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From the Law Library’s homepage, select Main Library from the Research Tab dropdown menu. This will take you to the Main Campus library’s webpage.

From this page you can browse databases by keyword (if you are looking for a specific database) or browse all databases.

From the Database List, you can search by Subject (e.g. Economics, History, Psychology) or Type (e.g. Biographical Sources, News, Statistics and Numeric Data). If you are source collecting, the handy citation finder on the right enables you to easily pull articles. A few databases that have proven quite useful to law students include Access World News (many current newspapers, local and worldwide), Greenwire (environmental issues), Historical Newspapers (Proquest), JSTOR (also available from the Law Library’s database list), Web of Science (leading journals in the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences), and PsycINFO (journals, dissertations, and books). As always, check the database coverage (i.e. date range, materials included).

If you are befuddled as to where to start with a research question, Google Scholar can often point you in the right direction and many UC Berkeley resources (including Hein Online) are directly linked. You can use the citation information to see where an article has been cited and once you’ve identified a specific database search it directly following the directions above.

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