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Google Scholar: Easily Search for Academic Resources on the Web

[Google Scholar](#) is a free search service that offers the capability to search for scholarly literature across the Web. With Scholar, searchers are able to find peer-reviewed papers, abstracts, and citations from a variety of scholarly organizations such as academic publishers and universities. Scholar provides the straightforward interface and convenience we're accustomed to with a Google search. However, the added benefit is that Scholar enables searchers to search against only academic materials. Google has also worked with academic publishers to make some information that is generally protected by subscription barriers available in a Scholar search. The advantage of this arrangement is that searchers can access abstracts and citation information from a diversity of resources.

While full text articles are occasionally available from Scholar, you may still need to access the complete resource from a library or publisher. In this case, you can take advantage of [Loyola Libraries](#) to help locate the materials you find in a Scholar search. If you use Scholar through the Loyola Libraries web pages or from on-campus, you will get a link to the full text journals available from the LU Libraries. Scholar can also be customized to link to Loyola holdings. Ask at the Lewis or Cudahy Libraries for assistance with this and other resources.

Scholar Advanced Search

Using the [Advanced Search](#) feature of Scholar, you can customize your search criteria in order to yield better search results.

The image shows the Google Scholar Advanced Search interface. At the top left is the Google Scholar logo with "BETA" underneath. To the right of the logo is a green header bar with the text "Advanced Scholar Search". Below this is a search form with several sections:

- Find articles**: A section with five radio button options: "with all of the words", "with the exact phrase", "with at least one of the words", "without the words", and "where my words occur". To the right of these options is a search input field and a dropdown menu currently set to "anywhere in the article".
- Author**: A section with the label "Return articles written by" and an input field. Below the field is the example text "e.g., 'P.J. Hayes' or McCarthy".
- Publication**: A section with the label "Return articles published in" and an input field. Below the field is the example text "e.g., J Biol Chem or Nature".
- Date**: A section with the label "Return articles published between" and two input fields separated by a minus sign. Below the fields is the example text "e.g., 1996".
- Subject Areas**: A section with two radio button options: "Return articles in all subject areas." (which is selected) and "Return only articles in the following subject areas:".

See Google's [Advanced Search Tips](#) for help with refining your search.

Resources:

Google Scholar:

<http://scholar.google.com/schhp?tab=ws>

Loyola Libraries:

<http://libraries.luc.edu/find.htm>

Search Engine Watch: Google Scholar Offers Access to Academic Information

<http://searchenginewatch.com/showPage.html?page=3437471>

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