Need Credible Resources?
Search Scholarly Databases!

Image: hetemeel.com
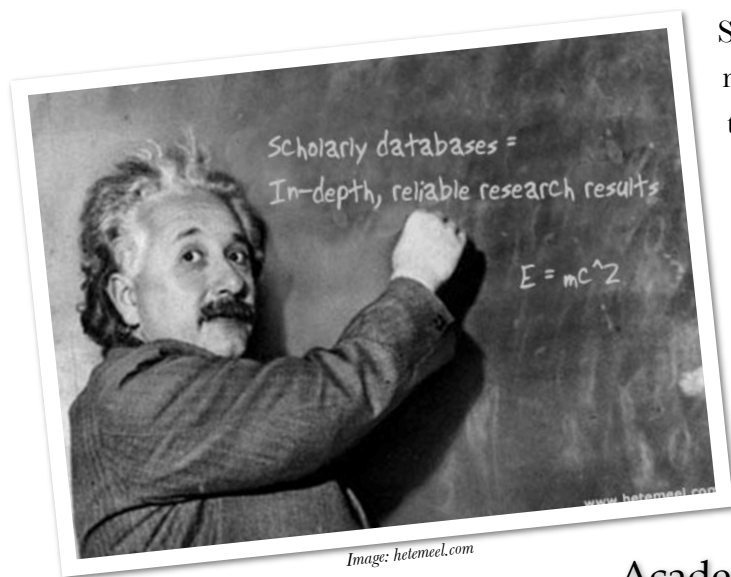
Scholarly journal articles have been reviewed and recommended for publication by fellow scholars in the author's academic field. The articles usually are longer and more focused than articles in popular magazines. Authors report on research using specialized vocabulary and technical terms. *Heads up! Scholarly journals also include news, book reviews, conference reports, etc. that aren't peer reviewed.*

Has your instructor specified that you include scholarly/peer-reviewed/refereed articles in your research project? Start with these three databases:

Academic Search Complete

This collection offers full-text articles for more than 6,000 peer-reviewed journals covering a variety of academic fields. Some of these date back as far as 1867.

JSTOR

Search more than12 million academic journal articles, books, and primary sources in 75 disciplines dating from the1700s to present. *Tip: Click on the* **Download PDF** *option to easily read and save the full article.*

Project MUSE

Project MUSE supplies the full text of scholarly journals and books focused on the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, economics, and many others.

But wait, there's more!

Many of GCC Library's databases provide checkboxes to limit your results to peer-reviewed articles. Look for these boxes either on the main search page or as a limiter on the search results page.
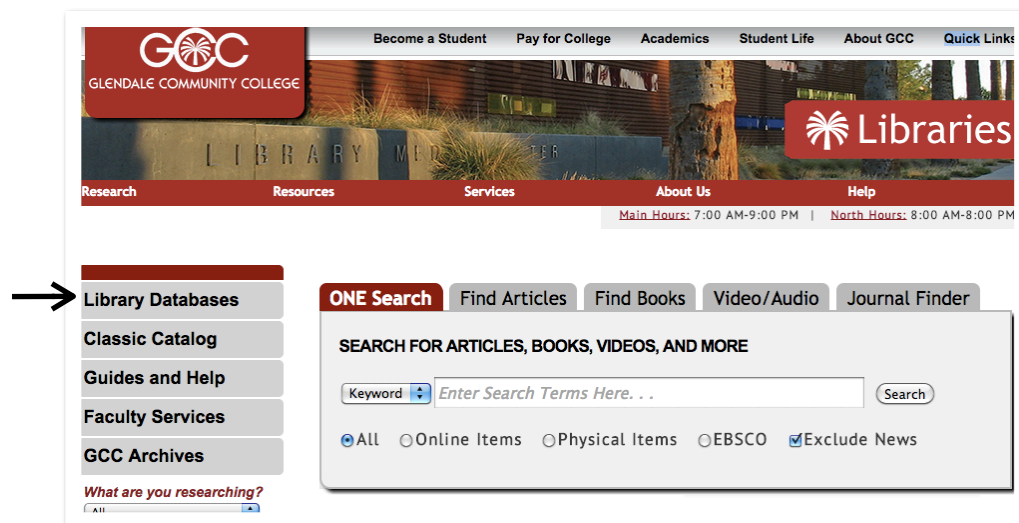
Peer Reviewed ☑

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals ☑

limit results:

☐ to documents with full text

☑ to peer-reviewed publications

How to find GCC's scholarly databases

Start at the Library's home page at **lib.gccaz.edu/lmc**. Click the **Library Databases** link located on the left side of the search box.

A number of scholarly databases are located in the **General/All Subjects** category, which is the category on the top on the **Databases by Subject** page.

Search for scholarly articles about your topic in these three recommended databases.

Need more, different, or very specialized articles? Find the subject that best matches your topic on the **Databases by Subject** list and start exploring.

Not using a campus computer? Log in with your MEID account.

Databases by Subject

General / All Subjects

Academic Search Complete
MasterFILE Premier
GALE PowerSearch (Gateway)
Gale Virtual Reference Library
JSTOR
Project Muse

How to cite database articles

Most databases offer a citation tool. You'll find PDF templates for both MLA and APA citation styles here:

is.gd/mlacite

Links to automatic citation generators such as the Citation Machine and KnightCite also are provided.

Important! Always carefully check machine-generated citations for accuracy.

Need more pointers? Just ask!

- **Ask a Librarian** 24/7 chat — look for the chat box on the Library's home page

- **Reference Desks** — 623-845-3112 (Main)

  623-888-7112 (North)