How to search Google Scholar

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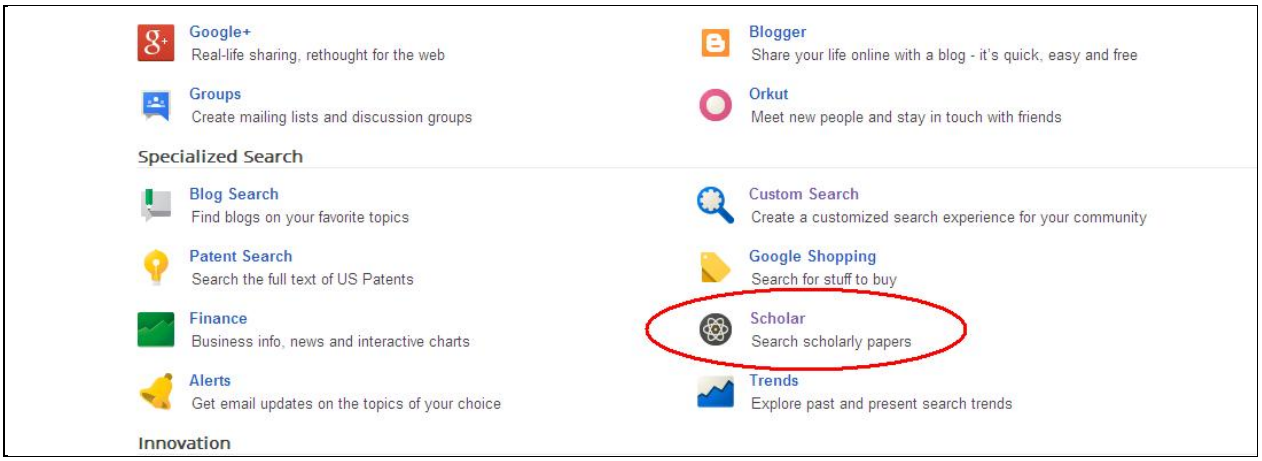
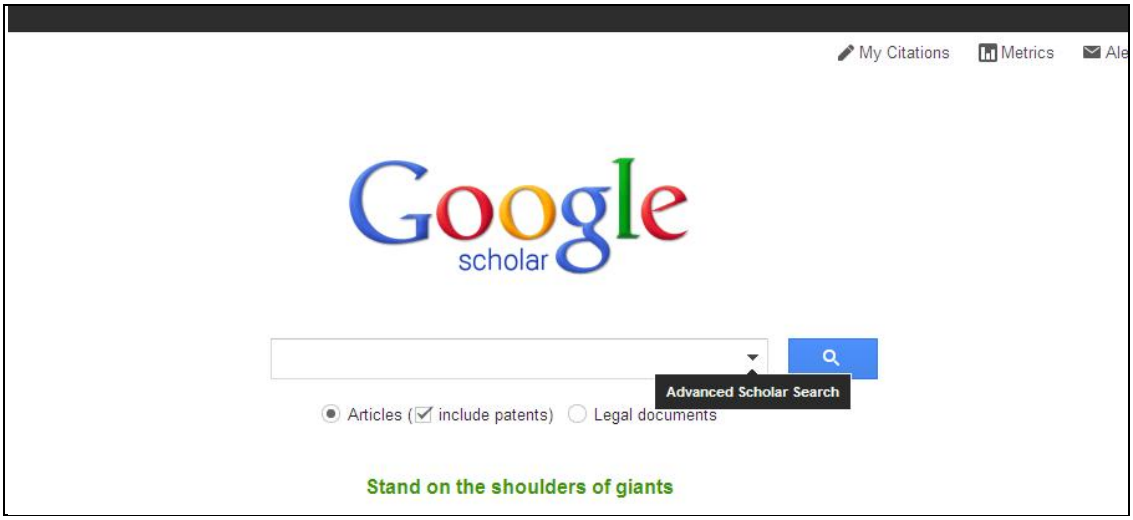
Choose “Scholar” from the “More,” “Even more” options at www.google.com

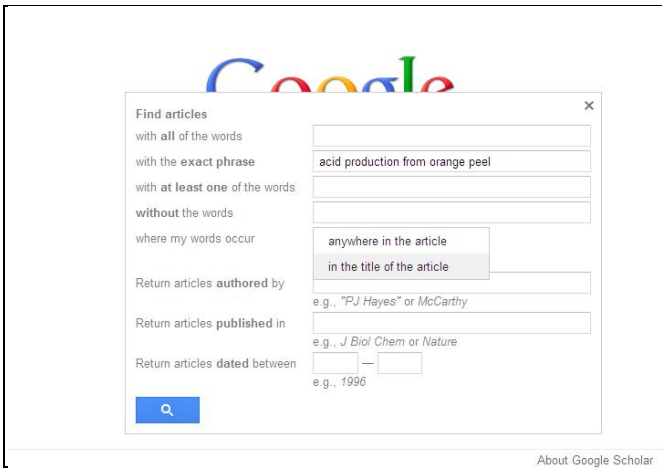


I recommend selecting “Advanced Search” from the search rectangle’s drop-down box.

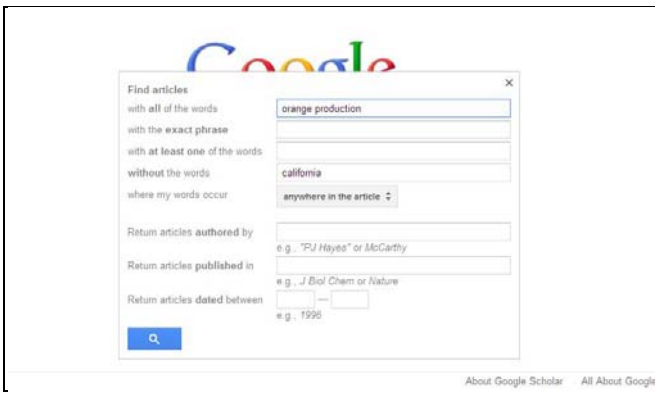


To search for an exact article, type part of the article name in the **exact phrase** search rectangle, and (optional) choose “in the title of the article.”

If you are using Google Scholar for a subject search rather than to locate a known article, the first rectangles allow you to compose an advanced, weighted keyword query. For example, the rectangle “with **at least one** of the words” is a search expander, and “**without** the words” is a search limiter.



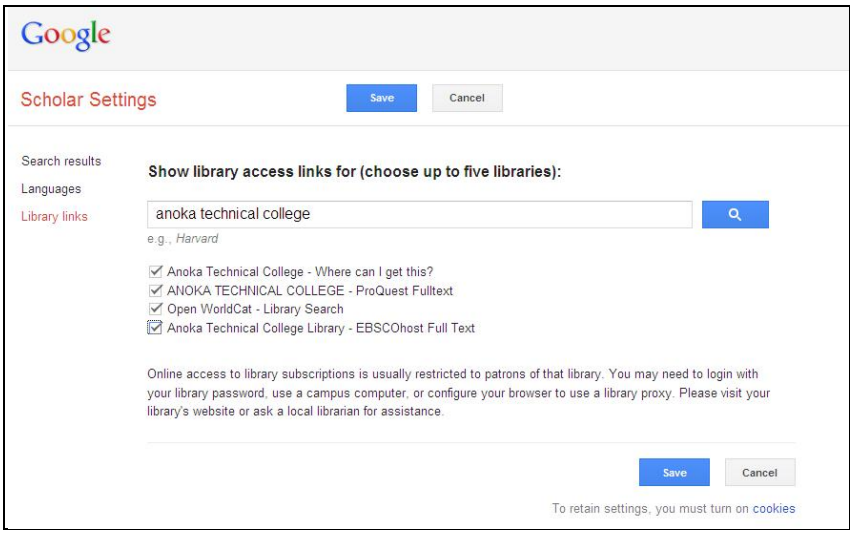
Exact title phrase search



Keyword search (weighted)

The search results may be "grouped". Below each (grouped) result, it will say "All X versions". Click on "All X versions" to view the specific results within that grouping. Generally, they are all the same article, but from several different access points. View each link within the grouping one by one to determine if there is FREE access to the document, preferably a PDF version, available online.

To connect Google Scholar results to the full-text capabilities of some of Anoka Technical College's subscription databases (all of which are FREE to students,) change your Google Scholar preferences. From the Google Scholar page, click on the **Settings** cog in the upper right. Select **Library links** on the left. Search by home library, and add all that are relevant.



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