

GS102 Video 2: Finding peer reviewed articles and scholarly book chapters

In this video, you'll learn how to find relevant peer reviewed articles, book chapters and books for your Global Studies 102 assignments. Start at the library home page <https://library.wlu.ca>.

Let's start with an example question from your assignment. Why do armed groups kidnap for ransom?

If we search on that question, we find very few results.

It may be helpful before you begin your search to identify the important concepts and then write down related terms.

Let's do an advanced search to illustrate how this can help you.

I'll click the switch to Advanced Search link to the right of the search box.

Looking at our question, we can identify important terms, kidnap, ransom and armed groups.

Let's enter each term separately in a row. We can type kidnap in the first row.

Ransom in the second. And armed groups in the third.

If we run that search, we find a few more results.

How can we retrieve more? One way is to enter additional related terms or synonyms in the appropriate search fields for kidnap.

We can enter abduct for ransom. We can enter payment for armed groups.

We can enter a number of related terms. Armed forces.

Guerrilla forces. Militia or terrorist.

Typing a star at the end of words is known as truncation.

This allows searches on variant spellings like kidnap, kidnaper or kidnaping.

Let's truncate some of our search terms and put a star after pay and at the end of terrorist.

Double quotes around words, searches for exact phrases.

The OR is a Boolean operator. Using an order to connect similar terms broadens the search.

Make sure you put these connectors in all caps when you use them.

Now we're retrieving many more results. You can limit your results using the filters along the left side.

Clicking the peer reviewed journals box and the articles box limits to academic peer reviewed research articles.

You can also limit to book chapters or books and ebooks.

There's no way to limit to only academic or scholarly books in omni.

If you want to know how to identify those books, watch the first video in this course Guide.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email listed here - pgenzinger@wlu.ca
- or through the links found in the left side Navigation bar on this course Guide.