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Accessing the AGBU Papazian Library's e-Resources Remotely

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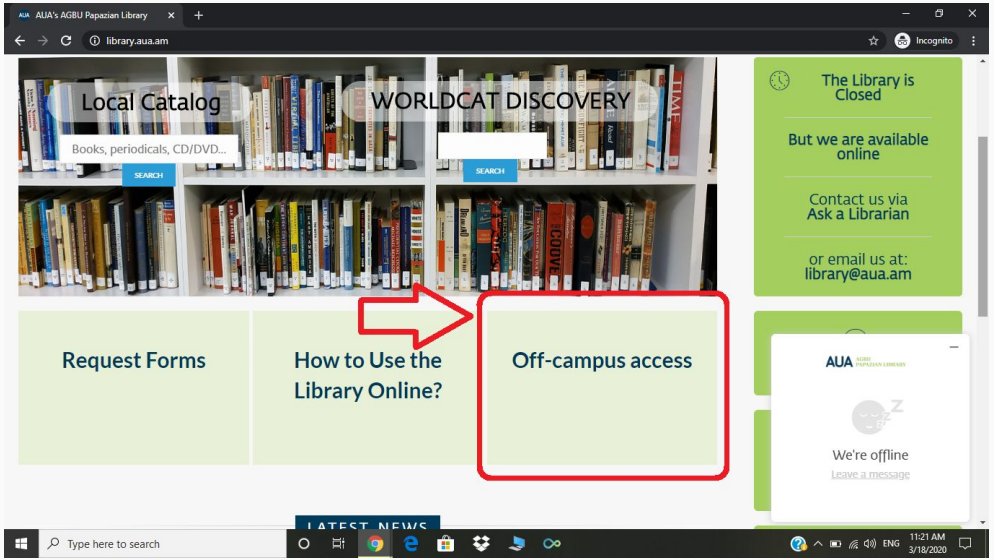
This presentation will guide you to:

- Access AGBU Papazian Library e-resources off-campus.
- Perform a simple and advanced search in a featured database (EBSCOhost).
- Use **limiters** and **Boolean Operators** to focus your search results.

How to Access AGBU Papazian Library e-Resources Off-campus?

library.aua.am ⇒ Off-Campus access ⇒ Remote Authentication using your AUA network ID credentials



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- **You can browse available databases by title or by subject.**

- **To search a database, click on it and you will be directed to its website, where you can use the search engine to find the e-resources you need (e-books, articles, etc.)**

Let’s feature simple and advanced searches in a multidisciplinary database **EBSCOhost**.

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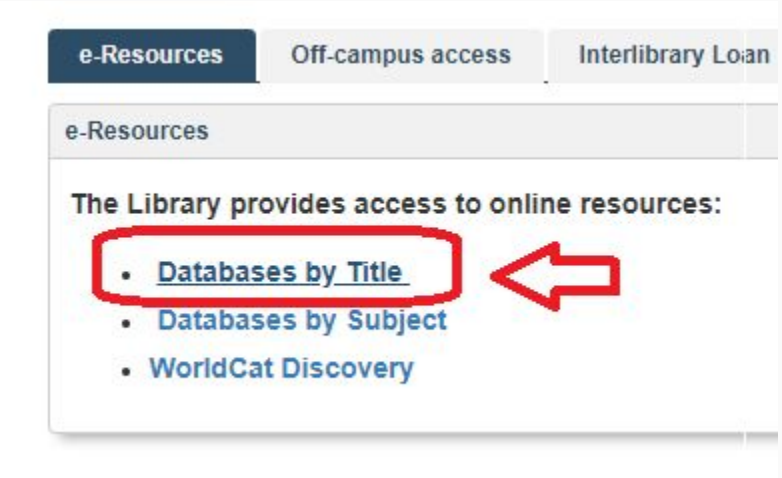
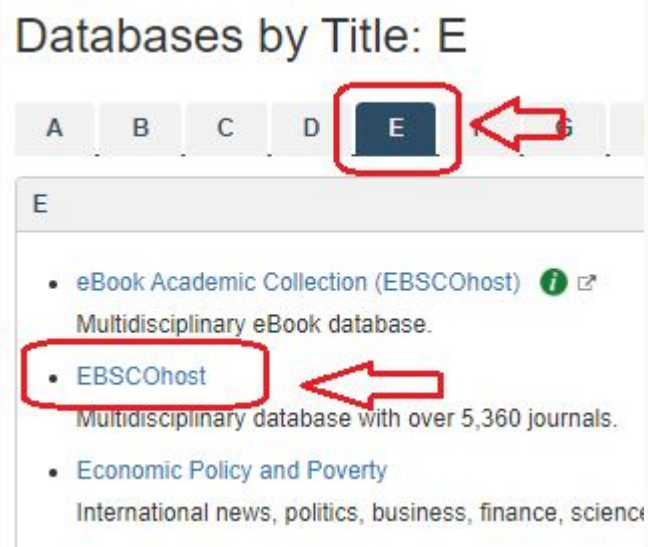
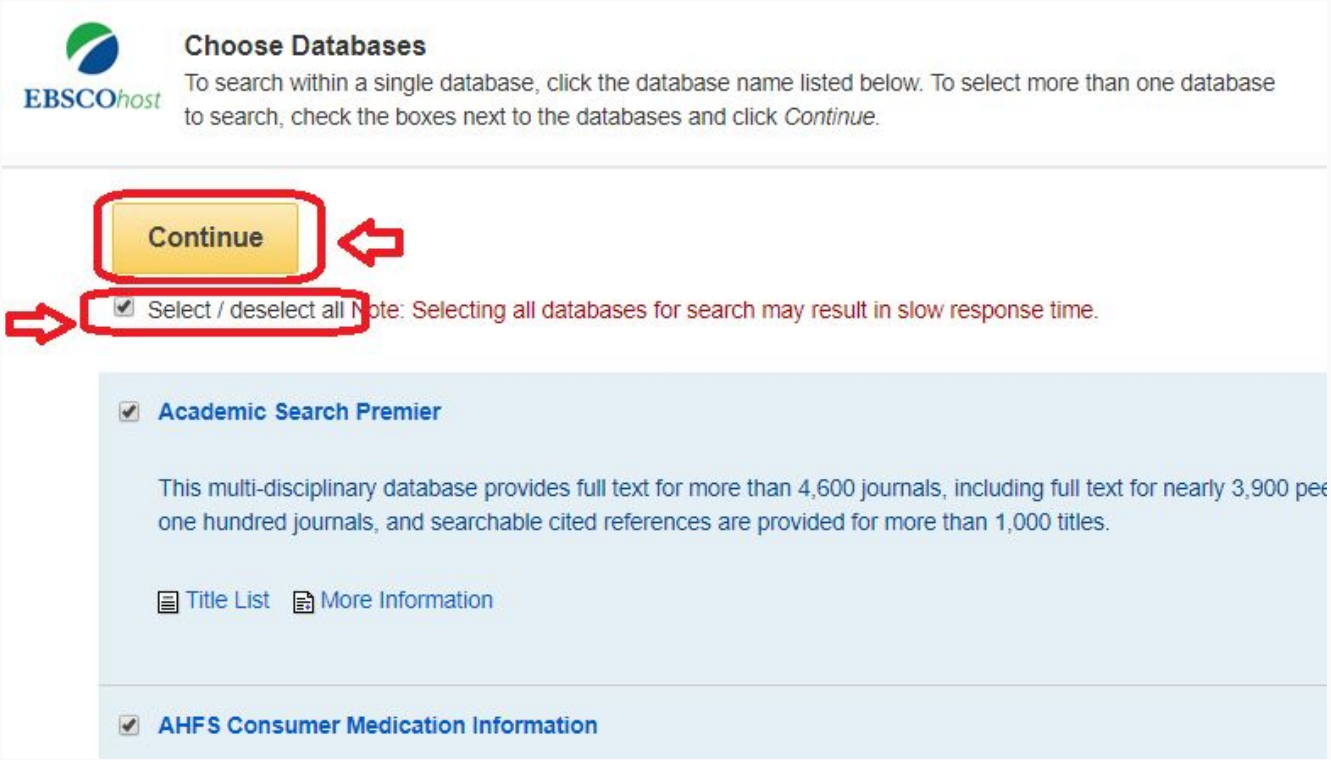
- Find and click on **EBSCOhost** in the list of databases by title, under the letter **E**.

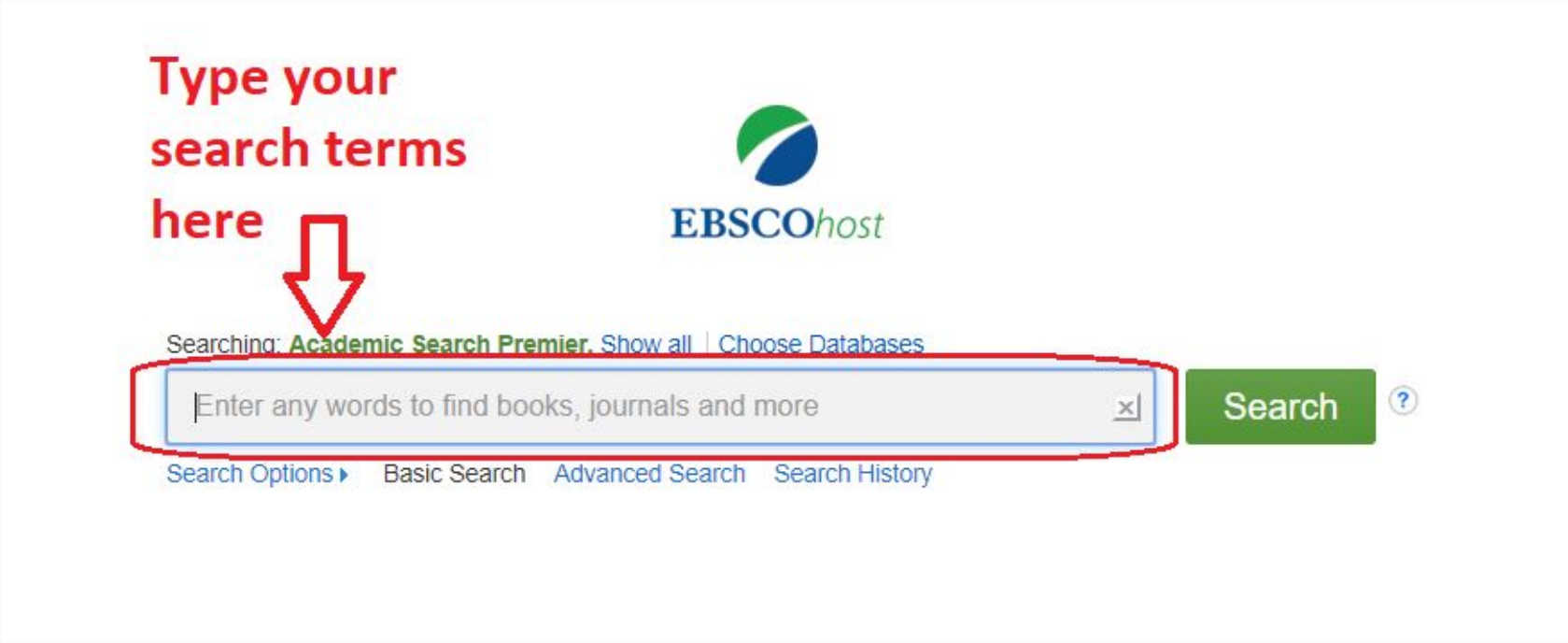




- Select all databases and continue.



- Now you can type your topic terms in the search engine to find e-resources you need.



Search Types

- **Simple Search -** Search using **Keywords**. The search engine will look for your word(s) in all the fields of a record.

- **Advanced Search -** Search by title, author(s), year of publishing, ISBN, ISSN etc.The search engine will look for your word(s) in the specified field only.

Helpful Tips:

➢ Use **limiters** to refine your search results
➢ Use **Boolean Operators** to combine keywords

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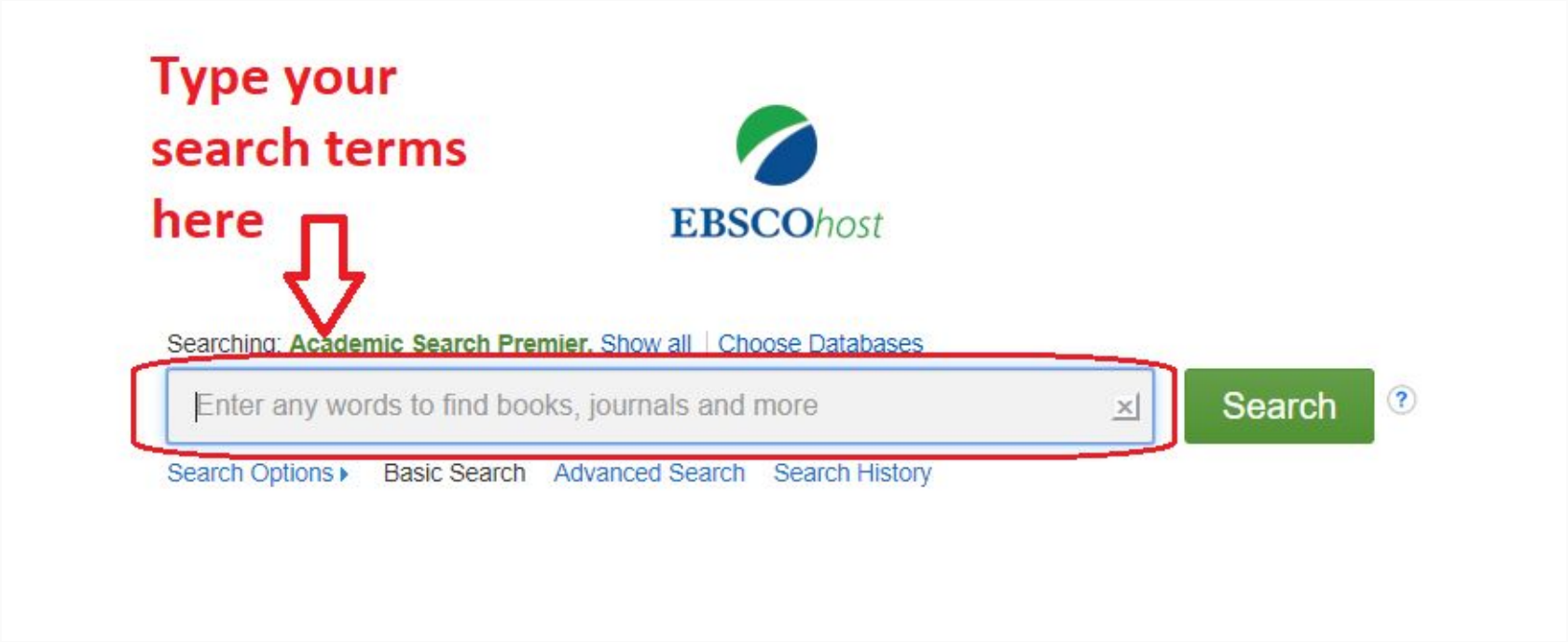
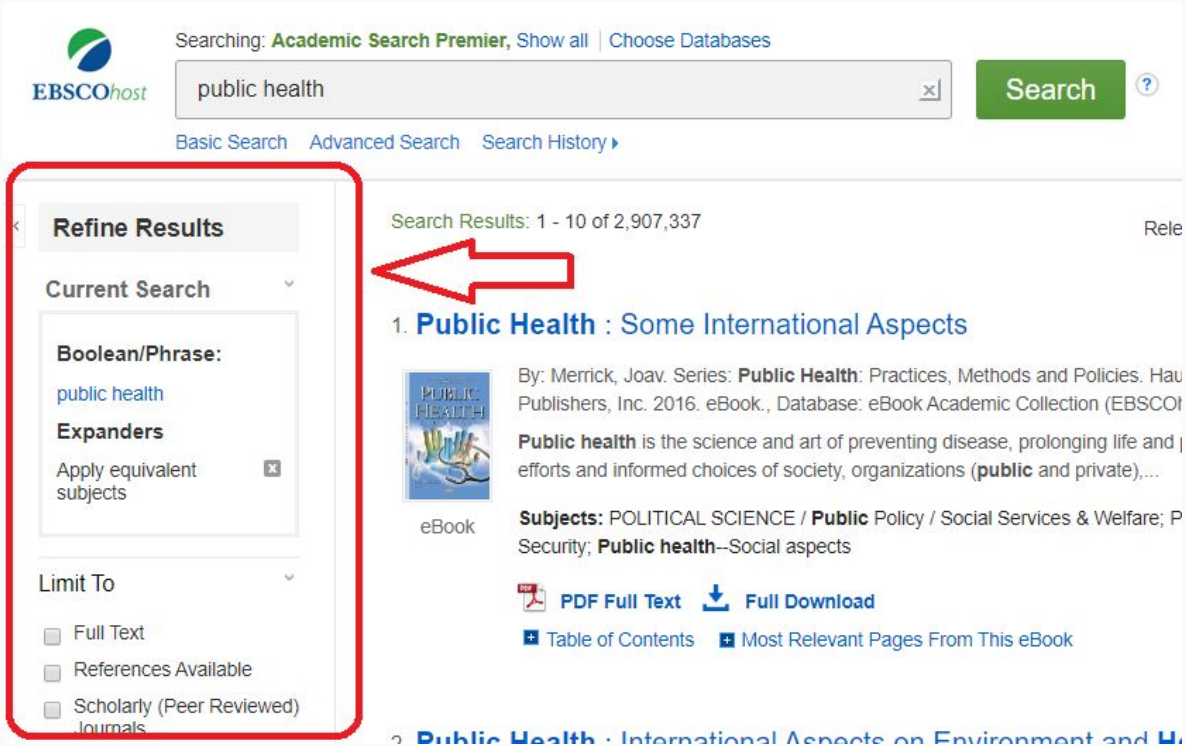
- To perform a **simple search**, type your keywords in the search box and click on **search**.



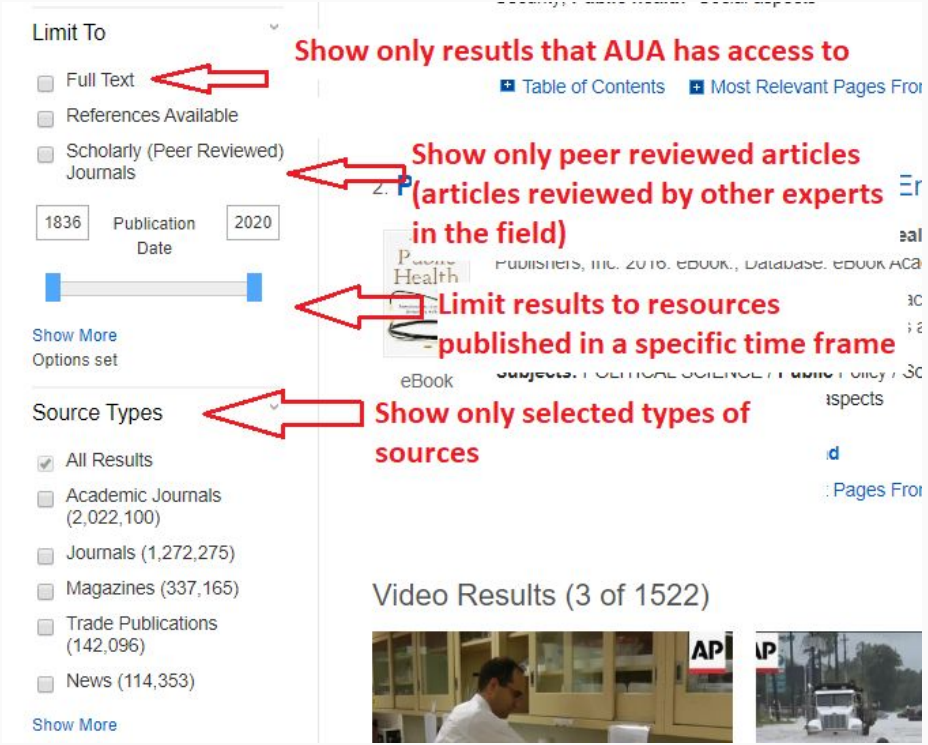
- Refine the results using the limiters on the left side.



- Select and apply different limiters depending on your search goals.

Useful Tip:

Experiment and try out the different limiters offered by the search engine to learn more.



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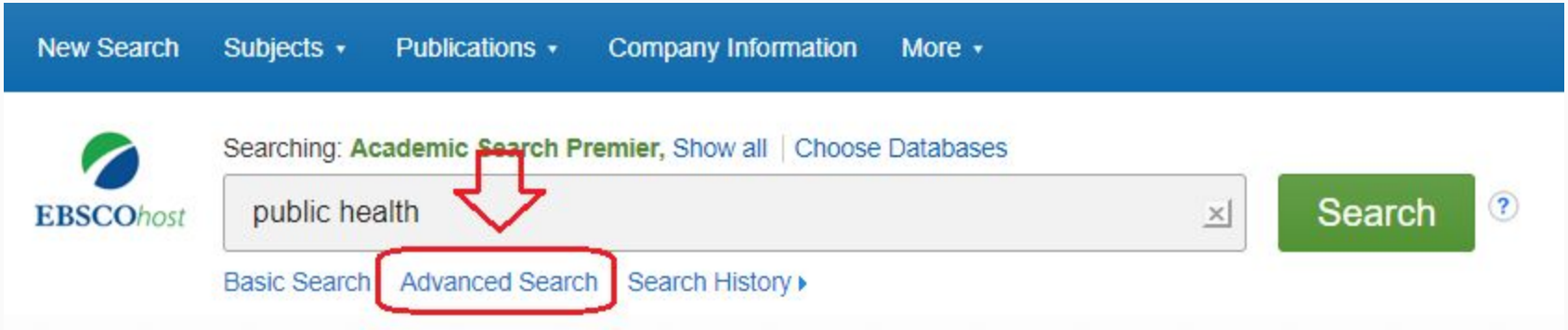
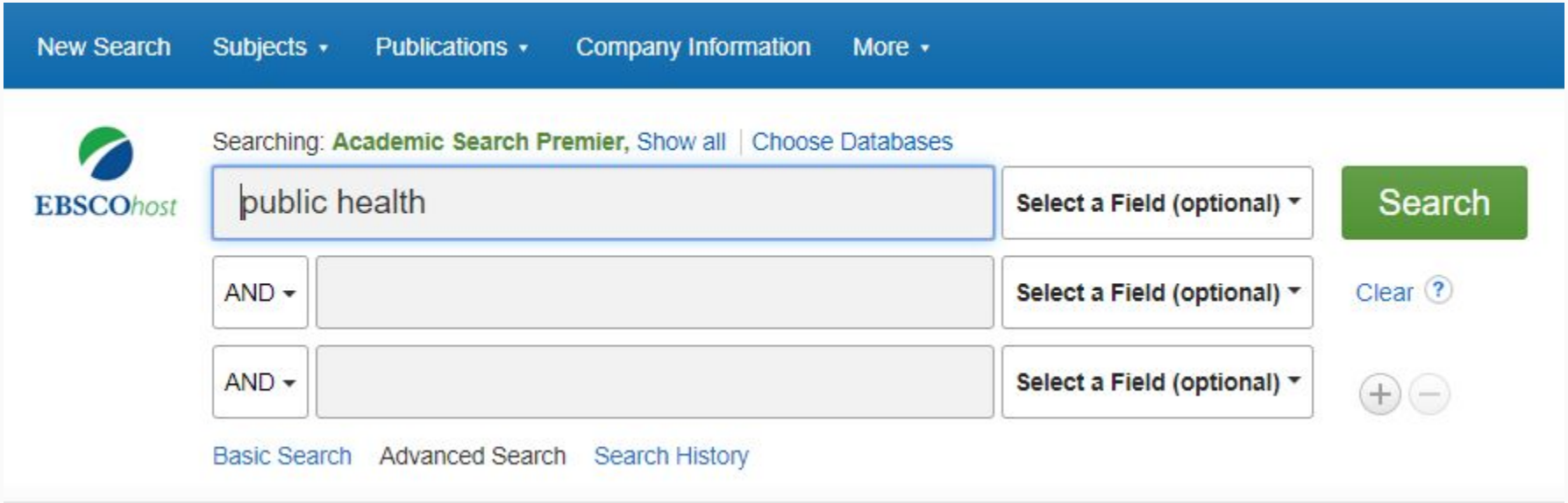
Another filter you will find useful is the **Subject Thesaurus Term**; which will suggest selecting subject terms related to your topic to narrow down your search results.

Click on show more for more terms.

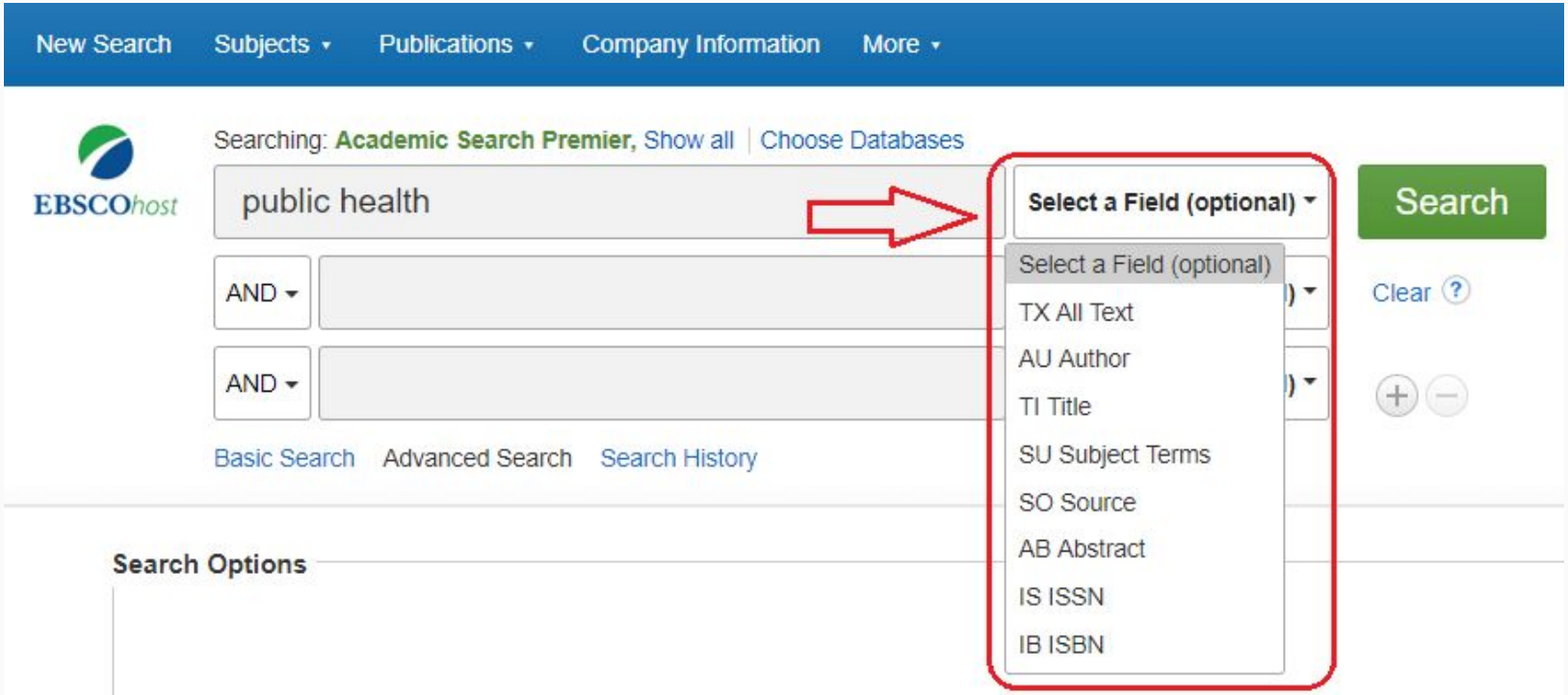
Now, let's perform an **advanced search** in **EBSCOhost**. Click on the advanced search option under the search box.



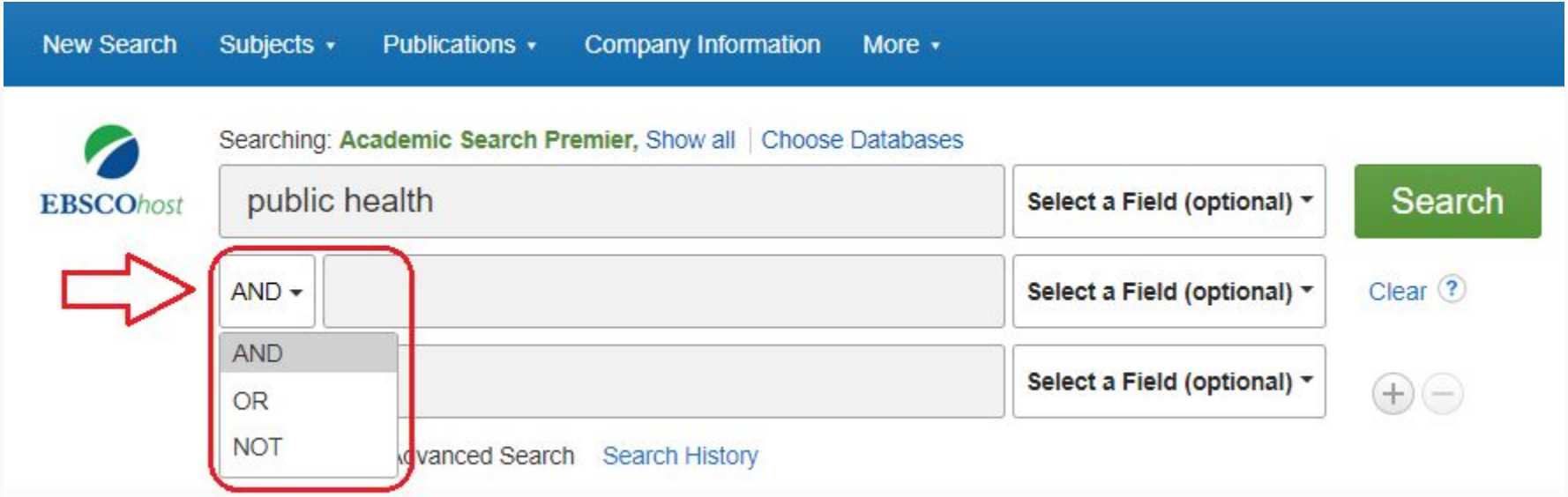
Here you can combine several search terms, or search for a specific title, ISBN, ISSN, author, etc.



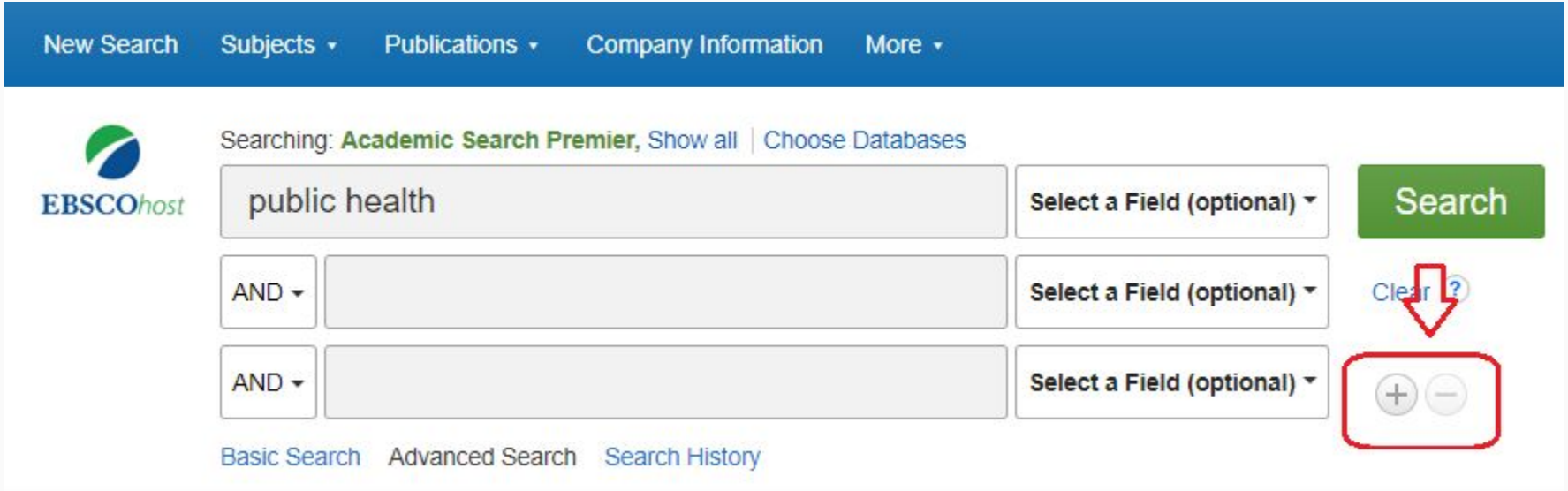
Select the field you want to search from the drop down menu.



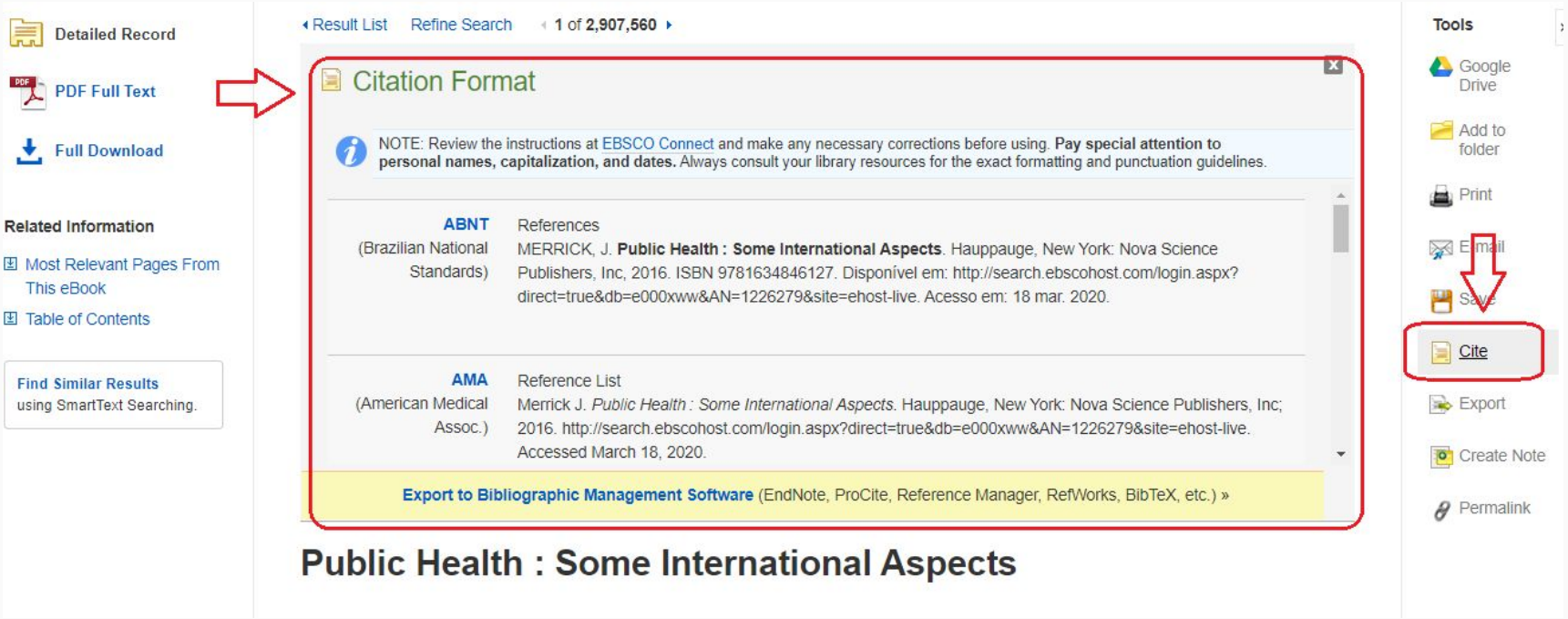
Select a **Boolean Operator** to combine your terms from the drop down menu.



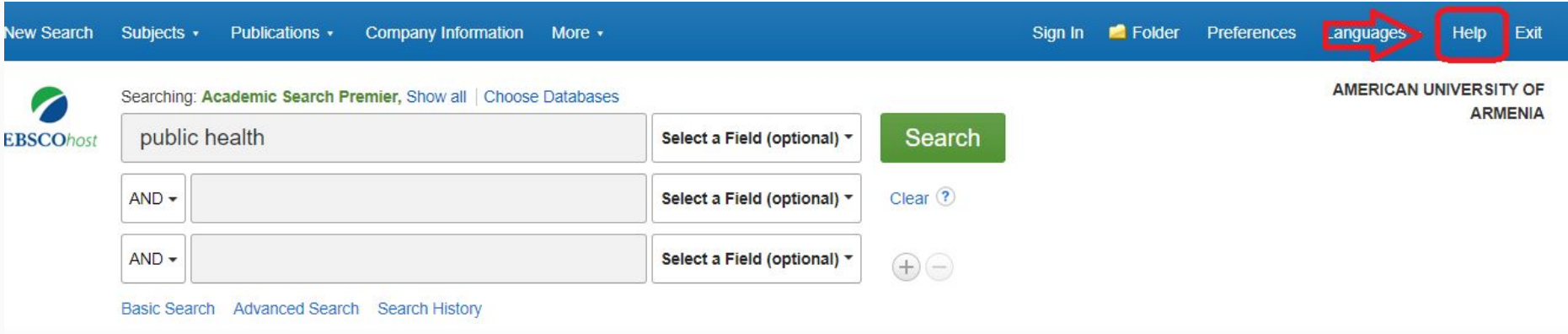
Add or remove search fields as you need.



You can click on the **Cite** button on the right of a record to see its citation in different styles. Then, you can copy and use the citation in the style you are using in your paper.



Click on the **Help** button on the top right for more tips and tutorials on using EBSCOhost.



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Wondering what are the
Boolean Operators
and how to use them?

Boolean Operators (Boolean Searching)

Boolean Operators are simple words: **AND, OR** & **NOT** to combine or exclude keywords when using any search engine.

They help to:

- **Broaden** or **narrow** search results
- **Focus** your search by connecting search terms

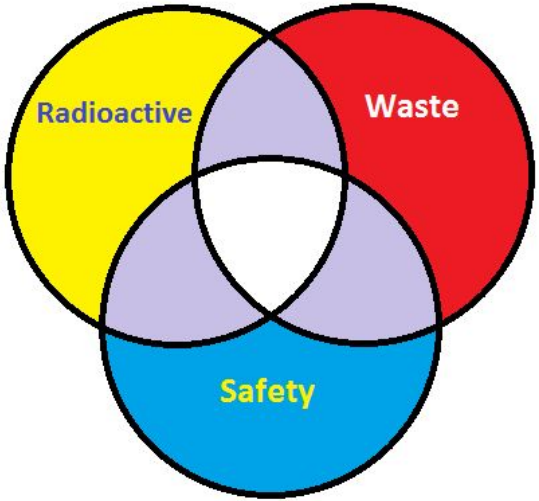
AND

Will **narrow** search results:

Radioactive AND waste AND safety

⇓

only records that contain all 3 terms



Some search engines automatically imply AND between search terms

Children Healthcare and Vaccines

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Children AND Healthcare AND Vaccines

All search terms will be present in your results, but not connected the way you want…

Instead, use phrases in quotation marks:

“Children Healthcare” AND Vaccines

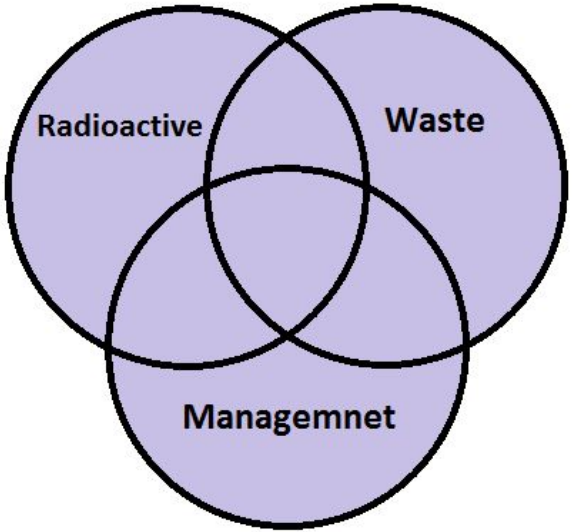
OR

Will broaden your search results

radioactive OR waste OR management

⇓

records containing any of the mentioned terms



NOT

Will narrow your search results

robotics NOT ethics

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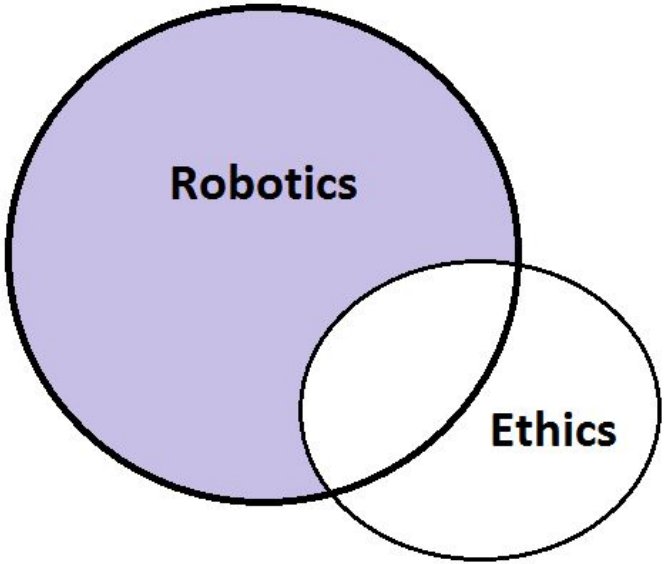
records containing about robotics but (not about/excluding) ethics



What if I need to use a combination of Boolean Operators?

Use parentheses:

ethics **AND** (cloning **OR** medicine)

(ethics **OR** moral) **AND** (bioengineering **OR** cloning)

(cloning **AND** bioengineering) **NOT** ethics

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