

## OneSearch: The Basics

### Transcript

Hi everyone. This is Steve Bahnaman here to bring you OneSearch: The Basics. OneSearch is Wiggins Library's main search interface. It brings together books, ebooks, reference, and journal articles into one place, and it's the most popular search that the library has.

From the library home page at [library.campbell.edu](http://library.campbell.edu), OneSearch is the first option in the search box on the main page. You can see here that I'm going to search for [homeland security and amnesty]. Even with pretty good keywords I have a lot of results. In this case, I have 16,159 of them. That means I'm going to need to narrow down my results to find the best sources for me. A couple of popular ways to do this are to use the Full-Text Online and Peer-Reviewed Articles button. These respectively find things that I can read online, or items that are peer reviewed and have academic merit behind them. Further down I can sort by Resource Type. It's popular to look at articles or books to pull those out from my results.

Even further down the page, I have the ability to choose date range to only find resources from a certain time period, and if I open up the subject option as you see here, I have access to some very helpful limiters that will pull out only those results that relate to certain aspects of the topic. These results will change to fit the topic I've searched for, so I'll see different subjects for every search I do. Most of these filters will apply automatically except for date; next to date, I have to click "refine" once I've chosen my date range.

So you can see here what happens once I've chosen some limiters. In this case I chose Peer-Reviewed Articles and the years 2016-2019. I now have a list of 383 peer-reviewed articles from 2016 or later. But how do I get to use them? For results like these I simply click "Available Online" and it will let me see this page, which includes a lot of information about a particular source. Specifically, I get all the bibliography information I'd typically need, and I can click on any of the sources listed here to actually read the source. If I'm on campus, it'll take me straight there. If I'm off campus, I'll need to put my Blackboard login in to view this article.

Those are just the basics of how to use OneSearch. If you need help searching, or to speak with a librarian about your topic, please contact us at any of the ways seen here or check out the Tutorials page on the website for more videos.