

# LexisNexis Academic

**LexisNexis Academic** is a group of databases providing full text and abstracts of comprehensive news, business, and legal information from regional U.S. and foreign newspapers and journals; federal and state codes, regulations, and case law; medical, legislative and industry news; company annual reports; and other sources. Updated constantly.

## STARTING & SEARCHING LEXISNEXIS ACADEMIC

From the library's World Wide Web homepage (<http://www.uhcl.edu/library>), click on **Databases A-Z**. In the alphabetical list of databases by name, click on the **LexisNexis Academic** hyperlink.

**Easy Search** is the default and the easiest way to get quick answers for a general search. *Note:* Sources available through this form may not be as comprehensive as those on other search forms. The complete source list can be found using the *Sources* tab. See sample search form below.



**Search** Sources

General News Legal Business People

Click on a tab to select a desired search form.

Enter a word or phrase, with or without connectors.

Search terms economic stimulus plan

Search within

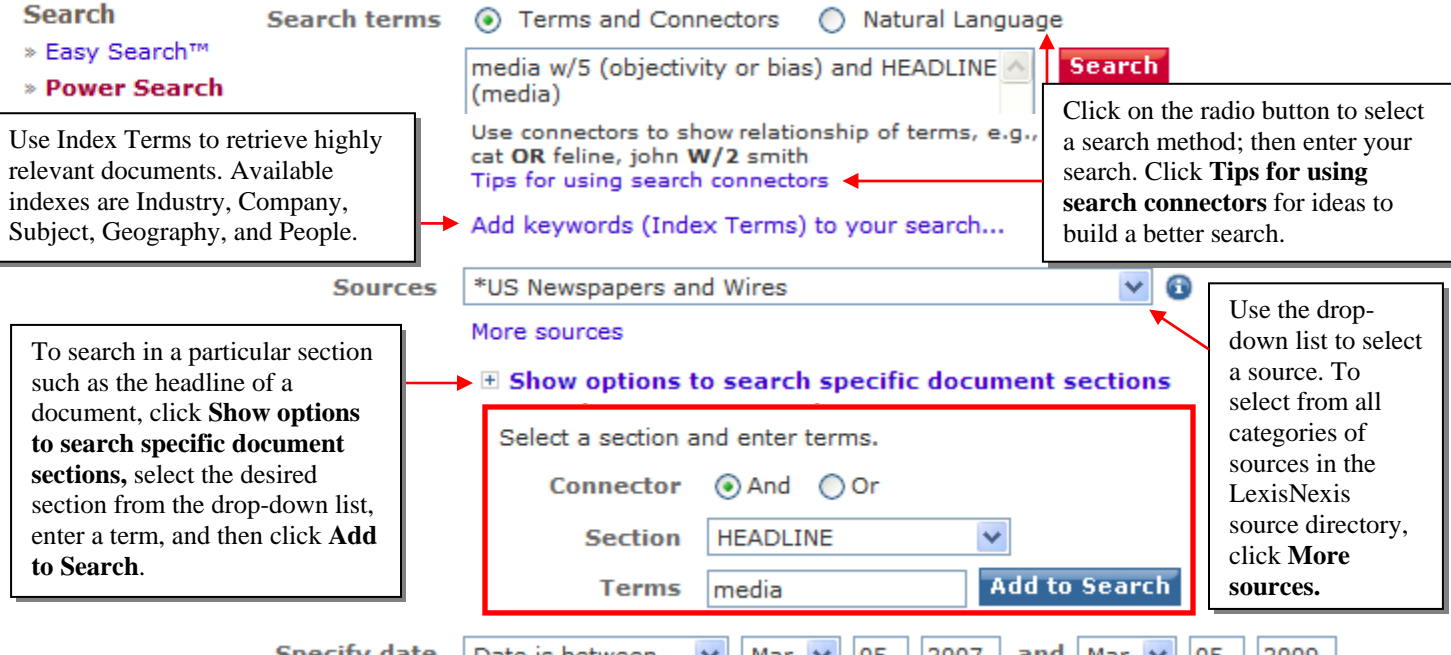
- Major U.S. and World Publications
- Major World Publications (non-English)
- News Wire Services
- TV and Radio Broadcast Transcripts
- Blogs
- Web Publications
- Company
- SEC Filings
- Legal

Select one or more sources. Click **i** for a description of the source.

Specify date Previous 2 years Mar 05 2007 To Mar 05 2009

Select a date or date range. Then click on the **Search** button.

**Power Search** offers the greatest searching flexibility. You can search and browse more sources, search specific sections within a document, search using natural language or terms and connectors, or search across multiple content types.



**Search**

Easy Search™

Power Search

Search terms  Terms and Connectors  Natural Language

media w/5 (objectivity or bias) and HEADLINE (media)

Use connectors to show relationship of terms, e.g., cat OR feline, john W/2 smith

Tips for using search connectors

Click on the radio button to select a search method; then enter your search. Click **Tips for using search connectors** for ideas to build a better search.

Use Index Terms to retrieve highly relevant documents. Available indexes are Industry, Company, Subject, Geography, and People.

Add keywords (Index Terms) to your search...

Sources \*US Newspapers and Wires

More sources

Use the drop-down list to select a source. To select from all categories of sources in the LexisNexis source directory, click **More sources**.

To search in a particular section such as the headline of a document, click **Show options to search specific document sections**, select the desired section from the drop-down list, enter a term, and then click **Add to Search**.

Select a section and enter terms.

Connector  And  Or

Section HEADLINE

Terms media

Add to Search

Specify date Date is between... Mar 05 2007 and Mar 05 2009

**Content Specific Search** is designed for searching a specific type of information. Available tabs are News, Legal, Business and People. *Note:* Help on searching Business resources in LexisNexis Academic is available in a separate How-to Guide, **LexisNexis Academic's Company Dossier**.

**News Search** searches across large groups of sources such as all English-language news or all U.S. newspapers. Click on the **Sources** tab for more choices.

Sample search: Find articles about Hurricane Ike written by Mike Snyder in *The Houston Chronicle*.

- Click on the **News** tab
- Enter search terms. Focus your search by selecting desired document section using the drop-down list. Change default connectors (**AND**, **OR**, **WITHIN 5**, etc.) if needed
- Click **Show** to select index terms from the Industry, Subject, or Region fields
- Use drop-down list to select specific sources and date or date range
- Click **Search**

**Legal Search** searches law review journals, federal and state cases or codes, tax law, international legislation, etc.

Sample search: Find all Supreme Court cases on the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment's freedom of speech in the past 10 years.

- Click on the **Legal** tab
- Select the **Federal & State Cases** search form
- Enter search terms
- Use drop-down list to restrict search to specific source, or click **Show options to search specific document sections**
- Specify additional optional search criteria such as Citation, Judge's Last Name, etc. *Tips:* Use OR connector if unsure of case name; enter partial or full name when searching for names
- Select a date or date range
- Click **Search**

**People Search** searches for biographical or obituary information about an individual.

Sample search: Find obituaries on Peter Jennings.

- Click on the **People** tab
- Enter last name and first name or first initial
- If necessary, enter additional terms to focus your search such as an individual's occupation
- Use drop-down list to select desired biographical sources
- Select a date or date range
- Click **Search**

**Tips:** Enter Boolean operators, proximity operators, or truncation symbols directly into the search box.

<b>and</b>	bank <b>and</b> deregulate	narrows the results by finding both terms in the same record
<b>or</b>	college <b>or</b> university	broadens the results by finding either or both terms
<b>and not</b>	Titanic <b>and not</b> movie	finds first word without the second word
<b>w/#</b>	cloning <b>w/3</b> human	finds first word(s) within 3 words of the second word
<b>w/sent</b>	Obama <b>w/sent</b> dog	finds the first word(s) within the same sentence as the second word
<b>w/para</b>		finds the first word(s) within the same paragraph as the second word
<b>*</b>	wom*n	finds <i>woman</i> or <i>women</i>
<b>!</b>	child!	finds <i>child</i> , <i>children</i> , <i>childhood</i> , etc.

## VIEWING & WORKING WITH RECORDS

**Choose to display your results with *List*, *Expanded List*, *Full with Indexing*, *Custom...*, *KWIC™* (*Keyword in Context*).**

**Click on the icon for onscreen instructions to print, email, or save desired articles.**

**Expand Newspapers category to show number of articles in each individual paper:**

- Wall Street Journal Abstracts (98)
- The Washington Times (81)
- The Washington Post (79)
- The New York Times (62)

**Click the title hyperlink to view a document.**

**The Full with Indexing view includes a list of index terms at the bottom of the record. Select relevant terms to modify or narrow your search result.**

**Find Documents with Similar Topics**

Below are concepts discussed in this document. Select terms of interest and either modify your search or search within the current results set

**Subject**

- US ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN 2008-2009
- US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES 2008
- 2008 ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN
- ECONOMIC NEWS
- ECONOMIC POLICY
- EMPLOYMENT GROWTH
- JOB CREATION
- LEGISLATIVE BODIES
- POLITICAL PARTIES
- Minor Terms
  - TREASURY DEPARTMENTS
  - UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
  - PUBLIC FINANCE
  - APPROVALS
  - LEGISLATION
  - REGIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
  - APPROPRIATIONS

**Geography**

- KENTUCKY, USA
- UNITED STATES

**People**

- BARACK OBAMA
- Minor Terms
  - JOHN KERRY
  - MITCH MCCONNELL
  - CHRISTINA ROMER
  - JARED BERNSTEIN
  - LAWRENCE SUMMERS

## HOW DO I...

The table below shows examples of some frequently searched topics in **LexisNexis Academic**. For more assistance with searching, click on **Help** at the top of each search form, or use the *How do I...?* links found on the left panel of each search form.

Topic	Tab	Steps
Find law review articles about important cases in immigration law	<b>Legal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the "Terms and Connectors" radio button</li> <li>• Enter <i>title (important or benchmark or influential /5 decision or case! or opinion) and immigration</i></li> <li>• Select <i>U.S. Law Reviews and Journals, Combined</i> from the "Sources" drop-down list</li> </ul>
Find U.S. Code: Title 17 Sections 101-109	<b>Legal</b> , then click on <b>Federal and State Codes</b> on the right panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the "Terms and Connectors" radio button</li> <li>• United States Code Service is the default selected source</li> <li>• Click <b>Show options to search specific document sections</b></li> <li>• Select <i>Heading</i> section, enter <i>title 17</i> in Terms box, then click <b>Add to Search</b>; select <i>Section</i> section, enter <i>10*</i>, then click <b>Add to Search</b></li> </ul>
Find Code of Federal Regulations: 5 CFR 950.701	<b>Legal</b> , then click <b>Federal &amp; State Codes</b> on the right panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select <i>CFR</i> from "Sources" drop-down list</li> <li>• Click <b>Show options to search specific document sections</b></li> <li>• Select <i>Cite</i> section, enter <i>5 CFR 950.701</i> in Terms box, then click <b>Add to Search</b></li> </ul>
Find current elected officials in Texas	<b>People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the "Terms and Connectors" radio button</li> <li>• Enter <i>(senator or representative) and texas</i> in the "Additional Terms" field</li> <li>• Select <i>Member Biographical Profiles - Current Congress</i> from the "Sources" drop-down list</li> </ul>
Find biographies of people in a particular occupation	<b>People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the "Terms and Connectors" radio button</li> <li>• Enter <i>occupation (astronaut)</i> in the "Additional Terms" field</li> <li>• Select <i>Biographies Plus News</i> from the "Sources" drop-down list</li> </ul>
Find out if LexisNexis covers a particular publication (a newspaper, a magazine, etc.)	<b>Sources</b> , then click <b>Find Sources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the "Keyword" radio button</li> <li>• Type publication title such as <i>"Consumer Reports"</i> in the keyword box, then click <b>Find sources</b></li> <li>• Click the box next to your desired title, and click <b>OK-Continue</b></li> </ul>

For more information, refer to onscreen help, or consult a reference librarian (281-283-3910 or library@uhcl.edu).