Product Tour: Dissertations & Theses

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Welcome to Dissertations & Theses!

We suggest you begin exploring our service using the following examples:

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To access ProQuest, follow the links on your library web page or consult your librarian for instructions.

1. Basic Search

Basic search offers quick document retrieval based on keywords.

Ex.: Find graduate works about marketing trends in the fast food industry.

1. Click the **Basic** tab to access this area.
2. Type *fast food industry and marketing* into the search box.
3. Click the **Search Tips** link for additional guidance. For example, you may decide to add quotes for the phrase *"fast food industry"* and to change marketing to market* (truncation character) so you can find word variations such as marketing or marketplace.
4. Choose search limits.

   Database (if available): Check this menu for other databases your library may offer.

   Date Range: Choose specific or general dates.

   Limit Results To: Use this feature to exclude results that are not available in full text.

   More Search Options: Limit your search to a specific author, school, subject, language, or document type (dissertation or thesis).
5. Run the search.

2. Working with Results

Results Sorting

- A drop down menu orders results by most recent or most relevant first.
- Use links to limit results to records with full text.

Document Formats

- Both the results list and document display screens offer navigation to alternate viewing formats such as 24 Page Preview and Full Text - PDF (when available).

Set Up Alerts

- Using the "Set Up Alerts" link, schedule periodic email delivery of new results.

My Research

- Format citations to specific styles, such as MLA or APA.
- Email marked documents in a batch.
- Export citations to bibliographic software (Endnote, ProCite, etc.).
- Create a page of links back to selected documents or searches.
- To add items to My Research, simply click the check box for the document.

3. Advanced Search

Advanced search offers an array of tools for utilizing ProQuest's detailed indexing.

Ex.: Find graduate works about immunology granted by Dartmouth College.

1. Click the **Advanced** tab to access this area.
2. Select **School name/code** from the first menu, and open the **Browse schools** link. Find the school *Dartmouth College* and click the **Add to Search** button.
3. Select **Subject name/code** from the second menu, and open the **Browse subjects** link. Find the term *Immunology* and click the **Add to Search** button.
4. Run the search.

Ex.: Find graduate works published in Italian about romance literature.

1. Click the **Advanced** tab to access Advanced Search.
2. Click on **More Search Options** if not already expanded.
3. Click on the **Browse subjects** link, located next to the Subject name/code form field. Find the term *Romance Literature* and click the **Add to Search** button.
4. Choose *Italian* from the **Document language** drop-down box.
5. Run the search.

5. Publications

Use the Publications tab to browse for graduate works by Subject or School Location contained in ProQuest Dissertations & Theses.

1. Click the **Publications** tab to access this area.
2. Click on the term *Psychology* to expand list.
3. Find *Adult Education* and click on the *View documents* link
4. View results with the Subject term "Adult Education".

6. Additional Suggestions

More Like This

You've located the perfect dissertation; now find others that are similar. **More Like This** can be found at the bottom of all ProQuest citation records. Select indexed terms you like, and ProQuest will search for matching documents.

Create a Web Page

Download or email a page of links back to selected documents or searches. Durable links are suitable for posting on an Intranet site. Search links automatically refresh with new content. Create a Web Page is a component of the **My Research** tab.

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