

# **\*\* MESA COLLEGE LIBRARY - PERIODICAL DATABASES GUIDE \*\***

Database	ProQuest	EbscoHost	Gender Watch/Ethnic NewsWatch (EN)
<b>Operators</b>			
100% Full text	No	No	No
Types of Searching	Basic, Advanced, Publication	Basic, Advanced, Publication, Images	Basic, Advanced, Publication
Boolean	and, or, and not, +, -, within, not within, preceded by, ( ), >, <, >=, <=, <>	and, or, not, ( )	and, or, and not, +, -, adjacent, within, not within, preceded by, ( ), >, <, >=, <=, <>
Boolean Default	Phrase for two words; "and" for more than two words	and	Phrase for two words; "and" for more than two words
Truncation	Asterisk *	Asterisk *	Asterisk *
Wildcard	Question mark ?	Question mark ?	Question mark ?
Phrase Search	Quotes " " (three words or more)	Quotes " "	Quotes " " (three words or more)
Plural Search	Automatic	Automatic if singular entered	Automatic
Limit to Journal	Check off "peer reviewed" on search screen	Check off "peer reviewed" on search screen	Check off "peer reviewed" on search screen
Limit to Full-Text	Check off "full-text" on search screen	Check off "full-text" on search screen	Check off "full-text" on search screen
Special Features	Includes full text of NY Times, LA Times, SD Union-Tribune, Washington Post, Wall St. Journal, Christian Science Monitor; help screens provide syntax for field searching in Basic Search; list of stop words; "More Search Options" tab; multiple databases accessible via "Choose Databases"	Multiple databases accessible via "Choose Databases;" Searches for synonyms via check box	Publications list includes ethnic group and language; help screens provide syntax for field searching in Basic Search; list of stop words; "More search Options" tab; thesaurus; permits searching in Spanish (EN); timeline of events (EN)
<b>Strengths</b>			
Strengths	Very good Help screens	Good Help screens; Can view publications list using Publication Search	Good Help screens; Sources are from ethnic and minority presses (EN); Includes Spanish version (EN)
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<b>Use the Help screens for additional information about a database</b>			