

# The Library @ Pierce College

## Academic Search Elite

Search this database for newspaper, magazine, and scholarly (journal) articles.

**SUBJECTS** Nearly all! Whether you're in an English, Speech, Psychology, or Biology class you'll find great articles!!!

**START** Visit the Pierce College Library Homepage. Click on "Online Databases". Scroll down and click on **Academic Search Elite**.

### ADVANCED / DEFAULT SEARCH

Use Advanced Search for searching **different kinds of ideas at once**. Unlike Google and other Internet search engines, databases demand that you **use different boxes for different ideas**. Unless you're searching a commonly used phrase (see example below), your best bet is to use different boxes for each word or idea you search. **Check spelling!**

EBSCO Research Databases  
Basic Search | **Advanced Search** | Visual Search | Choose Databases

Sign In | Folder | Preferences | New Features! | Help  
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New Search | Keyword | Publications | Subject Terms | Indexes | Images | Language

Find: stem cells in Select a Field (optional) Search Clear  
and spinal cord in Select a Field (optional)  
and in Select a Field (optional) Add Row

in: Academic Search Elite  
(Searching: Academic Search Elite)

Refine Search | Search History/Alerts | Results

Limit your results:

Full Text   
Publication   
Published Date from Month  
Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals   
Publication Type: All, Periodical, Newspaper, Book  
Document Type: Abstract, Article

Limiters | Expanders | Reset

"Advanced Search" improves your results. Enter data you know into search boxes (left). Use only ONE keyword/phrase/idea per box! You can also match keywords (left) to data types

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### TIPS:

- Click on *Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals*, if required by your instructor.
- Click on *full text* to narrow search results to what's available electronically.
- Only use a *phrase* if it's commonly used.  
e.g. : global warming
- If you're not searching by phrase, use different boxes for different words.
- Consider using synonyms to compare & contrast or combine search results.  
e.g. : "stress" OR "anxiety"
- By the "Document Type" select "*Article*".

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## SEARCH RESULTS PAGE & ADDITIONAL FEATURES:

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The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Sign In', 'Folder', 'Preferences', 'New Features!', and 'Help'. Below that, the search criteria are displayed: 'stem cells AND spinal cord AND Full Text; Sch...'. The search results are listed in a table with columns for 'Narrow Results by Subject', 'Title', and 'Actions'. Two results are visible, each with an 'Add' button. A red arrow points from the 'TIP' text to the 'Folder' link at the top of the page.



**Folder** allows you to store all your articles for easy emailing, saving, and/or printing.

**EMAIL Yourself the Full Text!**



→ Click on the email button on the article page to email to yourself.

**PRINT the Full Text by selecting Print Preview**



→ Click on the print button on the article page to print.

**CITATION FORMAT** → For help with bibliographies & works cited

The screenshot shows the 'Include when sending' and 'Citation Format' sections of the interface. The 'Citation Format' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of citation styles. A red arrow points to the dropdown menu with the text: 'Select the required citation style for easy bibliographies; be sure to double check as style rules change.'

For additional help, see the online tutorial at:

<http://www.piercecollege.com/students/Library/> and/or ask the Reference Librarian.