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Multi-Database Search

WHAT IS MULTI-DATABASE SEARCH: Multi-Database Search is a means of simultaneously searching all the full-text and bibliographic databases to which all of CUNY subscribes, those listed at libraries.cuny.edu/resource.htm, as well as the CUNY+ Online Catalog.

WHAT IS NOT IN MULTI-DATABASE SEARCH: Each CUNY campus subscribes to electronic resources in addition to the CUNY-wide databases. These are not included in this integrated search. At the Graduate Center, these include ACM Digital Library, America: History and Life, ARTstor, Bibliography of the History of Art, Digital Dissertations, EBBO, Humanities International Complete, IEEE Computer Society Digital Library, LLBA, PsycBooks, RILM, SAGE Premier, ScienceDirect, Scopus, SpringerLink, Web of Science, Wiley InterScience, and many others.

ACCESSING MULTI-DATABASE SEARCH: Go the Mina Rees Library Web site (library.gc.cuny.edu) and click **Databases**. Home access is explained at library.gc.cuny.edu/databases/remote.html.

SEARCHING: To search all available resources, check the **Select** box at the top left of the search screen. To search one or more types of resources, check the boxes beside **Electronic Books**, **CUNY+ Online Catalog**, **General/Reference**, **Science and Health**, **Education/Library Science**, **Business and Social Science**, **Humanities**, and **Catalogs** (WorldCat). Then click the **Continue** button at the bottom of the screen.

Most searches in the humanities, sciences, or social sciences will benefit by also selecting the **General/Reference** category because it includes Academic Search Complete, JSTOR, Project Muse, and other multi-disciplinary databases. The more categories selected, the longer searches will take.

The default search screen is the **Basic Search**, good for simple searches such as words, names, or phrases. Use the **Advanced Search** for more complicated searches. The **Advanced Search** allows search terms to be assigned to **Subject Terms**, **Author**, **Title**, **All Text**, **Source** (name of publication), and **Abstract**.

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