

Finding Library Resources

SPN301 Advanced

Conversation & Composition

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Where to find...

Books, Journals, Audiovisual Materials, Microforms, and Other Formats EXCEPT Journal and Newspaper articles

University at Albany Online Catalog (MINERVA)

<http://minerva.albany.edu>

► **For books about an author**

Type his/her name in:

- Select Search Type *Subject Heading Begins With...* Type *last name, first name*. You will retrieve a list of various subjects on your author.
- Select Search Type *Subject Keywords*. Type *last name, first name*. You will retrieve a list of library materials on your author.

► **Subject Heading Search**

The following Library of Congress Subject Headings are useful for searching resources by subject in our online catalog. This list only includes some examples of subject headings that might be useful for your research.

Allende, Isabel Criticism and interpretation
Indians of Central America
Latin America Economic conditions
Latin America – Foreign Relations – United States
Latin America History
Latin America Politics and government
Latin America Social conditions
Latin America Race Relations
Spanish American literature 20th century History and Criticism
Spanish language *May be subdivided geographically*
Spanish language dictionaries
Women Latin America

► **LC Classification Call Numbers for Browsing**

DP1-402	History of Spain
F1201-3799	History, Latin America and Caribbean
HC121-238	Economic History Latin America
PC4001-4977	Spanish Language
PC4821-4914	Spanish Language in America
PM3001-4566	Languages and Literatures of Mexico and Central America
PM5001-7356	Languages and Literatures of South America and the West Indies
PQ6001-PQ7011	Spanish Literature
PQ7081-8560	Spanish American Literature



Tips to search in online catalogs and databases



Keywords are terms considered to be “key” to finding information. **You might find them useful for your catalog and database searches.** Some examples:

- **Keywords in different languages.** Latin America, América Latina...
- **Synonyms.** Hispanics, Latinos
- **Related keywords.** Migration, Diaspora

EXPAND your search by using

- **Keyword searches** for quick searches on broad topics
- **Boolean operators** (OR)
- **Truncation.** A symbol at the end of a word to retrieve variants of that word. For example: searching for latin? would find "latino", "latina", "latinos", "latinidad".
- **Wildcards.** A symbol to be embedded within a word to replace a single character or a string of characters. For example wom!n: searching for will find “women” and “woman”.

	Truncation	Wildcard
Minerva (Online Catalog)	?	! (for a single character) # (for several characters)
Worldcat	*	# (for a single character) ? (zero to nine characters)
HAPI	Just leave the word root	Not available

NARROW DOWN/LIMIT your search by using

- **Subject searches** for a more controlled search
- **Boolean operators** (AND, NOT)
- **Limits** (by date, language, format, specific field, electronic full-text availability...)

Where to find...

Scholarly Journals, Magazines and Newspapers



These databases are accessible at

<http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>

Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)

Description: Provides access to bibliographic information of scholarly articles and book reviews from key journals worldwide primarily on Latin American and U.S. Latino topics.

Coverage: 1970- . Indexing of book reviews 1970-2001

Fulltext? You can limit your searches to citations to full-text only. Links would take you to either journals the library subscribes to or to freely available articles on the web.



Informe

Description: A multi-subject collection of Spanish language general interest magazines, academic journals, and news.. More than thirty titles are included.

Coverage: 1994-

Fulltext? Yes



Lexis Nexis

Description: Databases for news, law, business, biography, medicine, and reference. Includes a collection of Spanish language newspapers.

Coverage: Varies, daily updates

Fulltext? Yes



Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts

Description: Covers international literature in all aspects of the study of language (including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics) and linguistics (including descriptive, historical, comparative, theoretical and geographical linguistics).

Coverage: 1973-

Fulltext? Allows access to full-text articles included in journals subscribed by the library.



MLA International Bibliography

Description: Consists of bibliographic records pertaining to literature, language, linguistics, and folklore. It draws on scholarly research in over 3,000 journals and series, covering relevant monographs, working papers, proceedings, bibliographies and other formats.

Coverage: 1963-

Fulltext? Provides links to some full-text articles and allows access to full-text articles included in journals subscribed by the library.



Other Databases of Interest Available via the Database Finder

• Alt-Press Watch	• Historical Abstracts
• Ethnic Newswatch	• PAIS International
• GenderWatch	• Sociological Abstracts
	• Social Sciences Abstracts (EBSCO)

