

**Academic Search Premier (ASP)** is a scholarly, multi-disciplinary database produced by EBSCO. It indexes over 4,300 periodicals, with full text articles for more than 3,400 scholarly publications. **ASP** covers a wide range of topics, including business, health, computer science, religion and philosophy, sociology, and sports.

Once you've spent this time brainstorming ways to search your topic, including different words, synonyms, and word combinations, do the following:

1. Go to the library's home page: <http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/> (already displayed for you on this page).
2. Click "Research Databases"
3. Either type **academic search premier** in the search box, or click **A** and click on **Academic Search Premier** from the list.

TIP: It would be a good idea to explore the Databases Arranged by Subject links. These will take you to numerous databases arranged by subject. All databases have been reviewed by librarians and are thus reliable sources.

4. Click **Academic Search Premier** to get to the main page.

Notice the three Find boxes, which can be combined with AND, OR, or NOT. If you leave the box to the right of the Find box set to DEFAULT FIELDS, the database will search the author, article title, subjects, and abstract of each record.

However, you can choose to search only one field, such as author, article title, subjects, abstract, a journal name, or a company name.

5. BEFORE YOU DO A SEARCH, click the "Subject Terms" box in the upper part of the page.
6. Type a word in the BROWSE FOR box (not the find box).  
For example, if our research topic is **CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING TECHNOLOGY IN STEM CELL RESEARCH**, type CLONING.
7. Click CLONING--the first clickable entry.  
This shows you other terms you can use for your search. Write some of these terms down. You can use them later in your search.
8. Type in another term in the BROWSE FOR box. For example, type TECHNOLOGY.
9. Again, click TECHNOLOGY and write down some of the other terms and phrases given to you.

This is *Academic Search Premier's* Subject Headings box. You can use it to do searches directly, or, as in this case, use the terms given to you to later conduct your search.

10. Return to the search form. For now, we'll leave these boxes at DEFAULT FIELDS.

11. BEFORE YOUR DO YOUR SEARCH, do the following:
  - Check the **Scholarly (peer reviewed) journals** box.
  - Set DOCUMENT TYPE to **articles**.
  - Set NUMBER OF PAGES to **greater than 3**

Often, you will be asked to find full-length scholarly journal articles. Setting up the search system in this way fairly guarantees that.

12. Now, in the search boxes, conduct your search. Try **STEM CELL\* AND TECHNOLOG\***  
(NOTE: The \* represents truncation)
13. We still have a lot of results. However, notice the left-hand side of the screen, **Narrow Results by Subject**. You can either click one of these subject terms to limit your search, or write 2 or 3 of these terms down to refine your search.
14. Try clicking on one of the subject terms. Your results will drop significantly.