

How to find quality news articles on water issues with OneSearch “Advanced Search.”

1. Head to the Rod Library website – <http://www.library.uni.edu>
(or just google – UNI Library)
2. Click on the “Advanced Search” option under the OneSearch search blank.
3. Type in your topic and search.
(More on focusing your search under “Search Tricks for OneSearch”)
4. After you get (too many) results you can focus on recent news articles as follows:

On the left-hand column of the results page try the following:

- a. Check the box labeled “Full Text (Online Only)”
 - b. Adjust the “Publication Date” bar to a recent date range e.g. 2010 to 2014
 - c. Change the “Source Types” to “News”
5. To get results click on the PDF, HTML, “View Full Text” or “ Find it!” link.

How to cite the news articles you find on OneSearch.

1. To cite the news articles you find with OneSearch do the following:
2. Go to the OneSearch results page
3. Click on the title of the article
4. Click on the  Cite icon on the right side of the page
5. Choose the citation style – APA, MLA, Chicago, Turabian
6. Copy the citation
7. Paste the citation (Warning – you may need to use the slightly unformatted “middle” paste option in Microsoft Word (to remove unwanted formatting)).
8. Fix the errors in the citation. All online citation generators are prone to error (indeed they’re quite good at goofing up) ... so you’ll need to clean up the citations you copy.

A good place to find examples of APA style citations for news, magazine, and journal citations is the Purdue Online Writing Lab – APA Style – Reference List: Articles in Periodicals at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/07/>

How to find quality news articles on water issues with LexisNexis.

Head to the Rod Library website – <http://www.library.uni.edu>

Click on Databases A-Z

Click on “L” at the top of the page and then on “LexisNexis Academic”

Set LexisNexis to “News” by clicking on the  box and choosing the “All News” option

Next set LexisNexis to U.S. news by clicking on the “Advanced Options ▼” pulldown menu – checking the box for   U.S. Newspapers and then clicking on 

Search Tricks for LexisNexis

LexisNexis has its own set of special commands to help you focus your search.

atleast	atleast5(water)	finds articles that contain the word water at least 5 times
length	length>1000	finds articles that are more than one thousand words in length (essay length articles)
!	farm!	finds articles with the word farm, farms, farming, farmer, etc.
OR	farming OR agriculture	finds articles that contain either of these words
AND	water AND climate	finds articles that contain both “water” and “climate”
“ ”	“climate change”	finds the exact phrase

A search example for “climate change” and agriculture –

atleast7(“climate change”) AND atleast9(farm! OR agricultur!) AND length>1000

The phrase “climate change” must appear at least seven times in the article and either farm/farming/farmers or agriculture/agricultural must also show up in the same article at least nine times. Finally, the article must be at least a thousand words long (essay length).

Citing articles from LexisNexis

While LexisNexis does have a citation option  (Export Bibliographic References) – it is so awful that you’re better off simply using the Purdue Online Writing Lab – APA Style – Reference List: Articles in Periodicals at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/07/>