

LIBRARY RESEARCH



Introduction to East Asian Studies
CIS 160

SESSION OUTLINE

- Search Strategies
- Reference Works
- Locating Secondary Sources
 - ... Articles & Books



RESEARCH STRATEGY

1. Define your topic
2. Identify keywords and search terms
3. Select appropriate search tools
4. Conduct your search
5. Evaluate your results
6. Repeat steps 1-5 as needed

REFERENCE SOURCES

- Background information
- Definitions & biographies
- Citations to other sources



LOCATING SECONDARY SOURCES

Choosing Search Tools

- Don't forget about print sources
- Use more than one tool
- Consider
 - ... Scope; subject(s) covered
 - ... Publication type(s) sought
 - ... Date restrictions



DATABASE TIPS

Advanced Syntax

- Boolean operators
 - AND** (narrows a search)
 - OR** (for synonyms; broadens a search)
 - NOT** (excludes unwanted terms)
- Truncation * or \$
- Phrase searching ‘ ’ or “ ”

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Stop by the library
- Call us 704-894-2425
- E-mail us
[ReferenceDesk@davidson.edu](mailto:ReferenceDesk@ davidson.edu)
- Schedule a research consultation
[\(Link on Library homepage\)](#)

Start @ the Library!



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- I. Go to the Research Guide for CIS 160.
(Library homepage > Departments > Reference & Instruction > Course Guides)

Go to the Secondary Sources section and choose *LexisNexis*.

Click on the “Guided News Search” tab, then choose

- “World News” as the search category
- “Asia/ Pacific News Sources” as the news source
- Search for: fast food and China

How many records did you get? _____

How could you narrow this search? _____

Go back to the search screen and this time, choose “North/South American News Sources: as the source category. Do the search again.

How many records did you get? _____

Compare these records to the ones you got with the first search.

- II. Search *InfoTrac OneFile*.

Do a keyword search for: fast food and china

How many records did you get? _____

Scan through the list of items. What sorts of publications are included in this database? (Consider subject as well as audience.)

Look at a record. Are there subject headings?

Some of the articles in *InfoTrac* are full-text. Others aren't. If you find a citation to a good article in *InfoTrac* but the article isn't full-text, how can you get a copy of the article? What tool would you search, and what kind of search would you do?
