Advanced searching allows you to create a more customized search, combining a variety of different limiting factors. If basic searches are returning too many results, or if your results are not exactly what you're looking for, try constructing an advanced search.

From the UMich Law Library Catalog main search page, click on the “Advanced Search” link below the search box.

This brings you to the advanced keyword search page. Notice the tabs at the top of the page. If you wanted to search by any of these methods you can access these individual advanced search functions by clicking on the appropriate tab.

Let’s try an example advanced keyword search. Suppose you are looking for a recently published nutshell guide on Contracts.

Click on the first drop-down menu that reads “Any Field” and select Title. This Title search will look for the specified keyword anywhere in the title.
Type “nutshell” in the search box.

On the next line, select Subject from the drop-down menu and type “contracts” in the search box.

Notice the drop-down menus on the right side of the search boxes—here you can select the connectors AND, AND NOT, OR or NEAR. In this search, we will use the default connector, AND.

Now add a date restriction by entering 2000 in the “Year After” box below. Click the Submit button or press enter on the keyboard.

At the time this tutorial was created, this search returned five results—all items that contain “nutshell” in the title and have “contracts” in the subject field, and which were published in after 2000. From here, you could modify this search to include additional criteria by clicking the “Modify Search” button at the top of the page.