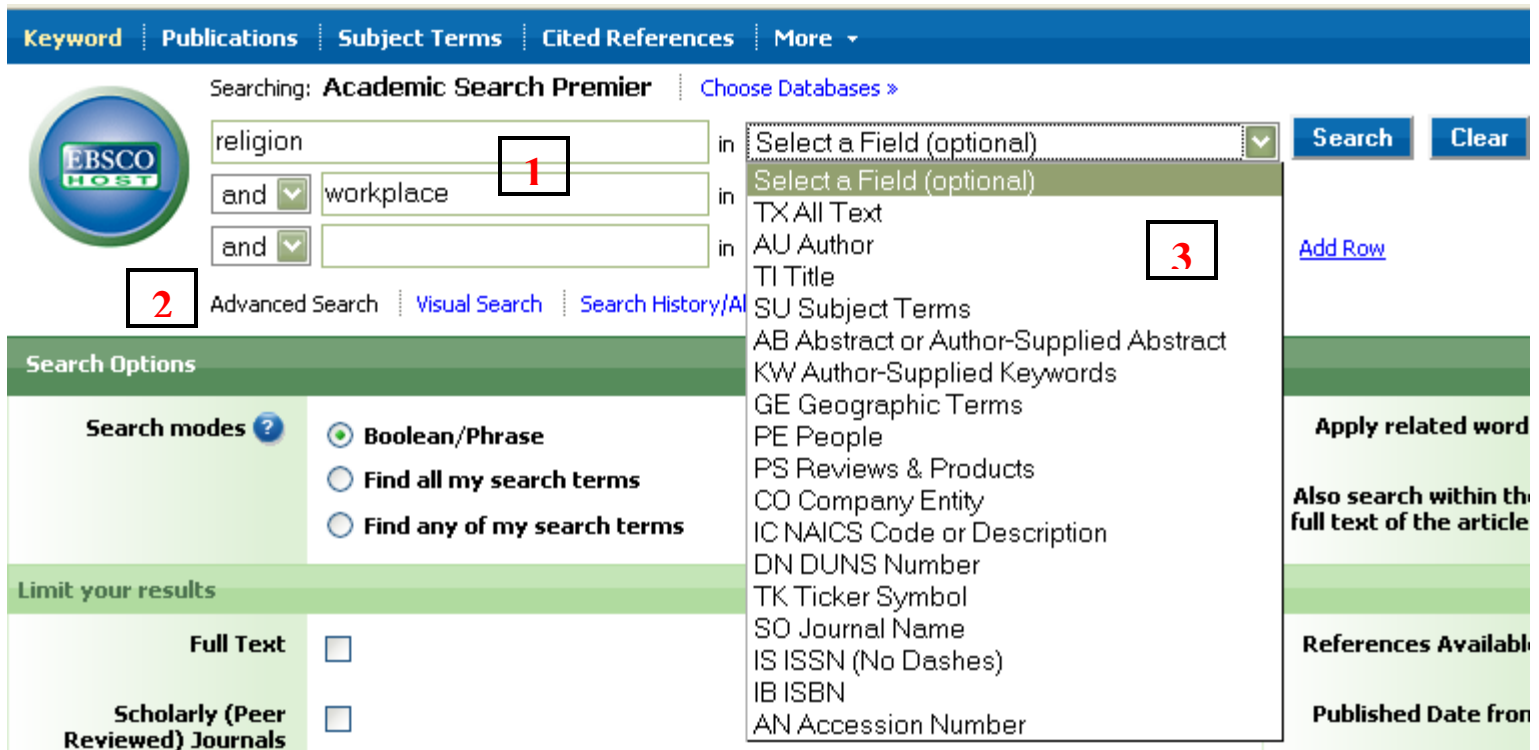


Academic Search Premier is a scholarly database that covers multiple disciplines including, but not limited to: the natural and hard sciences, psychology, economics, communication, arts and humanities, languages, engineering, and medicine. It also includes coverage to the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, and has full-text for over 4,500 journal titles.

Searching : Access Academic Search Premier by going to the **Find Articles** tab on the Library’s web page, and clicking on “Databases A-Z.”

Academic Search Premier defaults to the Advanced Search. This is usually the best place to start, especially if you’re still narrowing your topic.

1. Enter your **search terms** here. You can start with one keyword or phrase or include more than one. Use keywords that are relevant and important to your topic. In this example, “religion” is a broad subject, so it will help to narrow down the results by including the keyword “workplace” in the second box.
2. When you enter more than one keyword, you need to decide how to **connect them**. The dropdown box lets you choose either **AND** or **OR**. Using **AND** will bring back results that include both of your keywords (i.e. *religion AND workplace* finds articles that have both words). This will narrow your search. Using **OR** will bring back results that include any of the words you have entered (i.e. *religion OR workplace* finds articles that have either of those two words). Using **OR** will broaden your search. The **Search Modes** section offers several different options for searching.
3. Finally, you need to choose which **field to search**. The default is set to search the entire record, but the dropdown box lets you search a specific area of the database. Choices include author, title, subject terms, and abstract (the summary of the article). If you want to retrieve the most results possible, then leave “Select a Field (optional)” selected.



The screenshot shows the search interface for Academic Search Premier. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Keyword, Publications, Subject Terms, Cited References, and More. Below this, the search area is titled "Searching: Academic Search Premier" with a "Choose Databases" link. The search input area contains three boxes: the first contains "religion" (annotated with a red box and the number 1), the second contains "and" with a dropdown arrow, and the third contains "workplace" (annotated with a red box and the number 1). Below the input area, there are three radio buttons for search modes: "Advanced Search" (annotated with a red box and the number 2), "Visual Search", and "Search History/All". To the right of the input area, there is a dropdown menu for "Select a Field (optional)" (annotated with a red box and the number 3) and buttons for "Search" and "Clear". Below the search area, there are sections for "Search Options" and "Limit your results". The "Search Options" section includes "Search modes" with three radio buttons: "Boolean/Phrase" (selected), "Find all my search terms", and "Find any of my search terms". The "Limit your results" section includes "Full Text" and "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals", both with checkboxes. On the right side of the interface, there are several buttons: "Add Row", "Apply related word", "Also search within the full text of the article", "References Available", and "Published Date from".

Limiting Your Search: Before completing a search, you also have the option of limiting the results the database retrieves.

Full-Text: Checking this box will retrieve only full-text documents that will be available immediately. This is good if you don't have time to request an article through Interlibrary Loan. Remember that this is a **limiter** so you won't get as many results to choose from.

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals: Checking this box will ensure the database retrieves only articles approved by experts in the field. This is an important criteria on many research assignments.

Other Options: You can also limit your search to a certain **publication date** or **type** (periodical, newspaper, book, etc.), **type of document** (abstract, article, etc.), or **articles with images**.

Viewing Your Results: Mouse over the **Magnifying Glass** icon to view an abstract and citation information for the article. Clicking on the title of the article gives you the option to email, print, or save the record.

You have the option of viewing full-text of an article in **PDF** (such as the 1st record) or through another database (#2). If full-text isn't immediately available, click the **Check Article Availability** link (like #3). If the article isn't available electronically, you have the option of requesting it through InterLibrary Loan. **Ask a Librarian for details.**

TIP: Click on one of these subject links to narrow your results even further.

You can use the scroll bar to change the date range of the results.

For more help on searching, check out the ULS online tutorial **“Keyword Searching”** (<http://www.library.pitt.edu/services/classes/infoliteracy/tutorials/kw4/keyword.htm>) or ask a **Reference Librarian!**