

LexisNexis® Academic: Finding News Articles

What can I find in LexisNexis?

- News articles from regional, national, and international sources.
- Laws, statutes, regulations, and court cases.
- Business information like company profiles, industry reports, and SEC filings.
- Federal and state legislation.

How do I get to it?

1. Start at the [UCLA Library](http://www2.library.ucla.edu): <http://www2.library.ucla.edu>
2. Under "Search and Find," choose "Article Databases," then "Frequently Used Databases."
3. Scroll down and click on "LexisNexis Academic."

Off-campus use? UCLA students, staff & faculty: [BOL Proxy Server](http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/) - <http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/>

Using "Power Search"

- Identify the important words or phrases that describe your topic; think of synonyms if possible.
- Type in your search words. For tips on using "Terms and Connectors," see reverse.
- For information on source types, click the blue button next to the sources menu.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic search interface. At the top, there are tabs for "Search" and "Sources". Under "Search", there are sub-tabs for "General", "News", "Legal", "Business", and "People". A callout box points to these tabs with the text "Other types of searches are possible." Below the tabs, there are three search options: "Easy Search™", "Power Search" (which is circled in red), and "General Search".

The "Power Search" section includes a search box with the text "traffic congestion" AND pollution. Below the search box, there are radio buttons for "Terms and Connectors" (selected) and "Natural Language". A "Search" button is to the right. A callout box points to the search box with the text "Use the drop-down menu to select a source type." Below the search box, there is a "Select Sources" section with a dropdown menu showing "*Major World Publications" and a "Find More Sources..." link. A callout box points to this link with the text "Create a customized set of sources or search within a specific publication. (See reverse.)".

Below the "Select Sources" section, there is a "Search within Document Sections" section with a "[-] Hide" link and a "Select a section and enter terms." prompt. A callout box points to this section with the text "Click 'Show' to display these choices." Below this, there is a "Connector" section with radio buttons for "And" (selected) and "Or". A "Section" dropdown menu shows "CITY" and a "Terms" input box contains "los angeles". A callout box points to the "Terms" input box with the text "Search for a word in a particular section of a document." Below the "Section" and "Terms" sections, there is an "Add to Search" button.

At the bottom, there is a "Specify Date" section with a "Previous 10 years" dropdown menu and a date range "Jan 10 1998 To Jan 10 2008". A callout box points to this date range with the text "Select a date range." A "Help!" button is located in the top right corner.

Working With Results

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic search results interface. Callouts point to various features:

- Edit your search.** Points to the search bar and filters.
- Sort by industry, publication, subject, and more.** Points to the 'Sources by Category' dropdown menu.
- Expand to show individual titles.** Points to the 'View Multiple Groups' section.
- Change the way results display.** Points to the 'View' dropdown menu (set to 'List').
- Print, email, or save checked articles.** Points to the icons at the top right of the results list.

The main interface includes a search bar, 'Sources' tab, 'Result Groups' sidebar, 'View' and 'Sort' options, and a list of search results with checkboxes for selection.

Improving Your Search: Tips and Tricks

Get More Relevant Results

- Try different search words.
- Use “connectors” (see below).
- Re-evaluate your source selection.
- Try “Easy Search” or “News Search”
- Switch to “Natural Language.”
- Read LexisNexis help pages for tips.

Search In a Specific Publication

1. Choose the “Sources” tab at the top left.
2. Click the “Find Sources” tab just below.
3. Search for source by keyword or use the A-Z list.
4. Select the source by checking the box.
5. Click “OK—Continue” to add to search.

*Note: You can also select multiple sources.

Connectors, Quotes, Truncation/Wildcards

- AND** – use between essential terms: [“primary election” AND California].
- OR** – use between synonyms: [dog OR canine].
- w/n** – designates proximity of words: [traffic w/10 Los Angeles].
- “...”** – phrase.
- !** – truncates words at the end: **politic!** finds political, politics, politician.
- *** – wildcard: **wom*n** finds woman, women.

E-mail an Article

1. Check the box to the left of the article title.
2. Look for the small “print, e-mail, save” icons near the top right.
3. Click the “letter” icon (2nd from left).
4. Type e-mail address, select desired options.
5. Click Send.