Using Campus Research

Campus Research is an easy-to-use online research service that provides you with a comprehensive collection of news and business information and law-related sources. No matter what your discipline—social science, pre-law, marketing, political science—Campus Research meets your research needs.

Choosing a Search Method

Two search methods are available in Campus Research: Basic Search and Advanced Search. Advanced Search is the default search method.

BASIC SEARCH

When you use Basic Search, you enter a description of your issue using plain English. For example, you could type **brand building strategy** or **death penalty for juveniles**. The Basic Search page for News and Business is shown in Figure 1. Campus Research displays the documents in your result that have the greatest likelihood of matching the concepts in your search, without regard to the date of the document. If you want to limit your result to recent documents, simply add a date restriction. You retrieve a maximum of 100 documents using Basic Search.

ADVANCED SEARCH

Advanced Search lets you create a more precise search by using the AND, OR, and NOT connectors. When you use Advanced Search to search for documents that have specific dates, such as news articles and cases, the documents in your result are ranked by date and are displayed in reverse chronological order (i.e., the most recent document is displayed first). With Advanced Search, you retrieve all documents that meet your search criteria.
Searching News and Business Sources

Suppose that you are researching the issue of DNA or genetic testing. An easy way to begin is by finding news articles on the topic. Start your research by completing the following steps:

1. Click the News and Business tab, if necessary (Figure 2). The default search method is Advanced Search.

2. Type test! in the Search text box, choose the AND connector and type d.n.a. in the second text box, and choose the OR connector and type genetic in the third text box. (The root expander (!) allows you to retrieve words with variant endings, e.g., test, tested, and testing.)

3. Your search is automatically restricted to documents from the last three years. To restrict your search by another date, choose a different restriction from the Date drop-down list, e.g., Last 30 Days.

4. Select the Search only the headlines and lead paragraphs check box to search only those portions of documents.

5. Select the Identify duplicate documents check box to identify recent documents containing substantially similar information. Duplicate documents are listed separately in your result.

6. To refine your search, select one or more check boxes under the Categories, Publication Type, or Language Sources heading at the bottom of the page, e.g., select the Newspapers check box under Publication Type. Note that you can only select resources under one heading.

7. Click Search. A result list is displayed (Figure 3). Click a document’s title to display the full text.
Searching Law-Related Sources

Campus Research offers a variety of law-related sources such as journals and law reviews and legal encyclopedias, cases, statutes, and administrative materials. Because journals and law reviews provide helpful discussion and analysis of a topic, they are often a good place to begin your research. In addition to serving as an excellent introduction to a topic, they are often a finding tool for relevant authority such as cases and statutes. Suppose you are researching eminent domain in light of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Kelo v. City of New London*. To search journals and law reviews, complete the following steps:

1. Click the **Law** tab, if necessary (Figure 4). The default search method is Advanced Search.
2. Type “eminent domain” in the **Search** text box, then choose the **AND** connector and type *kelo* in the second text box.
3. Your search is not restricted by date. To restrict your search by date, choose a restriction from the **Date** drop-down list, e.g., **Last 3 Years**.
4. Select the **Journals and Law Reviews** check box under **Select Database(s)**. Then choose **All Journals and Law Reviews** or an individual state from the drop-down list.
5. Click **Search**. A result list is displayed. Click a document’s citation to display the full text.
6. To revise and rerun your search, click **Edit Search** at the top of the result list to display the Search page.

(Figure 4. Journals and Law Reviews search)

Tracking Your Research

The Research Trail feature displays information about tasks you’ve completed during the current research session, including citations to documents retrieved and databases used. Click **Research Trail** at the top of the page to display information about the tasks you’ve completed. You can e-mail your research trail to professors and colleagues to share your research. For your privacy, Campus Research deletes your research trail when you click **Sign Off** to end your research session.

Using the Table of Contents Service

The Table of Contents service allows you to browse the table of contents for a publication, view a document in the context of the sections surrounding it, and retrieve related sections. Click **Table of Contents**, where available, to display the table of contents for a publication. Click the plus (+) and minus (–) symbols to browse the table of contents. To retrieve a specific section, click its link.
Shortcuts

Campus Research provides a number of search shortcuts in the left frame of both the News and Business (Figure 5) and Law (Figure 6) pages.

NEWS AND BUSINESS

Publications List

Click Publications List to display a list of all available news and business resources. Click a link to go directly to a resource or type all or part of the resource name in the text box, e.g., new york times, and click Search.

Hoover’s Company Records

Click Hoover’s Company Records to search for company profiles providing financial and operational information on public and private U.S. corporations, as well as other companies.

SEC Filings

Click SEC Filings to search for annual reports, proxy statements, 10-K and 10-Q reports, and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

LAW

Content List

Click Content List to display a list of all available legal resources, organized by type, e.g., cases, statutes, and law reviews and journals. Click a link to go directly to a resource or type all or part of the resource name in the text box, e.g., harvard law review, and click Search.

Find

To retrieve a document when you know its citation or title, use the Find service. When you know the citation, type it in the Find a Document by citation text box, e.g., 98 sct 2733, and click Go. When you know the name of one or more parties, type the names in the Find a Document by title text boxes, e.g., roe and wade, and click Go.

KeySearch

KeySearch® is a research tool that helps you find cases and secondary sources within a specific area of the law. KeySearch guides you through the selection of terms from a classification system based on the West Key Number System® and then uses the key numbers and their underlying concepts to run a query, which was created by a West attorney-editor, for you. Click Go under KeySearch and follow the on-screen directions.

Famous Documents

Campus Research provides links to well-known documents that may be relevant to many of your courses. For example, to display the complete text of the USA Patriot Act, click Patriot Act under Famous Documents.

Legal Guides

To retrieve legal analysis on current topics of interest, click a topic name under Legal Guides. For example, click Toxic Torts to display a topical analysis, including frequently asked questions and references to other resources.