Searching in Project MUSE

Quick Article Search

The Article Search box is located on each page on the MUSE website. Search using one or more keywords or phrases (“ ”) or enter a Boolean search using AND, OR, NOT.

Advanced Article Search

Use the Advanced Article Search page to design a complex search using more than one field or to limit the search using options.

- Use multiple search boxes to construct a search. Click Add a Row for more search boxes.
- Limit your search by type of content: Articles, Reviews, types of literary works.
- Search for articles published in a specific year or years. Enter:
  - 4 digit year in each box to search a range of dates. i.e. From: 2004 To: 2007
  - year in the first box only to specify that year forward.
  - the same year in both boxes to specify that year only.
- Change how your results display. Sort by Relevance, Date of publication, or Journal. Change how many results to see at a time, 10, 20, 50, 75, or 100.
- Most articles in MUSE are written in English. You may, however, search for the non-English language articles. Click the dropdown arrow to select a language.

Click the dropdown arrow to see searchable fields:

- All Fields (w/text)
- All Fields except text
- Article Text
- Article Author
- Article Title
- Subject Headings
- Journal Title
- Author Reviewed
- Title Reviewed

Search specific journal title(s) by selecting from the list of all MUSE titles

Search by discipline(s) by selecting from the list of all MUSE disciplines.
Search Tips

- Use quotation marks (" ") to search for phrases (words together in exact order).
- Use an asterisk (*) at the end of a search term if you are not sure of the spelling or want to retrieve words beginning with the same root.
- As a shortcut, use the option ‘Browse Subject Headings for Articles’ to find articles relevant to your topic. Scan the terms to find those most closely matching your topic. Click on the term(s) to view the list of articles and/or reviews associated with the terms.
- When terms are combined with Boolean operators, the search engine automatically reads the terms from left to right. Use parentheses to tell the search engine which words to combine first.

  Example: identity and (gender or sex) will retrieve articles with ‘identity’ AND either ‘gender’ or ‘sex’ or both.
- For titles common to MUSE and JSTOR, and if your institution participates in JSTOR, you may be able to retrieve full-text JSTOR articles when searching in MUSE. Check the box to ‘Include JSTOR back issues’ in your search.
- Restrict a search to only titles to which your institution subscribes by checking the box for ‘Only content I have full access to.’

Working with Your Search Results

To narrow results, enter terms in the Search Within Results box and select a search field option if desired. Or, return to your original terms and make changes using Modify Search.

Results display the full citation: article title, author, journal title, volume, issue, page numbers. Also listed: article type and DOI (Digital Object Identifier) when available.

The full text of the linked article displays in HTML and/or PDF format. Color boxes indicate articles for which the user has access to full text.

Search term(s) highlighted in the preview show the terms as they appear in the article content.

Library of Congress Subject Headings describe the main themes discussed in an article and link to more articles about that subject.

Abstracts are included when available.