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Subject Terms: The **Subject Terms** button takes you to a list of the subject headings assigned to each citation. Using this function is helpful in determining possible search terms. **Relevancy Ranked** searches list topics related to your search term. For example, a relevancy-ranked search for **postmodernism** reveals such topics as **architecture, postmodern; education and postmodernism; postmodernism (literature); postmodernism (philosophy)**, etc. Broader topics include links to **subdivisions and related terms**.

Publication Search: Use the **Publications** button to determine if a particular journal is indexed by Academic Search Premier and what full text is available. A complete list of available journal titles may be accessed at www.ebscohost.com/titleLists/a9h-journals.htm.

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Additional Help: Contact the reference desk (**212-817-7077**) on the second floor of the library or use the **Ask-a-Librarian** button on the library's Web site to ask questions about using Academic Search Complete or any other library resource.

Other Guides: "Creating Accurate Search Statements," guides to other databases, and more may be found at library.gc.cuny.edu/guides/index.html.

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