

Library Quick Search Tips

The screenshot shows the UTSA Libraries search interface. The search term 'food' is entered in the search bar. The results page shows 322,067 results sorted by relevance. On the left sidebar, under 'REFINE YOUR SEARCH', the following options are highlighted with orange boxes and numbered 1 through 4:

- 1. Available Online
- 2. Peer-Review
- 3. Journal Article
- 4. DISCIPLINE

The search results display several items related to 'Food':

- Database Recommendations:** Web of Science - Covers over 10,000 of the highest impact journals worldwide, including Open Access journals and over 110,000 conference proceedings. AGRICOLA - The catalog and index to the collections of the National Agricultural Library, as well as a primary public source for world-wide access to agricultural information.
- Food:** by Clapp, Jennifer. 2012. Book: Not Charged, HD9000.5 C537 2012, *JPL 3rd Floor.
- Food:** by Coveney, John. 2014. eBook: Available Online.
- Food: the history of taste:** by Freedman, Paul H. California studies in food and culture, 2007.

When searching for scholarly articles, use the 4 highlighted options.

1. **Available Online** displays only articles that you can view/download. Saves you time.
2. **Peer-Review** displays only articles from peer-reviewed journals. Note: Not every article from a peer-reviewed journal is necessarily a peer-reviewed article. Be sure to use your checklist of scholarly criteria.
3. **Journal Article** displays only articles from journals (not necessarily peer-reviewed, unless you also use the Peer-Review option.)
4. **Discipline** helps focus on publications for a particular area of academic study.

Scholarly criteria:

- The authors' degrees or research institutions are mentioned.
- The article includes a list of references, works cited, or footnotes.
- If the article has illustrations, they are informational charts, graphics, or diagrams.
- The content of the article is written for educated readers in a particular academic field.