Sample Database Search

1. From the Mitchell College Website go to Academics and scroll down to Library.

2. Click on the Article Databases tab and choose Browse All Databases.

3. In the Most Popular Databases box choose Academic Search Complete.

4. Identify the search terms in your research question. Example: For the question “Has soccer become more popular in the United States choose “Soccer” and “United States”.

5. Choose the Advanced Search option and enter your search terms.

6. Limit your results by choosing the Full Text option.

7. Further limit your results by modifying the Publication Date, generally entering dates within the past ten years. Example 2004-2014

8. You can also limit your results by Source Type which will allow you to choose articles from newspapers, magazines, academic journals or trade journals, or any combination of these.

9. Finally, if you still have too many results to look through you can further limit them by Subject. This limiter breaks up the results into more specific categories, allowing you to choose areas that best apply to your research question. You may need to choose the show more link under subject.