



# Alexander College

## LIBRARY

### Research Activity: Searching

There are several different ways that students can connect the keywords they create when searching a database. These tools are important, as they will help you find the best resources for your research assignments.

#### Tool #1: AND

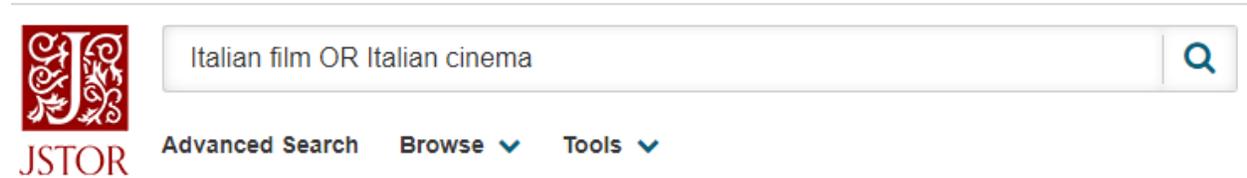
AND is used to find article with both or more keywords. This search will pull up all resources which talk about both academic performance and stress.

The screenshot shows a search interface with two tabs: 'Search All' and 'Catalogue'. Below the tabs is a search bar with the text 'Sikh AND wedding' and a 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon.

**Question: Using the "Search the Library Database", search using two of you keywords, connecting them with "AND". How does searching using "AND" affect your results? Do you see more or fewer results than when you search with just 1 term?**

## Tool #2: OR

OR is used to find articles that mention either keyword. It can be helpful when you want to search for synonyms. This search will pull up resources that talk about either Italian film or Italian cinema.



**Question: Using the "Search the Library Database", search using a keyword and a synonym, connecting them with "OR". How does searching using "OR" affect your results? Do you see more or fewer results than when you search with just 1 term?**