Original Research Articles

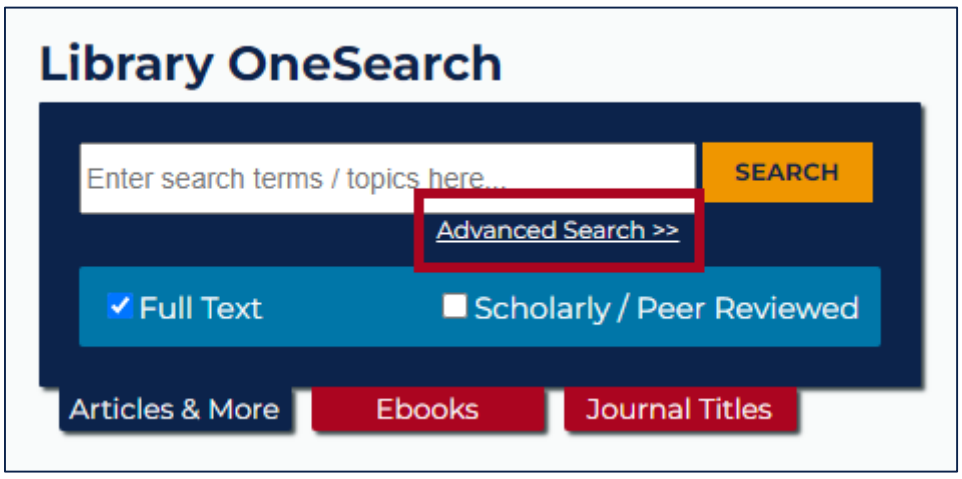
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What is an Original Research Article?

Original research articles, sometimes called **primary research articles**, are published accounts of original research studies such as experiments, case studies, or surveys. These articles are written to expand the knowledge and understanding in a field and are generally based on testing a **hypothesis** by **collecting, analyzing,** and **interpreting data.** Original research articles typically contain sections describing the **hypotheses**, **study design** (e.g., observational, survey, experimental), **methods**, and **results**.

How to Search for Original Research Articles

1. Click on the **Advanced Search** link directly under the **Library OneSearch** box on the library homepage.

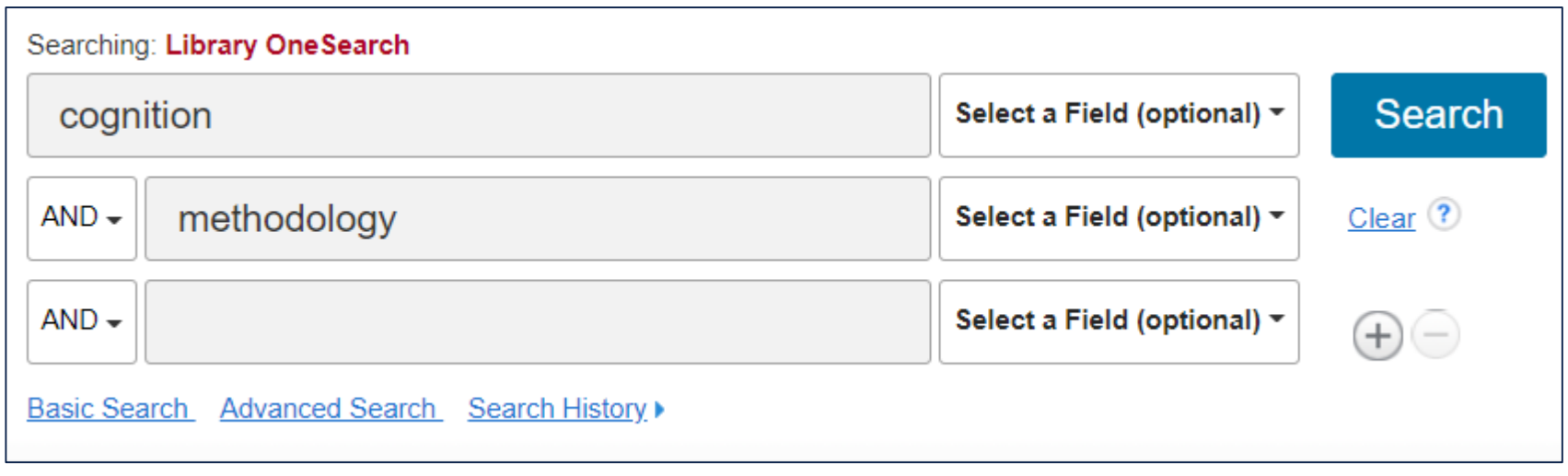


2. Enter a keyword or a short phrase that describes your main idea or topic into the top box; for example, **cognition**.

3. In the second search box, try one of the following words related to original research studies: **methodology or methods, results, study, experiment, clinical trial, qualitative, quantitative, survey, focus group, and case study.** You may need to conduct separate searches using different combinations of these words.

4. Check the box below your search options to **Limit to Scholarly / Peer-Reviewed.** Then click **Search.**

Sample Search Using Library OneSearch – Advanced Search



Identifying Original Research Articles

Skim the article for sections such as:

- Methods
- Materials
- Approach
- Discussion
- Results
- Charts
- Graphs
- References

Ask yourself questions like:

- Is the author the person who conducted the research study?
- Does the article answer a question? Explain a process? Deliver results?

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