

# *Make the Connection*

## *Module 6: Review*

### **Chapter 1: What are Research Databases?**

Research databases are online tools that are used for finding magazine, newspaper, and journal articles. A number of research databases available today include the full text of articles.

The two major types of research databases are *general* and *subject-specific*. General research databases cover a variety of topics and usually include magazines, newspapers, and academic journals. Examples of general research databases include *Academic Search Premier* and *Lexis Nexis Academic*. Subject-specific databases cover a particular discipline (e.g. biology) and usually include academic journals and professional and trade magazines. Examples of subject-specific research databases include *Business Source Premier*, *Education Abstracts*, and *Biological Abstracts*.

The remaining portion of Module 6 discusses how to find articles using two popular general research databases – *Academic Search Premier* and *Lexis Nexis Academic*. *Academic Search Premier* includes about 8,000 magazines and journals. Half the publications included in the database are available in full text. *Lexis Nexis Academic* is largely a full-text database that includes information from a variety of sources including: newspapers and magazines; transcripts of TV and radio news programs; news wire service reports; and laws and court decisions.

### **Chapter 2: How to Find Articles Using *Academic Search Premier***

#### **HOW TO ACCESS ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER**

To access *Academic Search Premier*, do the following:

1. After opening your web browser, go to <http://library.marietta.edu>.
2. Place your mouse arrow over **Library Resources**.
3. Move your mouse arrow down to **Research Databases**.
4. Click on **Academic Search Premier**.

#### **HOW TO DO A TOPIC SEARCH**

To perform a topic search in *Academic Search Premier*, follow these steps:

1. Enter your topic in the **Find:** box.
2. Click on **Search**.

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SEARCH RESULTS

Each search result includes information such as:

- Article title
- Article author(s)
- Source publication (publication in which the article originally appeared)
- Date article appeared in source publication
- Volume and/or issue number of source publication
- Starting page of article in source publication
- Length of article in source publication
- Link(s) to full text of article (if available)

## HOW TO PRINT, EMAIL, AND SAVE FULL-TEXT ARTICLES

Once you get to the full text of an article you can do the following:

- Print the article by clicking **Print**
- Email the article to any email account by clicking on **E-mail**
- Save the article to disk by clicking on **Save**

## Chapter 3: How to Find Articles Using *Lexis Nexis Academic*

### HOW TO ACCESS *LEXIS NEXIS ACADEMIC*

To access *Lexis Nexis Academic*, do the following:

1. After opening your web browser, go to <http://library.marietta.edu>.
2. Place your mouse arrow over **Library Resources**.
3. Move your mouse arrow down to **Research Databases**.
4. Click on **Lexis Nexis Academic**.

### HOW TO DO A TOPIC SEARCH

To perform a topic search in *Lexis Nexis Academic*, follow these steps:

1. Select a news category from the **Select a news category** drop-down menu.
2. Select a news source from the **Select a news source** drop-down menu.
3. Type your search term in the text box provided.
4. In the drop-down menu next to the text box, choose where you want your search term to appear in each search result. For best results, choose **Full Text**.
5. Use the drop-down box under **Step Four**: to narrow the date range of your search results.
6. Under **Step Five**:, use the text box to narrow your search results to articles from a specific publication (e.g. New York Times).
7. Click on **Search**.

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SEARCH RESULTS

Each search result usually includes information such as:

- Article title (also acts as a link to the full text of the article)
- Source publication (publication in which the article originally appeared)
- Date article appeared in source publication
- Starting page of article in source publication

## HOW TO PRINT AND EMAIL FULL-TEXT ARTICLES

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- Print the article by clicking **Print**
- Email the article to any email account by clicking on **Email**

## Lesson 4: How to Access Other Research Databases

To access other research databases, do the following:

1. Go back to the Dawes Memorial Library home page (<http://library.marietta.edu>) and click on **Research Databases**.
2. Find and click on the name of a database in the alphabetical list (e.g. *Business Source Premier*).