

Quick Guide for ENV 110 Spring 2009

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Find

[Encyclopaedia Britannica Online: Academic Edition](#)

[Penguin Encyclopedia of Places](#) (Credo Ref online)

[Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary](#) (Credo Ref online)

[EarthTrends: the Environmental Information Portal](#) "What is EarthTrends?"

EarthTrends is a comprehensive online database, maintained by the World Resources Institute, that focuses on the environmental, social, and economic trends that shape our world."

[Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection](#)



[WorldCat](#) – database catalog of library materials (books significant) across the US.

Use *limits*: English language, books, not juvenile, non-fiction, rank (sort) by date

Expect to use [InterLibrary Loan](#) with databases: sources can be outside the HWS Library. Library web page: "Library Services" – "Interlibrary Loan" – "First time users click here" to set up.

Featured Databases

[ProQuest Direct](#) - newspapers, magazines and journals with good full text.

- Operators: basic are AND, OR, **AND NOT**, WITHIN 3.
- Wildcard to use with word root is "*" (asterisk)
- Use "double quotes" to search a phrase
- Limit to **journals** is possible with check-off box
- Select *Interdisciplinary – Research Library* for "database" for search results more research oriented, less news.

[GeoRef](#) - THE geoscience index to articles in journals/other, database containing over 2.2 million records for articles on North America since 1785, and other areas of the world since 1933.

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- Use "double quotes" to search a phrase
- Rank by "date" to float newest items to top



- Use icons to check whether a term is in the database:

Survey issues and problems with:

[Lexis/Nexis Academic](#), *General* or *News* tab.

[Masterfile Select \(EBSCO\)](#) (may go away in late March)

[ProQuest Direct](#)

Look for hard geoscience or environmental journal articles:

[General Science Index with full text](#) (basic general science coverage, 2/3ds journals)

[GeoRef](#) (THE geoscience index to articles)

[ScienceDirect](#)

Look for economic journal literature:

[EconLit](#)

Look for policy or legal background:

[Social Sciences Index with full text](#)

[P.A.I.S.](#)

[Lexis/Nexis Academic](#), *Legal* tab

Consult with the reference librarians

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[Selected Library Resources for Environmental Studies 110](#)

Last term, Michael Hunter put together a web page for this class. For a different take on using your research sources, follow the link above to

<http://people.hws.edu/hunter/kinne.htm>