GETTING STARTED WITH ELECTRONIC DATABASES


2. Under the Library Resources heading:
   a. To choose a database by topic, click on the Online Database (Topic) link.
   b. To choose a database from an alphabetical listing, click on the Online Database (Alphabetical) link.

3. Click on the name of the database you want (example: Academic Search Complete).

4. You will be at a search screen for the database you chose. Type your search terms into the search box.

5. **IMPORTANT**: Before clicking on Search, limit your search to only articles you can access immediately on-screen by selecting the FULL TEXT option. You may need to find this option in the ADVANCED SEARCH screen (see example below). Then click SEARCH.

6. **OPTIONAL**: If you are looking only for scholarly journal articles, you can select the option for SCHOLARLY or PEER REVIEWED journals. This option is usually found in the ADVANCED SEARCH screen.

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