Better Google Scholar Searches

How to do better searches using your favorite search engine.
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*Purpose of Workshop*

*Participants will become more efficient users of Google Scholar and understand why accessing full text of articles can be different off campus*
Talking points

* What is Google Scholar (GS)
* Quick overview of Advanced Search
* Finding the right terms
* On campus versus off
* GS versus Library Databases
* MORE
**What is Google Scholar (GS)**

Google Scholar (GS) is a search engine good for

- Peer-reviewed articles
- Theses
- Books
- Technical reports
- Abstracts
- Reprints

Not all scholarly publishers allow GS to crawl their content.

Not everything has been digitized.
*Quick overview of Advanced Search*

- student success - title of article -
- accreditation
- since 2012
- create alert
- cited by
- related articles
Finding the right terms

GS recommends that if you are new to a topic, or not getting the results you expect, use a source like Wikipedia to find terms that may be narrower or broader.

For example “Heart rate variability”

Other terms used include: "cycle length variability", "RR variability" (where R is a point corresponding to the peak of the QRS complex of the ECG wave; and RR is the interval between successive Rs), and "heart period variability". See also Heart rate turbulence, Sinus rhythm.

Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heart_rate_variability
*GS versus Library Databases*

**Library Databases:**
- Searches can be more structured
- Provide the ability to focus search by subject area
- GS is not equally great for all disciplines
- Allow users to sort results according to date and relevance
- Allow users to sort results by type of material (academic journal, magazine, newspaper, etc.)
Links to Library Databases

Web of Science links works both ways

example Astrophysics liquid
*On campus versus off

  On campus

  Versus off campus
Google Scholar

To learn more about Google Scholar - just google it!
  Most recent
  Locating the full text
  Getting better answers

The About Section is a concise overview
The help section is rich
Setting up your own profile can be illuminating
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