

# 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". Below these are sub-tabs for "General", "News", "Legal", "Business", and "People". The "General Search" section is active, showing a search box with the text "traffic congestion" AND pollution. To the left of the search box, there are radio buttons for "Terms and Connectors" (selected) and "Natural Language". Below the search box, there is a "Sources" dropdown menu set to "\*Major World Publications". To the right of the search box, there is a "Search" button. Below the search box, there is a "More sources" link. Below the "More sources" link, there is a checkbox for "Hide options to search specific document sections". Below this checkbox, there are fields for "Connector" (set to "And"), "Section" (set to "CITY"), and "Terms" (set to "los angeles"). Below the "Terms" field, there is an "Add to Search" button. At the bottom, there is a "Specify date" dropdown menu set to "All available dates".

Annotations in the image include:

- A blue box at the top right with the text "Other types of searches are possible." pointing to the "Sources" tab.
- A blue box on the left side with the text "Create a customized set of sources or search within a specific publication. (See reverse)." pointing to the "More sources" link.
- A blue box on the right side with the text "Use the drop-down menu to select a source type." pointing to the "Sources" dropdown menu.
- A blue box at the bottom right with the text "Select a date range." pointing to the "Specify date" dropdown menu.

## Working With Results

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic search results interface. Callouts include:

- Edit your search.** pointing to the search bar.
- Change the way results display.** pointing to the 'Show' dropdown menu.
- Expand to show individual titles.** pointing to the 'Sources by Category' list.
- Print, email, or save checked articles.** pointing to the action icons for the selected article.

The interface displays search results for 'General Search - Major World Publ...'. It includes options to 'View Multiple Groups', 'View Tagged', and 'Print, email, or save checked articles'. The results list includes:

1. **Overcoming the pollution fears**  
Canberra Times (Australia), March 15, 2008 Saturday, A; Pg. C06, 1117 words, The Canberra Times
2. **Rail chief thinks 'green' at ports; Executive wants to build a \$300-million facility where cargo containers would be loaded onto trains.**  
Los Angeles Times, February 26, 2008 Tuesday, CALIFORNIA; Metro Desk; Part B; Pg. 2, 658 words, Jeffrey L. Rabin, Times Staff Writer

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> from left).
4. Type e-mail address, select desired options.
5. Click Send.