

Lesson 7

# Google Scholar:

Access court cases, academic papers and sources.

Quickly find hard facts and expert opinions.



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# Lesson Overview

A source for sources.

Google Scholar is a search tool that allows you to find and explore a wide array of scholarly literature. Accessible material includes articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and websites.

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## Card 1

# Finding literature to help tell your story.

Let's say you're doing a story about voter redistricting. Visit [scholar.google.com](https://scholar.google.com) and search for "voter redistricting" or simply "redistricting."



The screenshot shows the Google Scholar interface. At the top, the Google logo is on the left, and the search bar contains 'voter redistricting'. Below the search bar, it says 'About 12,800 results (0.03 sec)'. On the left side, there are filters: 'Articles', 'Case law', 'My library', 'Any time' (with sub-options: 'Since 2015', 'Since 2014', 'Since 2011', 'Custom range...'), 'Sort by relevance', 'Sort by date', 'include patents' (checked), 'include citations' (checked), and 'Create alert' (with an envelope icon). The main results area shows three entries:

- Taming the gerrymander—statistical physics approach**  
CI Chou, SP Li - Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications, ...  
Political Districting has since become an issue that is always political even ugly. In the US, for example, the results of a population census in a **voter redistricting** in order to redistribute the House seats among the states.  
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Below the third entry, there is another result:

- Does racial redistricting cause conservative policy or representatives in the 1980s and 1990s**  
KW Shotts - Journal of Politics, 2003 - Wiley Online Library

Your results will include relevant papers, opinions and studies from educators, lawyers and authors from all over the world.

## Card 2

# Refining your results on the homepage.

There are several ways to narrow your results and find helpful information.



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☐ Articles ☐ include patents ☐ Case law  
☐ Federal courts ☒ California courts [Select courts...](#)

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In the left column, a menu allows you to choose between Articles and Case law (for the US).

Done Cancel

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Just like on the homepage you can choose from Federal or local courts, or click Select courts to access a list of courts around the United States.



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Articles ☐ include patents ☒ Case law

Federal courts California courts [Select courts...](#)

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Also, if you click the little triangle in the search box, a window will appear that allows you to narrow your results using specific words, authors or dates.

Find articles

with all of the words

with the exact phrase

with at least one of the words

without the words

where my words occur anywhere in the article

Return articles authored by DW Felton  
e.g., "PJ Hayes" or McCarthy

Return articles published in  
e.g., J Biol Chem or Nature

Return articles dated between  
e.g., 1996

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### Card 3

## Refining your results on the results page.

The results page also features various ways to narrow your results.



The screenshot shows the Google Scholar interface. The search bar at the top contains the text "voter redistricting". Below the search bar, the word "Scholar" is displayed in red, followed by "About 1,800 results (0.04 sec)". On the left side, there is a vertical menu with several options: "Articles", "Case law" (which is highlighted with a red bar and a mouse cursor), "Federal courts", "California courts", "Select courts...", and "My library". Below these options, there is a section for "Any time" with filters for "Since 2015", "Since 2014", "Since 2011", and "Custom range...". At the bottom of the menu, there is a "Sort by relevance" option and a "Sort by date" option. The main content area on the right displays three search results. The first result is "Gomillion v. Lightfoot" (364 US 339, 81 S. Ct. 125, 5 L. Ed. 2d 110 - Supreme Court), followed by "Bush v. Vera" (517 US 952, 116 S. Ct. 1941, 135 L. Ed. 2d 248 - Supreme Court), and "United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburgh" (430 US 144, 97 S. Ct. 996, 51 L. Ed. 2d 229 - Supreme Court). Each result includes a brief description and links for "Cited by", "How cited", "Related articles", and "All versions".

In the left column, a menu allows you to choose between Articles and Case law.

This screenshot shows the same Google Scholar search results as the previous one, but with additional filters applied. The search bar still contains "voter redistricting", and the "Scholar" header shows "2 results (0.05 sec)". The left-hand menu is identical to the previous screenshot. However, the "Any time" filter is now set to "Since 2011". Below the "Any time" filter, there is a "Create alert" button. At the bottom of the menu, there is a date range selector showing "2011" and "2015" with a "Search" button. Below the date range selector, there is a "Sort by relevance" option and a "Sort by date" option. The main content area on the right displays two search results: "Vandermost v. Bowen" (53 Cal. 4th 421, 269 P. 3d 446, 137 Cal. Rptr. ... - Cal: Supr) and "California Redevelopment Assn. v. Matosanto" (53 Cal. 4th 231, 135 Cal. Rptr. 3d 683, 267 P. ... - Cal: Supr). Each result includes a brief description and links for "Cited by", "How cited", "Related articles", and "All versions".

This menu also allows you to sort your results by date.

Redistricting, California

About 4,170 results (0.05 sec)

**Endogenous Voting Weights for Elected Re**

[J Svec](#), J Hamilton - 2013 - [crossworks.holycross.edu](http://crossworks.holycross.edu)

**Abstract** This paper analyzes the merits of a novel method of gerrymandering that involves an endogenous weighting system. This endogenous weighting system ties the **voting** weight of each voter to the number of votes that voter has cast in a previous election. [Related articles](#) [All 7 versions](#) [Cite](#) [Save](#)

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To refine your results by location, try searching your term with the area you're interested in, (Redistricting, California, for example).

## Finding more information.



First, though, click the library link to the right of the subscription and the Versions link under the result to see what is available.

**Google Scholar:** Access court cases, academic papers and sources.



## Related articles

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## Articles

## Case law

## My library

## Any time

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Sort by date

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Clicking Cited by under the search result will also bring you additional results to explore.

## Card 5

# Finding people to help tell your story.

You can use Google Scholar to find expert sources. For your article on voter redistricting, for example, you may want to quote or gain insight from someone who has researched the topic in depth.



Scholar

About 12,700 results (0.03 sec)

Articles

Case law

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Any time

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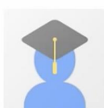
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
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
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
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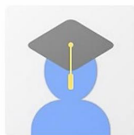
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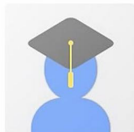
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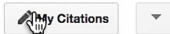
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## Card 6

# Google Scholar citations

The My Citations button allows authors to track when and where their articles, opinions, research publications, etc. are cited.

If you have published scholarly articles or books, you can create a profile and monitor your own publications into Google Scholar, for example, your article on voter redistricting that appeared in an academic political science journal.



Click on “My Citations.”

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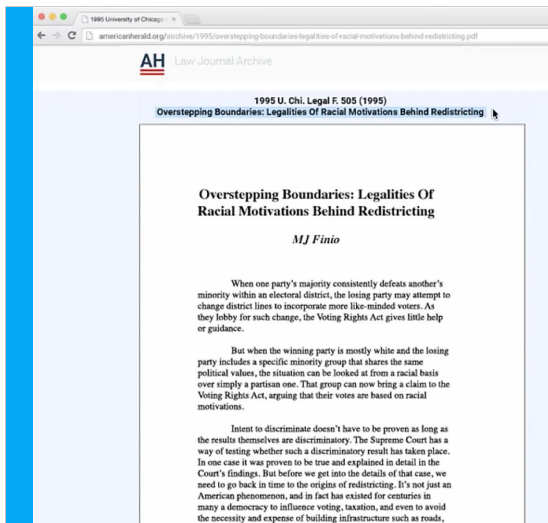
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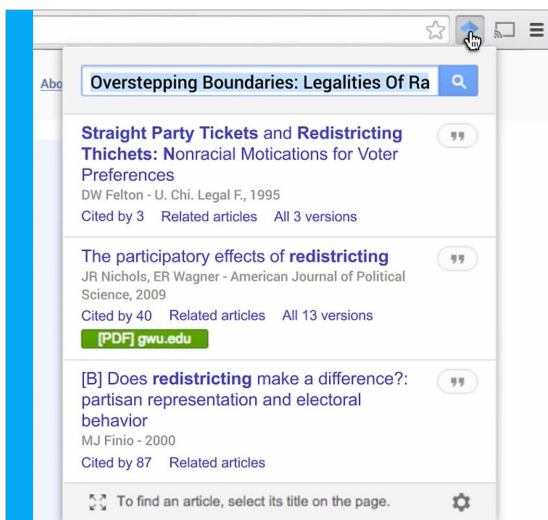
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# Google Scholar plugins.

Google offers some useful Scholar plugins for Chrome, Firefox and Safari that allow you to lookup scholarly articles as you browse the web.



This extension adds a browser button to your window for easy access to Google Scholar from any web page.



Just highlight the title of the paper you're reading and clicking the Scholar button, you can see results for viewing the full text without leaving the window you're viewing.

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