

Team 2 examined ProQuest 5000, EBSCO Academic Search Premier, and Gale Academic OneFile. We looked at title lists, search results, and search interfaces. Through our analysis, we felt that the most important criteria in making our final recommendation was the number of current, full-text, peer reviewed journals. Using this criterion, Academic Search Premier was the winner with one caveat; the ProQuest 5000 bundle includes multiple databases and would be the better choice if only one database is to be purchased.

ProQuest 5000

ProQuest 5000 provided the best all-around coverage. In addition to Research Library, it includes News Stand, ProQuest's suite of newspaper databases, ABI/INFORM Global and ABI/INFORM/Dateline, and other subject specific databases. **Out of the 4,883 peer reviewed journals, 2,049 (42%) are current, full-text, peer reviewed journals.**

EBSCO Academic Search Premier

Academic Search Premier offers the largest collection of current academic journals. It is primarily a magazine and journal database. **Out of the 7,475 peer reviewed journals, 3656 (49%) are current, full-text, peer reviewed journals, many of which are from major academic publishers such as Taylor and Francis, Springer, Rutledge, and Wiley.** Many of the journals in Academic Search Premier have embargoes ranging from 3 to 24 months (most are 12 months). The committee feels that the value of the content outweighs the inconvenience of the embargoes. In our experience, embargoed titles are not detrimental to research at the community college level.

Gale Academic OneFile

While Academic OneFile offers the largest number of titles, our analysis shows that bigger is not always better. Through the analysis of the title list, it was found that a significant number of titles are out-of-date and have minimal value for community college students. For example, the database contains hundreds of newsletters, pamphlets, and country reports that are freely available and more current online. **Out of the 9,000 peer reviewed journals, only 2,286 (25%) are current, full-text, peer reviewed journals.**