Using JSTOR

Introduction

**JSTOR** is a large digital archive containing journal articles, eBooks and primary sources.

1. **Locating JSTOR on the NWC library homepage**

**JSTOR** is found in the Library *Databases A-Z* portal. Use the *Learning Commons* link when on campus. Authenticate via Blackboard or CAC when working remotely.
2: Basic & Advanced Searching

In JSTOR there is the option for a basic or an advanced search. The basic search box is the default. Just below the basic search box is the link for the advanced search tool.

### The Advances Search Box

**Advanced Search Box**

**Advanced Search** [View tutorial] | [Search Help]

- **Select a search field** such as title, author, or abstract; use **all fields** for full text searching.

- **Choose a Boolean operation**, AND, OR, NOT.

**Access Type**

**Content I can access** is content that we have subscriptions to.

Dig deeper with **All content** and find materials that require interlibrary loan (ILL).
3: More Options in Advanced Searching

On the advanced search page, notice that other selections can further limit the search results. Narrow by item type, date range and language. Scroll down the page to limit by discipline.

- **Click here for journal articles only**
- **Limit by date ranges**
- **Limit by language**

Narrow the search results by selecting specific disciplines. Scroll down to select disciplines such as anthropology, criminology, international relations, political science, and more.
4: Using Word Proximity for Relevance in *JSTOR*

Proximity searching enhances the relevance of content by bringing the keywords closer together. Start by brainstorming words from your research and identify subject keywords that you would like to see appear together in articles or book chapters.

**Examples of Proximity Searches**

The proximity search in *JSTOR* is formulated by using quotation marks around the keywords followed by a tilde and a random number. The tilde and number search for words within a specific range of each other. A larger number results in more retrieved material. A smaller number will tighten up the results list if there are too many hits.

**A Proximity Search with additional keywords**

Use quotation marks around the proximity search, then add another term.

Use the **all fields** search for this type of query

If your search returns are too low, use a larger number to increase the range of the search parameters.
5: Simple Proximity Searching
JSTOR offers “near” options in the drop-down menu seen below. Use this basic proximity with single terms for a selective keyword search.

Bring two single keyword terms closer together to enhance relevance.

Drop-down menu
6: Managing Search Results
Download articles or book chapters to iPad Goodreader or copy to a file. A small amount of content may not allow download. Those will have to be placed on the bookshelf in MyJSTOR for reading. Keep subject lists in MyJSTOR. Manage citations from here.

Choose to download, add to a list in MyJSTOR, or copy/export the citation

Get the citation

JSTOR Citation Management.

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Export Citation

- Export to RefWorks
- Export to EasyBib
- Export a RIS file (For EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, Zotero...)
- Export a Text file (For BibTex)

Note: Always review your references and make any necessary corrections before using. Pay attention to names, capitalization, and dates.
7: JSTOR Stable URLs

JSTOR provides a stable URL (permalink) with content. This link should always lead back to the specific content and is appropriate for a syllabus or bibliography. JSTOR makes the stable URL visible in the item detail, the PDF, and the citation.

8: JSTOR & Google

JSTOR content that is available with an NWC database subscription will show up in a Google search from an NWC networked computer. Just add “JSTOR” to the search. This is a time saving tip for a research crunch when the systems at NWC are not full speed. You may be able to use this work around.
9: MyJSTOR Account & Learning JSTOR

Having a MyJSTOR account is optional. Occasionally JSTOR will retrieve material that will not download or save. When this happens, save the content on your MyJSTOR bookshelf. To set up your MyJSTOR account, click into the registration link and fill out the form. You will need to be on a networked computer at NWC, authenticated via Blackboard or a CAC. Create a user account and password of your choice and fill out the form using your usnwc email.

Register for a personal MyJSTOR account

Click here to learn to use JSTOR & go into the section for student support

Learning to use JSTOR

Under the section for students, click into the learn more link to get more instruction on using JSTOR.

Learn more about JSTOR

For further assistance contact a Reference Librarian at: libref@usnwc.edu