<u>Our Sexiest Databases</u>

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WPUNJ students are no slouches when it comes to using the Library's e-resources.

In the last academic year, you ran over 550,000 searches in our research databases, requested over 350,000 articles from more than 20,000 periodicals, and made use of over 4,000 titles in our e-book collection!

We took a look at the numbers to see which of our databases are the hottest, "go-to" resources you use for research and course work. This is what we found:

For both searches _and_ article downloads, the leader of the pack is **Academic Search Complete (ASC)**. Covering almost every subject in the WPU curriculum, ASC is a virtual smorgasbord of academic and popular information sources with over 13,000 indexed publications. About two-thirds of these sources are available in full-text.

Especially useful for lower-division course assignments and small-scale research projects, ASC can be a one-stop source for what you need.

What if you're looking for current news? You need to use the right tool for the job, and students go to **Lexis-Nexis Academic** daily because it's got full-text content from over 2,500 local, national, and international newspapers, plus wire service reports, broadcast media transcripts, and more.

The other reason for **Lexis-Nexis Academic**'s popularity is its vast full-text legal resources: court opinions, statutes, administrative codes, law reviews, and more.

Once you've declared a major you'll make more use of the research databases tied to your field. Our top-ranked subject databases – with over 10,000 searches each last year - are all closely aligned with specific majors: **CINAHL** (nursing and public health), **PsycINFO** (psychology), **ERIC** (education), and **Communication and Mass Media Complete** (communication).

For articles, another full-text info-buffet is served by **ProQuest Central**, a composite of 27 high-use databases covering over 160 subjects. In addition to thousands of academic journals, **ProQuest Central** also provides news periodicals, over 50,000 doctoral dissertations, over 50,000 working papers from research institutes, and a wide array of business, market, industry, and economic reports.

With the kind of name recognition other database providers can only dream about, **JSTOR** is a hugely popular source for articles, often showing up in faculty assignment instructions as a recommended source. Many users don't realize that **JSTOR** is mainly an archive – most of the articles in it are at least five years old - but that's fine if you want high-quality articles from top journals and they don't need to be hot off the press.

One of our newest contenders for database supremacy is the science index **Scopus**, which covers ALL science disciplines and a large segment of the social sciences too. **Scopus** currently provides over 50 million citation records from over 21,000 journals. Since we acquired **Scopus** in 2011, searches have increased by over 150%.

Our hottest databases are popular for good reasons, but we've got dozens more, including the one most useful to you. Come visit us at the Library and we'll help you find your perfect match!