

# Introduction to ScienceDirect

ScienceDirect is a very powerful tool from Elsevier Science Publishers that can help you keep up with current knowledge in your field. In ScienceDirect you can browse journals, find specific articles in full-text journals, search for articles, and set up searches to be repeated regularly or on an as-needed basis. This is a really good place to start when you are beginning a new research focus. It is also a great place to go for regular information on a topic of continuing interest.

## Course Outline

### Introduction to Class

- Instructor and student introductions
- Overview of Desktop Toolbox

### Getting Started with Science Direct

- When to use ScienceDirect
- How to log on
- Setting up and managing your profile

### Browsing Journals

- Journal lists
- Journal display options
- Journal contents formats
- Viewing articles
- Personal journals list

### Subject Searching

- Basic Searching
- Enhanced Searching
  - Field qualifiers
  - Word forms
  - Stop words
  - Boolean connectors
  - Proximity operators
  - Wildcard/truncation characters
- Saving and retrieving searches
- Editing and deleting searches

### E-mail Alerts

- Saving e-mail alerts
- Retrieving, modifying, deleting alerts

### Questions, practice, concerns, evaluation

There is an online helpsheet for this class at <http://ils.unc.edu/~lawsk/usered/sciencedirect.html>. Please feel free to email or call K.T. Vaughan, instruction librarian, at xxx-xxxx or [lawsk@ils.unc.edu](mailto:lawsk@ils.unc.edu) with any questions.