

GESC 290-OC: Carbon Tax Assignment

Search Strategies

We'll begin our search for scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles using the ProQuest database, Advanced search

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Using examples given previously, we can enter our first two concepts in the search boxes:

"economic instruments" OR "cap and trade" OR "carbon tax"

AND

"climate change" OR "global warming"

Search notes:

- the OR operator links similar terms or phrases together in your search
- the use of " " around a term tells the search engine to look for the exact phrase
- using a * in a term searches for variant spellings, e.g. tax, taxed, taxes

Next, click the link to "Add a row" under the search boxes.

We can then add in the third concept terms in the new row:

Impact* OR effect* OR use*

Then, below the search boxes, make sure you select "Scholarly Journals" as source type, and "Article" as the document type.

Under the Result page options at bottom, sort your results by "relevance" and check "Exclude duplicate documents".

You will likely retrieve many results.

Scroll through the list to relevant titles.

Click the Abstract/Details link or Show Abstract link at far right to see if there are additional subjects you might use in your search.

To get fewer results, we can limit by publication date at left of the results screen, e.g. to last 5 or 10 years.

Some additional tips:

- Use the Get It! button to find full text articles
- Don't check the Limit to: Full text box in your search, it will limit your results.
- Use other databases on the [GES Subject page](#) for your research, especially GEOBASE and Web of Science.
- You can also run the same search in Omni, but make sure you put connectors in CAPs or the search won't work.

If you have any questions, [contact the Geography Librarian for help](#).