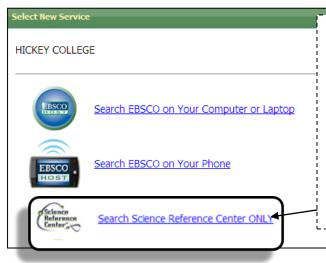
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HINT: Undecided on a topic to research? **Browse by Category** helps you narrow a topic. By drilling down through the categories (one or two levels) you will obtain a broad list of results from which you can pick a topic for further research.

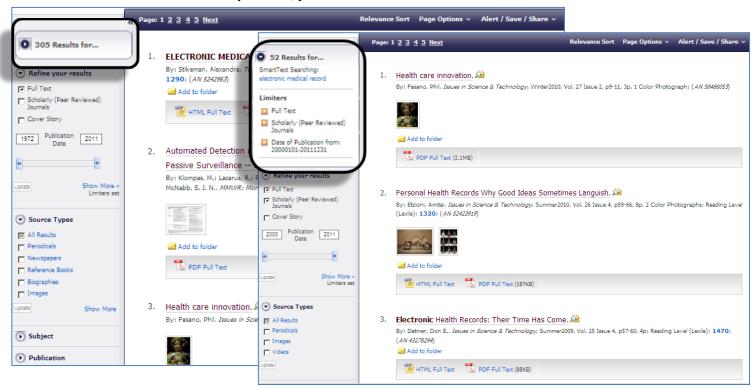
• **Example**: Life Sciences → Biology → Human Anatomy

Example: Applied Sciences → Agricultural Science

Searching for Information in Science Reference Center



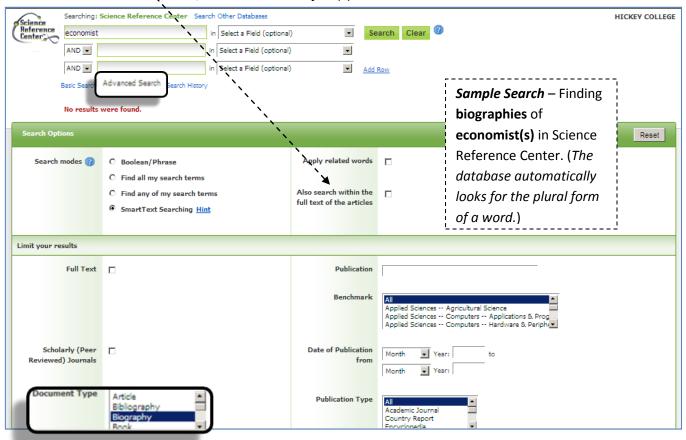
- 1. Use **keyword** searching in **Basic Search**.
 - a. **Basic Search** is the default search at Science Reference Center.
 - b. Type in a word or phrase. (The database uses AutoComplete to provide the correct spelling of possible terms and phrases.)
 - c. Click Search.
 - d. It is easy to refine your results by applying the limiters on the left side of the screen.
 - i. Do you need only recent articles? Change the publication date by sliding the date limiter bar.
 - ii. Do you want articles only from Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals? Click into the box next to that item in the panel on the left side of the page.
 - e. After you have refined your results, click **Apply**.
 - f. You can see all of your filters (limiters) in the "bread box" at the left top portion of the screen
 - i. To remove any limiter, just click on the box next to the limiter in the bread box to uncheck.



f. Click on an article title to view the article detail page or click on a full text link to read the entire article. (See Working with Your Results section of this guide on the next page for more information.)

2. Advanced Search

- a. Click on **Advanced Search** to easily access a **large number of limiters** at the beginning of your search process and/or to search for multiple keywords.
 - i. Document Type limiters include Science Experiment, Reference Entry, Biography, etc.
 - ii. **Hint:** You can limit to different **Categories** of information. Categoris are listed under **Benchmark** on the right side of the **Advanced Search** screen.
 - iii. **Hint**: If you are searching for information on a **very narrow topic**, you might want to "**Also** search within the full text of the article"
 - EBSCO database typically <u>only</u> searches look for your term(s) in the article's title, source, abstract and subject(s).



Working with your Results



- Articles are listed by relevancy.
- Click on a title or mouse over the magnifying glass next to it to see the full citation and abstract.
- Access full text directly by clicking on HTML Full Text or PDF Full Text.
- Add to folder

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Working with your Results (continued)



Tools

- Add to folder Add the article to the session folder.
 - Add all of the articles that you are interested in to the folder and then print, email, or save them all at once.
 - To access and work with the contents of the folder, click on the Folder icon on the right side of the bar at the top of the page. (See image below.)
- Print Print the article.
- **E-mail** E-mail the article to yourself or multiple e-mail addresses.
 - Hint: It's always a good idea to email an article to yourself as backup in case you misplace the printed copy
- **Save** Save the article to a destination on your computer or flash drive.
- Cite Retrieve citation information in the MLA format
 - o Click on Cite, scroll down to MLA and copy/paste the MLA-formatted citation for the article
 - Hint: Be sure to check the citation for errors before placing it in Works Cited.



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