# Research Databases • Getting Started

During this session we will explore the library database Academic Search Complete, a "comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database supporting high-level research for academic study." This database provides access to full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals.

## Assignment • Paper Topic

Enter your paper topic or research question: _____

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Identify three key elements or concepts of your topic:

| Idea / Concept #1 | Idea / Concept #2 | Idea / Concept #3 |
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## Database Searching

Use your key elements to determine a search term.  Enter the term into Academic Search Complete.

How many items were returned in the initial result? _____

What type of items were returned (e.g., articles or media)? _____

## Refining Search Results

Limit your search results to the last 7 years.  How many items display? _____

Limit these results to full text.  How many items display? _____

Limit these results to academic journals.  How many items display? _____

Choose an item to review.  Provide MLA citation below (URL not required).


Would you use this for your paper?  Why or why not?