

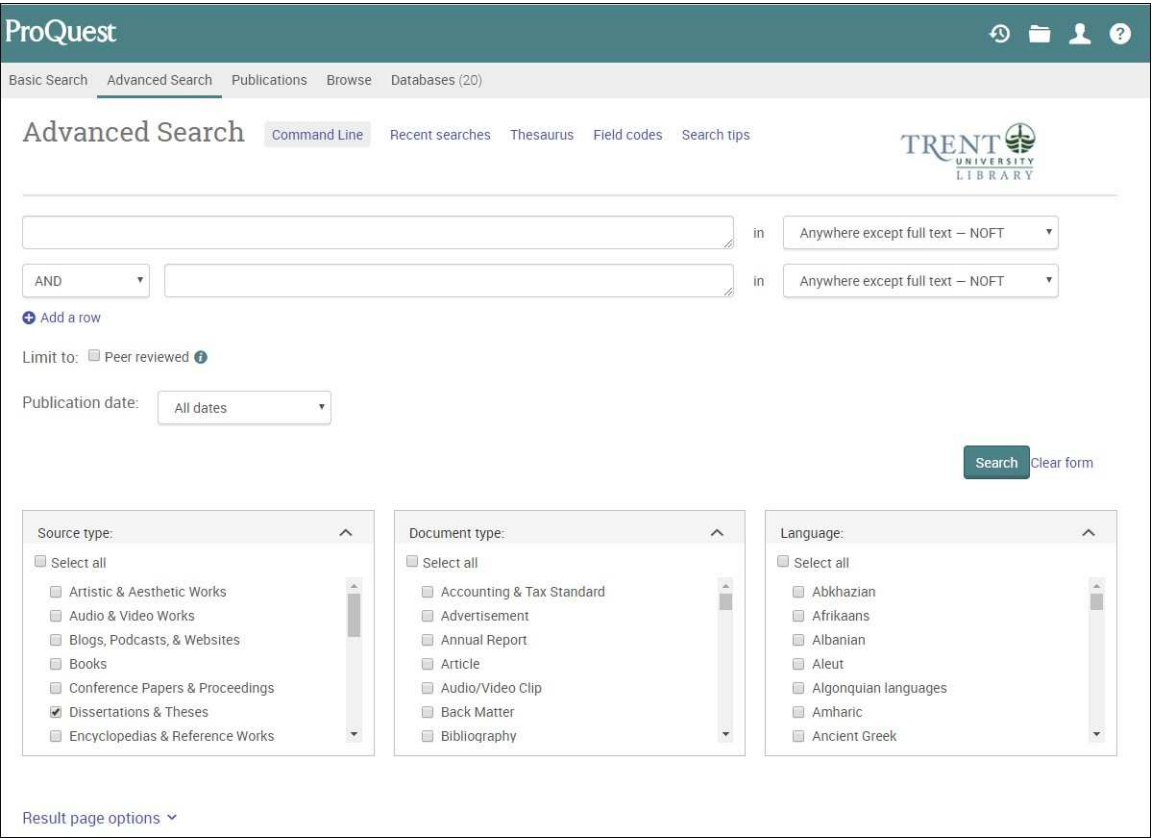
ROBERT WRIGHT : Thesis and MRP Preparation

Preparation for your M.A. thesis or MRP research should begin with an exploration of what has already been written on your topic. Published books and articles are important, but an even better point of entry is to familiarize yourself with graduate theses in your subject area. Here are three search sites I recommend.

1. ProQuest

<https://search-proquest-com.proxy1.lib.trentu.ca/advanced>

This is one of Trent’s best licensed databases. You will find ProQuest invaluable as a hub for virtually all published resources other than books. Note that it allows you to filter specifically for “Dissertations & Theses” (as shown in this screen shot).



2. Search Theses Canada

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/services/theses/Pages/search.aspx>

This site is maintained by Library and Archives Canada, which means that it is comprehensive. It allows you to key-word search all M.A. and Ph.D. theses written at Canadian universities (including those on non-Canadian topics). For M.A. students working in the Canadian field, in particular, this is your go-to site.

3. ETHOS (UK)

<https://ethos.bl.uk/Home.do>

This site lists British doctoral dissertations (but not M.A. theses, which in the U.K. are far less important). You will want to consult it if your proposed M.A. thesis/MRP topic is set in the U.K.