Key Places to Search

- **UM Libraries One Stop Search:** http://umanitoba.ca/libraries
  - Searches most (but not all) of the content available through UM Libraries, across all subject areas. All journals we subscribe to will show up in this search, but not necessarily all articles within those journals.

- **Linguistics Subject Guide:** http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/linguistics
  - From http://umanitoba.ca/libraries, click on Subject Guides; search for Linguistics
  - In “Books | Databases | Multimedia” tab, see **Key Databases** box
    - **Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts**
      - Database focused on Linguistics; all search results will be related to Linguistics
      - **Note:** We don’t have full-text access to all articles in this database. If we don’t have access to the full text, you can request it via Document Delivery. This service takes 2-5 business days for journal articles.

Tips to Get Started

- Log in with your umnetID when searching in One Stop Search
  - This will give you more results when searching off-campus
  - This will also allow you to save documents to your e-Shelf
- Use the yellow **Get It@UML** button to access the full text of an article:

Options for Finding Dissertations and Theses

- From UM Libraries homepage, click **Databases A-Z** button; search for **theses**
  - **Dissertations & Theses** (ProQuest database)
    - International coverage, 1861-present
    - Full text for UofM theses to 2014, and Open Access works
    - Request others via Document Delivery (Get It@UML > Request)
  - **MSpace**: Our institutional repository; all UofM theses will be held here
  - Other databases: Theses Canada, American Doctoral Dissertations
Search Strategies:

- Use wildcards (*) to account for prefixes, suffixes, and alternative spellings
  - E.g. canad* will find Canada, Canadian, Canadians;
  - gramma* will find grammar, grammars, grammatical, grammaticalization, etc.
- Search for phrases using “quotation marks”
  - A search for french immersion will find everything with the word french and/or the word immersion, not necessarily with those two words used together
  - A search for “french immersion” will only find content with those two words together
  - E.g. “American Sign Language”
- Use AND, OR and NOT in the Advanced Search option:
  - AND: finds articles containing both words
  - OR: finds articles containing either word OR both words
  - NOT: excludes articles containing this word. E.g. gramma* NOT grammatik

Too many irrelevant results? Try narrowing down your search:

- Add more specific keywords
- Use “quotation marks” to find phrases
- Use the options on the left side of the page to narrow down your results; narrowing by Subject can be particularly helpful
- Use AND to find articles containing both words, or NOT to exclude words

Too few results? Try broadening your search:

- Use fewer keywords, or less specific keywords
- Use wildcards (e.g. canad*) to find related words
- Use OR to include similar terms. E.g. (“American Sign Language” OR ASL)

Found one useful result? Use it to find more:

- Look at the terms the authors use to find new keywords to try in your search
- Look at the bibliography for that article, see if any of the works cited would be useful