broaden your search to better express the terms you are looking for and to retrieve the exact information you need quickly.

USING THE "AND" OPERATOR: If you have a search term that is too general, you can append several terms together using "AND". By stringing key terms together, you can further define your search and reduce the number of results. Note: Unless you define a specific search field, the result list will contain references where all your search terms are located in either the citation, full display or full text.

• For example, type **sleep AND walking** to find results that refer to both sleep and walking.

USING THE "OR" OPERATOR: In order to broaden a search, you can link terms together by using the "OR" operator. By using "OR" to link your terms together you can find documents on many topics. Linked by this operator, your words are searched simultaneously and independently of each other.

• As an example, search **sleep AND walking OR waking** to find results that reference the terms "sleep" and "walking", or the term "waking".

USING THE "NOT" OPERATOR: In order to narrow a search, you can link words together by using the "NOT" operator. This operator will help you to filter out specific topics you do not wish included as part of your search.

- Type: **sleep OR walking NOT waking** to find results that contain the terms "sleep" or "walking" but not the term "waking".
- To further define your results, type: **sleep AND walking AND waking** to constrict the search to include all terms linked by the "AND" operator.

Grouping Terms Together Using Parentheses

Parentheses also may be used to control a search query. Without parentheses, a search is executed from left to right. Words that you enclose in parentheses are searched first. Why is this important? Parentheses allow you to control and define the way the search will be executed. The left phrase in parentheses is searched first; then based upon those results the second phrase in parentheses is searched.

- Generalized Search: **dog or cat and show or parade**
- Focused Search:**(dog or cat) and (show or parade)**

In the first example, the search will retrieve everything on dog or cat shows AS WELL AS everything on parades whether or not the articles refer to dogs or cats.

In the second example, we have used the parentheses to control our query to only find articles about shows or parades that reference dogs or cats.

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Searchable Fields

The default fields for unqualified searches consist of the following: all authors, all subjects, all keywords, all title info (including source title) and all abstracts.

The following list will help you locate detailed information referenced in this database as a field.

Searchable tag	Description	Example
AB	Abstract [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of the abstract summaries.	AB civil liberties
AD	Author Affiliation [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for companies or organizations an author is affiliated with, may also include correspondence address.	AD "School of the Environment and Natural Resources, Bangor University, Gwynedd LL57 2UW, UK"
AF	Author Affiliation [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for companies or organizations an author is affiliated with, may also include correspondence address.	AF Iowa State University
AN	Accession Number [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's unique identificaton number.	AN 11509699
	Author Phrase	

AR	[Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's author, in the format of last name, first name, and middle initial if available.	AR Rompalske, Dorothy
AS	Author Supplied Abstract [Word Indexed] Performs a search for the value "Y" indicating that the document contains an author supplied abstract.	AS Y
AU	Author [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for any authors of an article.	AU Rompalske
CS	Cover Story [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the articles will be a cover story.	CS Y
CY	Country ID [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for a country's two-character identification code.	CY US
DE	Subjects Authority [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for subject headings and author-supplied keywords describing an article.	DE "BUCKLING (Mechanics)"
DT	Date of Publication [Date Indexed] Performs an exact search for the date of publication of an article into the database in YYYYMMDD format.	DT 20030207
	Images Available [Phrase Indexed]	

FM	Performs an exact search for an article's type of full text. The searchable values are "T," "C," or "P." "T" indicates HTML full text; "C" indicates images embedded in the full text; and "P" indicates a PDF document.	FM C
FT	Full Text Available [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the records have full text available.	FT Y
GE	Geographic Terms [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of geographic locations pertaining to an article's content.	GE WEST Virginia
IL	Illustrations [Word Indexed] Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the articles contain illustrations (e.g. graphs, charts, diagrams, etc.). Note: Type of illustration is also searchable via this search tag.	IL Y IL graphs
IP	Issue [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for a publication's issue number.	IP 3
IS	ISSN [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for a publication's International Standard Serial Number.	IS 1040726X
JN	Journal Name [Phrase Indexed] Performs a keyword search for the journal name of the article.	JN International Social Science Journal
	Keywords	

KW	[Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for author-supplied terms describing the article.	KW wages
LA	Language [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for the language in which an article was originally published.	LA English
LK	Language of Keywords [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of the language of author-supplied terms describing the article.	KL English
MH	Subjects [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of a document's geographic subject terms, keywords in an article, and generic subject headings.	MH Polynomials
PG	Number of Pages [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's page count.	PG 19 PG > 5
PT	Publication Type [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for the publication type. This tag is also used by the Publication Type list button limiter.	PT Book
PZ	Document Type [Phrase Indexed] Performs and exact search for the document type.	PZ Article

PS	Reviews & Products [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for products and book reviews within the article's content.	PS Creative
RV	Peer-Reviewed [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for the value Y or N. Y indicates that the articles are peer-reviewed.	RV Y
SH	Controlled Subject Headings [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search in the controlled index terms assigned to the document from the Subject Thesaurus.	SH "MOTION picture industry"
SO	Journal Name [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search for the journal name of the article.	SO International Journal of Toxicology
SP	Start Page [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's starting page number.	SP 61
SU	Subject [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of the subject headings listed in the records.	SU MOTION pictures
TI	Title [Word Indexed] Searches keywords in a record's English and non-English title field.	TI Fashion Focus
TX	All Text [Word Indexed] Performs a keyword search of all the database's searchable fields. Using the TX field code will cause the search to look for	TX Cronyism

	the keyword in the full text as well as the citation record.	
UI	Unique Identifier [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for an article's accession number.	UI 11092779
VI	Volume [Phrase Indexed] Performs an exact search for a publication's volume number.	VI 2

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Definition of Fields

The following table explains the contents of each field in an *Academic Search Elite* record's detailed display.

Field name	Description
Title	Title of the article, and indicator as to whether or not the article is a cover story.
Alternate Title	Non-English title of the article.
Language	Language in which the article was published.
Authors	Author(s) name in last name, first name format.
Editors	Editor(s) of the book referred to in the article.
Translators	Translator(s) of the non-English language article.
Source	The source in which the article was published, its volume number, the number of pages in the article, and a description and number of illustrations found in this article.
Document Type	Indicates a record's document type, such as article, book, abstract, company report, industry overview, and more. All Document Types are displayed in the listbutton limiter on the Advanced Search screen.
Subject Terms	The specific article's subject heading describing the record's content. Terms which can also be found in the thesaurus authority are prepended with asterisks.
Geographic Terms	The specific article's geographic subject headings describing the record's content
Author-	Author-supplied, searchable terms. If Keywords are in a

Supplied Keywords	language other than English, the corresponding language will be noted.
Company/Entity	Company names, DUNS numbers and ticker symbols.
Reviews & Products	Reviews and articles covering books, films, and products.
NAICS/Industry Codes	Codes and headings for NAICS industry information.
People	People as subjects within the record's content.
Abstract	A brief summary taken from the article itself.
Author Affiliations	The organization or institution affiliated with the author(s) of the article.
Country of Publication	The country in which an article was originally published.
Committee Name	The government department or committee referenced in the document.
Region/Area	The region or area referenced in the document.
Guest	Guests referenced in the article.
Full Text Word Count	The word count of the article's full text.
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
Accession Number	Unique number to identify the record.

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Publications Authority File

The Publication authority file is a list of the publications the Academic Search Elite database. The Publication authority file is drawn from the publications listed in each record; therefore, all terms will provide links to pertinent records. You can browse this list alphabetically, or as Relevancy Ranked (keyword search).

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Subject Terms Authority File

The Subjects authority file is a controlled vocabulary of terms that assists in more effectively searching the database. The Subjects authority file is drawn from the subjects assigned to each record; therefore, all terms will provide links

to pertinent records. You can browse this list alphabetically, or as Relevancy Ranked (keyword search).

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Index Browse

Index browsing allows the user to view all values that occur in specified fields in a database, along with corresponding hit counts. Access the index browse feature by clicking the green "Indexes" button on the upper portion of the "Advanced" search screen. Use the drop-down menu to choose an index to browse. Indexes can also be searched using tags. Since browsable indexes are phrase indexed, the exact form and spelling of terms as they appear in the database must be used in conjunction with the tags when entering a search manually. Indexes available for browsing in Academic Search Elite database are listed below. Tags for all fields included in the index browse feature begin with "Z" (e.g. "ZA" for Author).

ZA	Author
ZW	Author-Supplied Keywords
ZO	Company Entity
ZT	Document Type
ZZ	DUNS Number
ZD	Entry Date
ZG	Geographic Terms
ZU	Headings
ZH	ISBN
ZI	ISSN (without the dash)
ZJ	Journal Name
ZL	Language
ZC	NAICS Code or Description
ZP	People
ZS	Reviews & Products
ZE	Subject Terms
ZN	Ticker Symbol
ZR	Year of Publication

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