1: ProQuest Central

ProQuest Central is a comprehensive collection of scholarly journal articles, reports, books, dissertations, and magazines. Covered topics include defense, economics, international affairs, and news. ProQuest Central searches all of the content from several ProQuest databases available in the NWC collections.

2: Finding ProQuest on the NWC Library Homepage

Click into the Learning Commons

Click into the A-Z list

Click “P” in the A-Z list.

Select ProQuest Central
USING PROQUEST CENTRAL

3: Basic Search
The basic search is the default option on the screen in ProQuest. Brainstorm with the keywords from your research ideas and use those terms in a basic search.

Type any research keywords in the text box for a basic search

4: Advanced Search
An option for advanced searching is visible on top tool bar.

Advanced Search option

Use the drop-down menu to select various search fields

Build a search with the Boolean operators, AND, OR, or NOT

Choose abstract, author or text search fields
5: Proximity Searching
Expert proximity searching will increase the relevancy of a document text/FT search by returning results in which specified words or phrases appear in close proximity to other selected terms. The “N” means near and the number represents “within this many words of another word or phrase.” The number can be any number, large or small, to narrow or broaden the search.

Phrases within 25 words of each other

Search in Document Text-FT

“cyber security” N/25 “united states” in Document Text--FT

“cyber security” N/25 “national security” in Document Text--FT

“Cyber security” N/30 “hybrid security” in Document Text--FT
6: Limiting Search Results

A very broad search can return a large number of results. There are many ways to narrow the results.

- **Search fields**: Choose specific source types, search in abstract, by author, or in the full text.
- **Search the abstract only to narrow the search**
- **Narrow the date range**

### Source type
- Newspapers (34)
- Wire Feeds (29)
- Scholarly Journals (15)
- Trade Journals (14)
- Reports (12)

### Publication date
- 2010 - 2017 (years)

Enter a date range

Update
6: Source Type
Choose more options under “source type” to select and deselect specific document types.

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Choose scholarly journals, reports & dissertations
8: Using Search Results
Basic information about the item is seen in the item list. The article below is from a law journal and was published in the summer of 2015. A full text PDF is available.

"Use of Force" and "Armed Attack" Thresholds in Cyber Conflict: The Looming Definitional Gaps: Response

The authority that comes closest to an international response is the Tallinn Manual

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9: Managing Search Results

There are many options for managing items that you want to use. Download the PDF, copy and paste the citation to a save file, email content to yourself, or export the reference to RefWorks.

10: Emailing Content to Yourself

Emailing articles to yourself is a great way to keep a record of interesting articles, news and reports. Send PDF files to you email account and include the citation in the email.

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10: The Optional My Research Account
From the top right toolbar create a personal My Research account for saving and managing ProQuest content.

11: Search Tips

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