

Tips for Using Advanced Search in Project MUSE

The screenshot shows the Project MUSE website's search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for SEARCH, JOURNALS, ABOUT MUSE, and CONTACT US. Below these are sub-tabs for Basic Search and Advanced Search, with the latter being selected. Further down are links for Email/Export Saved Results, Search History, and Help.

The main search area is titled "Search For:" and contains three input fields. The first field contains the text "information literacy" enclosed in quotation marks. The second field contains "universit*". The third field is empty. To the right of each input field is a dropdown menu for selecting search fields, with the first two set to "All Fields except text" and the last two to "All Fields (w/text)".

Below the search fields are three "and" dropdown menus for combining terms. There is also a checkbox labeled "Include articles from JSTOR back issues:".

At the bottom of the search area are "Search" and "Clear" buttons.

Below the search area are several filtering options:

- "Limit Search:" with a question mark icon.
- "By Type:" with a dropdown menu set to "Article".
- "By Date:" with input fields for "2002" and "2007" separated by "through".

Five callout boxes with arrows point to specific features:

- "Enclose phrases in quotation marks" points to the first search field.
- "Use the wildcard * to search for alternate spellings or variants of a word" points to the second search field.
- "Narrow your search by not searching article text" points to the dropdown menu for the second search field.
- "Check this box to access older coverage of a topic" points to the "Include articles from JSTOR back issues:" checkbox.
- "Limit to articles unless you desire reviews, etc." points to the "By Type:" dropdown menu.

Advantages of Using Advanced Search

- Allows quicker refinement of your search through the "Modify Search" command on the results screen
- Allows you to limit results by document type and date, as well as by other limiters
- Allows you to search for words in different fields at the same time (e.g. Shakespeare in Subject Headings and Hamlet in All Fields)

Convinced? Add the Advanced Search page of Project MUSE to your favorites
<http://muse.jhu.edu/search/search.cgi?searchtype=advanced>