Examples of Library Support for Undergraduate and Graduate Courses and Associated Learning Outcomes

- **Political Science 001**. Spring 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)
  1. Policy Process. March 30, 2010 (last update).

- **Psychology 001**. Fall 2009. Sara Davidson.
  2. Review: Psychology 001 Library Research (PowerPoint)
  3. Finding Psychology Literature: Library Research for PSYC 001. Fall 09. (PowerPoint)
  4. Find Appropriate Search Tools (.pdf)
  5. Psychology 001 Course Syllabus (.pdf)

- **Writing 010**. Trook.
  6. Writing 10 (Trook) Mikkelsen LibGuide. Last updated: September 20th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 010**. Academic Writing.
  7. Writing 001: Academic Writing LibGuide. Last updated: September 19th, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 010.** Varnot.
  8. Writing 10 (Varnot) Mikkelsen. Last updated: September 15th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen. (Course-Specific Guide)

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  10. Writing 10 (Linam) LibGuide. Last updated: April 15th, 2010. Teal Smith. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 010**. Stanley.
  11. Writing 10 (Stanley) Library Research LibGuide. Last updated: March 30th, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 010**. Walker.
  12. Writing 10 (Walker) Mikkelsen LibGuide. Last updated: March 30th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 010.** Bliss.
  13. Writing 10 (Bliss) Mikkelsen. Last updated: March 30th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen. (Course-Specific Guide)

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    14. Essay 3. Imagining Ourselves Locally. (.pdf)
    15. Webeval Squares (PowerPoint)
    16. Writing 10 Library Research (PowerPoint)

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    17. Writing 10 Library Research LibGuide. Last update: March 30th, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

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- **Sociology 015**. Library Search Strategies for Sociological Research Methods (Beattie). Fall 2010. Sara Davidson.
    19. Sociology 015: Library Search Strategies for Sociological Research Methods (Beattie) LibGuide. Last updated: September 10th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

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    20. Questions for Evaluating Information (.pdf)
    21. Psychology 015. Library Research (PowerPoint)
    22. Psychology 015 Course Syllabus (.pdf)
    23. Psychology 015 LibGuide Last update: August 31, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 030.** Research for Business Proposals. Spring 2010. Sara Davidson.
    24. Writing 30 Research for Business Proposals LibGuide. Last Update: April 12th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 100**. Library Research for Visual Culture. Spring 2010. Sara Davidson.
    25. Writing 100 Library Research for Visual Culture LibGuide. Last Update: March 30th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 101**. Library Research for Psychology.
    26. Writing 101 Library Research for Psychology (Merrill) LibGuide. Last Update: September 9th, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 101**. Library Resources and Research Tips. Spring 2010. Susan Mikkelsen.
    27. Writing 101 Library Resources and Research Tips LibGuide. Last updated: March 30th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 101**. Profile of a Research Community. Spring 2010. Susan Mikkelsen.
    28. Writing 101 Profile of a Research Community LibGuide. Last updated: March 30th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 116**. Writing for the Natural Sciences. Sara Davidson.

    29. Writing 116 Research for the Natural Sciences (Kahlert) LibGuide Last update: September 20th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)
    30. Writing 116 Research for the Natural Sciences (Olson) LibGuide. Last update: September 3rd, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)
    31. Writing 116 Research for the Natural Sciences LibGuide. Last update: September 1st, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)
    32. Writing 116 Research for the Natural Sciences LibGuide. Last update: March 30th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)
    33. Writing 116 Writing for the Sciences. Information on finding original research articles LibGuide. Last update: March 30th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 117**. Writing for the Social Sciences And Humanities.
    34. Writing 117 Writing for the Social Sciences & Humanities LibGuide. Last update: September 14th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 119**. Writing for Engineers. Fall 2009. Sara Davidson.
    35. Assignment: Writing Project #4 and #5 (.pdf)
    36. Search Tips (.pdf)
    37. Writing 119. Writing for Engineers. Course Syllabus. (.pdf)
    38. Writing for Engineers. Library Research. Fall 2009 (PowerPoint)
    39. Writing 119 LibGuide (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Writing 119.** Research for Engineering. Spring 2010. Sara Davidson.
    40. WRI 119 Research for Engineering LibGuide. Last update: March 30th, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Psychology 131**. Research for Social Psychology. Spring 2010. Sara Davidson.
    41. Psychology 131 Research for Social Psychology LibGuide. Last Update: June 21st, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

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    42. Psyc 138: Development of the Social Mind LibGuide. Last Update: Aug 31st, 2010. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **History 108.** Researching the Silk Road. Spring 2010. Donald A. Barclay.

43. Researching the Silk Road: Information resources for students in Professor Ruth Mostern's HIST-108-01, The Silk Road, Spring 2010. Spring 2010. Donald A. Barclay. Last update: April 12th, 2010 (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Anthropology 110**
  44. Library Research for Anthropology 110 (DeLugan). Last update: September 14th, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Chemistry 114-L.**
  45. Chemistry 114-L. Last update: July 19th, 2010. Donald A. Barclay. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Management 120 (Davis)**.
  46. Management 120 (Davis). Last update: March 30th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Psychology 131**
  47. Psychology 131: Research for Social Psychology. Last update: June 21st, 2010. Sara Davidson. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Economics 152**
  48. ECON 152 Research Resources. Last update: September 3rd, 2010. Donald A. Barclay. (Course-Specific Guide)

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  49. ECON 155. Last update: September 3rd, 2010. Donald A. Barclay. (Course-Specific Guide).

- **Biological Engineering Small-scale Technologies 201**
  50. BEST 201. Last update: May 25th, 2010. Donald A. Barclay. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Physics 292**
  51. Physics 292-1 Journal Club. Last update: May 25th, 2010. Donald A. Barclay. (Course-Specific Guide)

- **Subject And Database Guides**
  52. Animal Research Alternatives. Last update: August 4th, 2010. Donald A. Barclay.
  53. Education Research. Last update: June 22, 2010. Sara Davidson.
  54. Literary Research at UC Merced. Last Update: April 12th, 2010. Donald A. Barclay.
  55. Primary Sources. Last updated: March 30th, 2010. Susan Mikkelsen.

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UCMERCED LIBRARY Not what other research libraries are, what they will be.

POLI 1 - Policy Process

Tags: bills legislative_process

Last update: Mar 30th, 2010 | URL: http://libguides.ucmercedlibrary.info/poli001_nicholson_davidson | Print Guide | RSS Updates | SHARE

Citing

Congressional LexisNexis

- includes a section on "How to Cite Electronic Publications"

RefWorks

- to store and format citation information
- ability to create a bibliography in multiple citation styles

Comments (0)

Terminology & Background Info

Congressional LexisNexis

- includes a Glossary

THOMAS

- "From a Bill to a Law", more information on the legislative process
- Congressional Glossary

U.S. House of Representatives

- background on the Legislative Process

Comments (0)

Search Suggestions

- consider the **date limiter**, since your must look at a *current* subject of national political debate
- use **key topic terms** to find bills e.g. *foreclosures OR "subprime mortgages"*
- use **bill designation** or **key terms in the bill's title** to find an existing bill, using THOMAS or LexisNexis Congressional
- combine **bill initiator's name** with the **subject** of the bill for magazine or news coverage e.g. Search in CQ Electronic Library for *Conyers AND foreclosures*
- consider using **limits** e.g. in THOMAS' Advanced Search, limit to Type of Legislation *e.g. Public Bills*

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Obama - Position on Issues

The White House - President Barack Obama

- Go to Issues or the Briefing Room
- search the site with *your search term* site:.http://www.whitehouse.gov/

The Obama Tracker - from National Public Radio (NPR)

- "significant events and development in the new administration"
- e.g. see Economic Policy

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Public Opinion

GALLUP

- some basic information on Politics, will not

Identifying a Bill

Congressional LexisNexis

Hot Bills

- includes a section on Political News / Hot Topics (Hot Bills & Hot Topics)
- Hot Bills are organized by those that are *enacted* and those that are *considered*
- look for bill names e.g. Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act and for number e.g. 2009 H.R. 1728

- under Legislative Histories, Bills & Laws, includes search for Bills (full text)
- can restrict by bill sponsor, bill version and Congress
- on "Retrieve Bill Tracking Report", there may be a summary from the Congressional Research Service

CQWeekly (Congressional Quarterly's Magazine on Government, Commerce, and Politics)

- on home page under For the Record > includes a pdf of Bills to Watch
- Subject Index tab may provide other ideas

THOMAS - legislative information from the Library of Congress

- includes bill text
- ability to browse bills by a sponsor
- on the Advanced search, you can search for specific terms and then limit to a specific "Stage in the Legislative Process"
- defaults to the current Congress
- search results include Sponsor and Cosponsor info
- home page includes "Weekly Top Five" and "Current Activity"

FDsys - GPO Access

- can limit a search to the Congressional Bills

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About Endorsers & Sponsors

CQWeekly (Congressional Quarterly's Magazine on Government, Commerce, and Politics)

- voting information under Latest Votes tab
- Floor Vote search is also available

Votes Database (from *The Washington Post*)

- biographical information, find out how often individuals from the House or Senate vote with his/her party
- can determine how members voted on key bills

GovTrack.us

- pulls information from sites such as THOMAS
- analyzes where members are on the "ideometer"
- links to member websites
- includes articles
- under "Bills & Resolutions" > Advanced Search can choose Filters e.g. Status of bill

Individual Member site OR other government sites

- e.g. search for Cardoza site:.gov

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More About Bills, Issues, Personalities

Subject Guide

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Profile & Guides

Chat 24/7

Ask a Librarian

For now, please use this live link.

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Helpful Links

- UC Merced Library Homepage
- UC Merced Library Catalog
  Search for books and ebooks in the UC Merced Library collection.
- Next Gen Melvyl Pilot
  Search for books and other materials from all 10 UC Libraries and libraries beyond.
- Check your library account
  View checkouts, due dates and fines.

- some basic information on Politics, will not cover all topics

The Pew Reseach Center for the People & the Press

- includes site search and a News Interest Index

ROPER Center: Public Opinion Archives

- Data Access > Topics at a Glance > e.g. Economy

PollingReport.com

- most recent polls are on the topic of health care

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Interest Groups

Newspaper and magazine articles may refer to groups that have an interest in a specific bill. Consider searching for a group's website.

Some think tanks may be more right or left leaning and may have expressed opinions on a specific issue. Limiting a search to site:.org with your terms will sometimes surface these organizations.

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Congressional LexisNexis

Political News

- can limit a search to a headline etc.
- defaults to search *The Hill* (congressional newspaper), *Roll Call* (newspaper of Capitol Hill), and *The Washington Post* (newspaper analyzing federal politics)
- defaults to searching the previous two years, may want previous 6 months

Selected Political Science Sources (from Academic Search Complete)

- search for bill number, key policy terms, or members of the House

CQ Politics

- offers a site search, with date limits

CQ Weekly (Advanced Search)

- search for word/phrases OR topic and limit to a specific date etc.

CQ Press Electronic Library

- cross search of CQEL collections
- search and then limit by facets on left

LexisNexis Congressional Research Reports (also available through Congressional LexisNexis, Advanced Search)

- reports about issues, often refer to history of the issues, and prior legislation
- click on *Replica of Original - Complete* for full text

NewsBank: Access World News

- e.g. limit to Major Metro Titles

other databases for Political Science

- may not have recent enough information e.g. PAIS, and Policital Science: A SAGE Full-text Collection

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- Connecting from Off Campus
  Access UC Merced Library ebooks and electronic journal articles when you're not on campus.
- e-Journal Finder
  search for a journal title to determine if UC Merced has access to it
- Interlibrary Loan
  Use UCelinks in a database to Request items. Your library card number is your UCMnetID.

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Visit this section of the library website to find the *Databases & Articles* link.

A 200

What is the “Doing Research” section?

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Visit this section of the library website to find ways to contact a librarian.

A 300

What is “Contact Us”?

A 300

What are some types of limiters that may be available in a database?

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What is a date limit, language limit, format limit etc.?

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Articles in PsycInfo and PsycArticles are tagged with these.

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What are Descriptors?

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This database is the premier database for psychology related research available at UC Merced.

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What is AND?

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This symbol * is used to capture variations of a word.

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What is the truncation symbol?

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This is often the best field in which to begin your search.

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Find Appropriate Search Tools
Look for Databases & Articles in the psychology subject area.
Ones that are starred are recommended.

Starting Your Search
Step 1:
Think of a topic that interests you or a question that you would like to explore.

- e.g. To what extent is perfectionism part of the personality profile of those with anxiety disorder?
- e.g. What is the level of work satisfaction of those who are workaholics?
- e.g. What is the impact of workaholism on relationships?
- e.g. What factors influence college students to achieve academically?

Step 2:
Find the main ideas in your topic.
e.g. What factors influence college students to achieve academically?

Exercise:
Brainstorming Terms:
Student →
College → university, higher education
Achieve academically →
    Achieve → excel, succeed
    Academics → academics, Academic achievement
Factors → influence, motivate* (could call out specific factors)

Search #1
A:
Student*
And
College or university
AND
"academic achievement"
AND
Motivate* (motivate, motivates, motivation)

B:
DE Academic achievement motivation
DE College students

C: (keep above items and add one of the following)
Personality
Goals / goal orientation
* First-year, freshman
* Belonging
* Asian (Korean, Chinese, Japanese)
* Learning style
* family (title)

D:

Search for motivate* in the TI field.
Limits e.g. empirical studies.

Step 3:
Think of synonyms or related words for the main ideas from your topic or question.
Brainstorming Terms:
Student*
College → university, higher education
Achieve academically → Academic achievement, academic performance
Factors → influence, motivate* (could become very specific)

There is also a descriptor for "academic achievement motivation".
Academic motivation

Step 4:
Construct your search.
You may use truncation. * (to include a term with various endings e.g.
You may use Boolean operators. (AND, OR, NOT)
AND to join different terms
OR to join similar terms

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And
College or university
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"academic achievement"
AND
Motivate* (motivate, motivates, motivation)

Step 5:
Try your search.

Step 6:
Look at your results. Revise your search if needed.
Possible problems → too many results, too few results, irrelevant results

Reconstructing Your Search:

Tip 1: Look for additional terms in the titles, descriptors, and summaries that you may not have considered.

B:
DE Academic achievement motivation
DE College students

Tip 2: Consider searching in other fields especially if there are too many results. E.g. change to a title field instead of a keyword field

Tip 3: Try a new search with useful descriptors.

Tip 4: Use available limiters e.g. date, language, popular, format etc.

Tip 5: Find the most useful items and look at the bibliographies.

Tip 6: Think about how you many need to expand or narrow your topic.

C: (keep above items and add one of the following)
Personality
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* First-year, freshman
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* Asian (Korean, Chinese, Japanese)
* Learning style
* family (title)
** PsycInfo & PsycArticles include many useful limits.

Thesaurus

Finding Full-Text
Look for pdfs or html in the database.
Use the UC-eLinks to see if online full text is available elsewhere.
Look for "Get it Online From" options.
If there are no online options, you can interlibrary loan it through "Request this from …".

Requesting Articles from a Known Citation
Visit the Doing Research > Interlibrary Loan
Fill in the appropriate Uc-eLinks Citations Linker online form. E.g. Article Request

Additional Assistance:
Contact Us > Ask a Librarian
Doing Research > Tutorials > e.g. Empirical Studies, Requesting an Article etc.

Search #2
Workaholism / overwork / workaholism syndrome / addiction to work / workaholic tendencies
Degree / level
Job performance
Job involvement
Work satisfaction / job satisfaction

- more on workaholism and personal relationships
-

interpersonal relationships / martial / marriage / husband / wife
work engagement vs. workaholism
workaholism / work-family conflict
DE job satisfaction
DE workaholism

*** Can be too limiting b/c the articles haven't necessarily been tagged with location.
North America
North America US

Sample for using Article UCeLinks Request page

***Personality* disorder and cardiovascular disease: Results from a national household survey.**
Moran, Paul[1]; Stewart, Robert[1]; Brugha, Traolach[2]; Bebbington, Paul[3]; Bhugra, Dinesh[1]; Jenkins, Rachel[1]; Coid, Jeremy W.[4]
Journal of Clinical Psychiatry. Vol 68(1), Jan 2007, pp. 69-74
Objective: Little is known about the physical health of ***personality***-disordered people. This study investigated associations between ***personality*** disorder and cardiovascular disease in a large, nationally representative sample from ...
Journal Pages: 69-74
View Record | References | Cited by 1 | UC-eLinks

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Diana Odom Gunn, Ph.D.

Office hours: Thursdays 7:30-9:00 at Starbucks on Yosemite Avenue. Before or after classes: Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-6 in KL209, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6pm in COB116, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:20-10pm in COB102, and by appointment. Virtual office hours in UCMCrops Chat TBA before major assignments are due.
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Email: dodom-gunn@ucmerced.edu Please put your course name in the subject line.
Course website on UCMCrops. Supplemental web-based material at www.mypsychlab.com.

Teaching Assistants: Last Names A-H	Tori Pickle	Office hours M 10-12, W 1:30-3:30
Last Names I-P	Steven Scott	Office hours Wednesdays 3:30-7:30pm
Last Names Q-Z	Janelle Szary	Office hours Tues & Thurs 12.30-2:30

Pearson Campus Ambassadors: For problems with registration or technology on *MyPsychLab*.
Jenni Stark, (209) 617-9408, email to goj3nny@gmail.edu or jstark2@ucmerced.edu
David Hsu, email to darkpaladin752@gmail.com or dhsu3@ucmerced.edu

Required Course Materials:

Zimbardo, P.G., Johnson, R.L., & McCann, V. (2009). *Psychology: Core Concepts* (6th edition). Boston, MA: Pearson/Allyn & Bacon.

Pearson Higher Education (2008). *MyPsychLab/Pegasus* (customized for above e-textbook).

Pearson class id CRSCDKF-219927

Students will need regular access to the Internet for course websites on UCMCrops and MyPsycLab. The textbook is electronically available on MyPsychLab.

In class examinations will use the green answer form, Scantron 882, and #2 pencils.

RECOMMENDED: APA Style Manual, 6th edition. (2009). Washington D.C: American Psychological Association.

Catalog Description: Introduction to Psychology as a science of behavior, including history, research methods, biological bases of behavior, cognition, personality, social behavior, psychological disorders, techniques of therapy, and applied science. (4 credit hours.)

Final Course Grades: Grades in this course will be based on your performance on five assignments: a) online quizzes for every chapter (100 points); b) a Midterm and a Final Examination (200 points); and, c) an 8-10 page literature review term paper (150 points). Student may earn up to 25 points of extra credit across the semester. Your grade will be based on 450 percentage points. Grading scale and specific grades will be available on UCMCrops.

University of California, Merced, Guiding Principles for Higher Education:
All UC Merced graduates will reflect these principles, which provide the foundation for their education:

Scientific Literacy: To have a functional understanding of scientific, technological and quantitative information, and to know both how to interpret scientific information and effectively apply quantitative tools.

Decision Making: To appreciate the various and diverse factors bearing on decisions and the know-how to assemble, evaluate, interpret and use information effectively for critical analysis and problem-solving.

Communication: To convey information to, communicate with, and interact effectively with multiple audiences, using advanced skills in written and other forms of communication.

Self and Society: To understand and value diverse perspectives in both the global and community contexts of modern society in order to work knowledgeably and effectively in an ethnically and culturally rich setting.

Ethics and Responsibility: To follow ethical practices in their professions and communities, and care for future generations through sustainable living and environmental and societal responsibility.

Leadership and Teamwork: To work effectively in both leadership and team roles, capably making connections and integrating their expertise with the expertise of others.

Aesthetic Understanding and Creativity: To appreciate and be knowledgeable about human creative expression including literature and the arts.

Development of Personal Potential: To be responsible for achieving the full promise of their abilities, including psychological and physical well-being.

Psychology Program Learning Outcomes:

Content: Students who complete the major will show knowledge of the key substantive content of the field of psychology.

Research Methods: Students who complete the major will demonstrate that they understand the basic principles of and correctly interpret applications of both the designs and methods that psychologists use to gather data and the statistical analyses they use to analyze data.

Writing: Students who complete the major will show that they understand and can apply the writing style used in psychological literature (APA style).

Course Goals:

1. Ability to describe the nature of psychology as a discipline.

2. Ability to use the concepts, language, and major theories of the discipline to account for psychological phenomena.

3. Ability to explain major perspectives of psychology (e.g., behavioral, biological, cognitive, evolutionary, humanistic, psychodynamic, and sociocultural).

4. Knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of psychology:
a. theory and research representing each of the following four general domains:
(1) learning and cognition
(2) individual differences, personality, and social processes, including those related to sociocultural and international dimensions
(3) biological bases of behavior and mental processes, including physiology, sensation, perception, and emotion
(4) developmental changes in behavior and mental processes across the life span
b. the history of psychology, including the evolution of methods of psychology, its theoretical conflicts, and its sociocultural contexts
c. relevant levels of analysis: cellular, individual, group/systems, and culture
d. overarching themes, persistent questions, or enduring conflicts in psychology, such as
(1) the interaction of heredity and environment
(2) variability and continuity of behavior and mental processes within and across species
(3) the interaction of mind and body
e. relevant ethical issues, including a general understanding of the APA Code of Ethics
5. Understanding of different research methods used by psychologists (descriptive research, correlational research, experimental research) and ability to formulate testable questions about psychological phenomena.
6. Ability to think critically.
a. to evaluate the quality of information, including differentiating empirical evidence from speculation and the probable from the improbable
b. to evaluate popular media reports of psychological research
c. to find and evaluate scientific evidence for psychological claims.
7. Ability to describe major applied areas of psychology (e.g., clinical, counseling, industrial/organizational, school, health).
8. Ability to apply psychological concepts, theories, and research findings to everyday life.
9. Understanding of ethical and unethical behavior in all aspects of the science and practice of psychology.
10. Ability to use these computer skills:
a. Use basic word processing, email, and course management programs (e.g., Blackboard, UCMCrops)
b. Search the World Wide Web for high quality information
c. Use proper etiquette and security safeguards when communicating through email

Student Learning Outcomes: Attached SLO Map links specific objectives to specific course topics in reading, lecture, and online assignments.

Upon course completion, students will be able to

1. Describe the nature of psychology as a discipline (i.e., explain why psychology is a science).

2. Use the concepts, language, and major theories of the discipline to account for psychological phenomena.

3. Explain major perspectives of psychology (e.g., behavioral, biological, cognitive, evolutionary, humanistic, psychodynamic, and sociocultural).

4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of psychology:
a. theory and research representing each of the following four general domains:
(1) learning and cognition
(2) individual differences, personality, and social processes, including those related to sociocultural and international dimensions
(3) biological bases of behavior and mental processes, including physiology, sensation, perception, and emotion
(4) developmental changes in behavior and mental processes across the life span
b. the history of psychology, including the evolution of methods of psychology, its theoretical conflicts, and its sociocultural contexts
c. relevant levels of analysis: cellular, individual, group/systems, and culture
d. overarching themes, persistent questions, or enduring conflicts in psychology, such as
(1) the interaction of heredity and environment
(2) variability and continuity of behavior and mental processes within and across species
(3) the interaction of mind and body
e. relevant ethical issues, including a general understanding of the APA Code of Ethics
5. Explain different research methods used by psychologists and identify the utility and shortcomings of several types (descriptive research, correlational research, experimental research) of research methods. Use different research methods to formulate testable questions about psychological phenomena.
6. Use critical thinking effectively.
a. Evaluate the quality of information, including differentiating empirical evidence from speculation and the probable from the improbable
b. Evaluate popular media reports of psychological research
c. Seek and evaluate scientific evidence for psychological claims.
7. Describe major applied areas of psychology (e.g., clinical, counseling, industrial/organizational, school, health).
8. Apply psychological concepts, theories, and research findings as these relate to everyday life.
9. Distinguish between ethical and unethical behavior in all aspects of the science and practice of psychology.
10. Demonstrate these computer skills:
a. Use basic word processing, email, and course management programs (e.g., Blackboard, UCMCrops)
b. Search the World Wide Web for high quality information
c. Use proper etiquette and security safeguards when communicating through email

Methods of Evaluation

Weekly online exams: Assessment of SLOs 1-10. (100 points total). The purpose of the weekly exams is for you to demonstrate your knowledge of the course content and progress toward course objectives. The quizzes are multiple choice, are drawn from the text readings and *MyPsycLab* supplements, and are not cumulative. Each quiz will have 25 questions graded on a straight percentage basis. The questions will mostly be about your mastery of facts and concepts in the book, but will include some applications of facts and concepts to examples. Quizzes will be averaged together and contribute up to 100 points to the final course grade.

Midterm and Final Examinations: Assessment of SLOs 1-9. (200 points total). The purpose of the comprehensive exam is to evaluate mastery of course content. During the university scheduled exam period, the final exam will integrate details provided in lecture with core concepts from course reading and activities. The final exam will emphasize lecture content but may include material from any source. Each exam will include 50 items and will contribute 100 points to the final course grade.

Term Paper/Literature Review: Assessment of SLOs 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10. (150 points total: 100 points for the final draft; and 50 points spread over 8 incremental assignments). The purpose of the term paper is to help you learn how to think like a psychologist, using a critical and empirical approach to addressing psychological questions, and analyzing and synthesizing empirical research on the question. You should choose the topic of this paper yourself (although we are happy to help you come up with ideas). The topic must be related to the material in the textbook. However, the purpose is to go well beyond the content of the textbook and learn about a specific topic in significant depth. The term paper must discuss at least eight empirical studies on the topic; it may also include non-empirical articles (e.g., results of narrative reviews, information obtained from the web or a newspaper).

Extra Credit

Research Experience: Assessment of SLOs 1, 2, 5, 7, 9 & 10. (up to 25 points total, 5 points per study or summary). To emphasize the scientific nature of Psychology, every student is encouraged to take part in up to five hours (five credits) of psychological research OR write five 2-3-page summaries of articles cited in your textbook from current APA journals, OR some combination of both. A form for recording your credits is attached here. Details of the journal article summaries are also appended here as writing assignment information.

Course Policies

Missed Assignments. A hard copy of your work is due at the beginning of class on the due date. Electronic submissions are not acceptable. There is a 5 point penalty for papers received afterward on the same day. The penalty is 10 points on the next day and more thereafter. Late papers are accepted only for excused absences. If you know that you will miss an assignment for an unavoidable and serious reason, contact me and we will make alternate arrangements to complete the assignment. Documentation may be required before late work is accepted. In all cases, the reasons for missing an assignment must be presented in writing with accompanying documentation—e.g., an obituary or funeral program for a death in the family, an automobile repair receipt for a car problem, etc. Excuses such as oversleeping or forgetting are not acceptable unless accompanied by a pledge to reform and evidence that behavioral changes have been made successfully.

Classroom health and attendance. Learning happens in class. Students who regularly attend lecture earn about 2 letter grades better than students who do not. The Center for Disease Control has suggested that we all be very careful to avoid the flu this year as an especially virulent season is expected. If you have mild flu symptoms, please do not come to class until 24 hours after your fever has gone. If you will miss due date, contact me immediately by email or phone to make arrangements to turn in your assignment electronically. Electronic submissions will be accepted only by arrangement.

Policy on Academic Integrity: The University of California has outlined a general code of student conduct that can be accessed at http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/ucpolicies/aos/uc100.html. Go to http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/docs/ucm_policies.pdf for the UC Merced code of academic conduct. Chapter 8 outlines policies on academic honesty. All academic work is expected to be in compliance with this code. In the present class, any form of cheating or plagiarism is a serious offense. Cheating includes any attempt to defraud, deceive, or mislead the instructor in arriving at an honest grade assessment. Plagiarism is a form of cheating that involves presenting, as one's own the ideas or work of another. All work that is directly copied from other sources (e.g., a book, the www) must be in quotation marks with full reference to the original source. Words that are paraphrased from the original into your own words does not have to be in quotation marks, but must include a reference to the original source. Violation of these policies may result in a grade of "F" in the assignment, or for more serious violations, a grade of "F" in the course, at the discretion of the instructor.

To guard against plagiarism in this course, all students will submit an electronic copy of their term paper/ literature review to turn-it-in.com according to the instructions appended here. Specific course and assignment numbers will be made available before the due date. No student will receive a grade for the term paper without a turn-it-in.com report.

Special Needs: CourseCompass for MyPsycLab can be set to accommodate most any special need. UCM provides individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations to participate in educational programs, activities, and services. Students with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in class activities or meet course requirements should contact the professor as early as possible, and also contact the UCM Disability Services Center located in Room 107 of the Kolligian Library (209-381-7862) to obtain their assistance and coordination in working with this course.

Classroom Civility: Each UCM student is encouraged to help create an environment during class that promotes learning, dignity, and mutual respect for everyone. Students who speak at inappropriate times, sleep in class, display inattention, take frequent breaks, interrupt the class by coming to class late, engage in loud or distracting behaviors, use cell phones or pagers in class, use inappropriate language, are verbally abusive, display defiance or disrespect to others, or behave aggressively toward others could be asked to leave the class and be subjected to disciplinary action.

Amendments: This syllabus is an evolving document. The Professor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus. Changes will be discussed in class. Students are responsible for all announcements of changes to this course. UCMCrops will reflect the current course requirements at all times.

Course Calendar and Assignments
(Due dates are in **Boldface** Type)

Dates	***Topics and Assignments***	***Term Paper Points***
Aug 26	Introduction to course & MyPsychLab/Pegasus	
Aug 31	Lecture: Psychological Science (Chapter 1)	
Sept 2	Lecture: Research Methods	
Sept 7	**Labor Day holiday – no class**	
Sept 9	**Exam 1 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm**	
	Lecture: Biopsychology (Chapter 2)	
Sept 14	Lecture: Biopsychology **Term Paper: Choosing a Good Topic** **1. Each student should come to class with a typewritten topic for their term paper, with your name and student ID in upper left corner)** **a. A brief title, with a 1-3 sentence summary** **b. Can be on any topic related to the book. Scan the book for ideas.** **2. Students may be called upon to state their topic, and the class may discuss the topics.** **3. Topics will be collected at the end of class** 4. **Grading criterion: Technical Writing (5 points)**	5 points
Sept 16	Lecture: Learning (Chapter 3)	
	Exam 2 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Sept 21	Lecture: Learning **Term Paper: Final Term Paper Topics Due (One page that has a brief title, with a 1-3 sentence summary; put your name and student ID in upper left corner)** **1. Grading Criteria** **a. Technical Writing (2.5 points)** **b. Choice of Appropriate Topic (2.5 points).** Term Paper: How to search for articles to use in your term paper (See Appendix B); Empirical versus Non-Empirical Articles; APA Style for citations.	5 points
Sept 23	Lecture: Memory (Chapter 4)	
	Exam 3 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	

Sept 28	Lecture: Memory	
Sept 30	Lecture: Thinking (Chapter 5) **Term Paper: Empirical versus Non-empirical Articles** **1. Each student should bring one empirical article to class, with a cover sheet that (a) lists the citation in APA format at the top of the page, and (b) tells what kind of research method was used (put your name and student ID number on the top left hand corner).** **2. The instructor will call on students to tell what article they chose, why they chose it (why are you interested in it?) and what empirical method it used.** 3. **Articles and cover sheets will be collected at the end of class.** 4. **Grading Criteria:** a. **Technical Writing (2 points)** b. **Correct APA Format for Citation (1 point)** c. **Correct Identification of the Research Method Used in the Article (2 points)**	5 points
	Exam 4 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Oct 5	Lecture: Intelligence	
Oct 7	**MIDTERM EXAMINATION** Chp 1-5, lectures	
	Exam 5 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Oct 12	Lecture: Development (Chapter 6) Term Paper: APA Style (See APA Style Manual)	
Oct 14	Lecture: Development	
Oct 19	Lecture: Sensation (Chapter 7) Term Paper: Rules for Good Writing; Writing summaries of articles a. what is the general topic b. what was the specific question addressed c. what method was used to study the specific question d. what were the results **e.** what was the conclusion	
	Exam 6 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Oct 21	Lecture: Perception	
Oct 26	Lecture: Consciousness (Chapter 8)	

	Term Paper: Summary #1 (one page single spaced with your name and student ID in upper left corner) **1. Each student must bring one article, and a one-page single-spaced summary of the article.** **a. The summary should first list the article citation in APA format, and then describe the article using the outline presented on Oct 15.** **b. The summary may not simply copy the abstract of the article. Any copying of the abstract will result in loss of points.** **2. Students will be called upon to read the article title, tell why they chose it, and then read their summary** 3. **Summaries will be collected at the end of class** 4. **Grading Criteria:** a. **Technical Writing (2 points)** b. **Correct use of APA format in citation (1 point)** c. **Accuracy of article summary (2 points)**	5 points
	Exam 7 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Oct 28	Lecture: Consciousness (Chapter 8)	
Nov 2	Lecture: Emotion & Motivation (Chapter 9) **Term Paper: Summary #2 (Same procedure as Summary #1, but this must be a different article and summary than already submitted.)**	5 points
	Exam 8 on MyPsycLab due 7pm, 11/3	
Nov 4	Peer Review of Term Paper drafts – no lecture	
Nov 9	Lecture: Personality (Chapter 10)	
	Exam 9 on MyPsycLab due at 7pm, 11/10	
Nov 11	Veteran's Day holiday – no class	
Nov 16	Lecture: Personality **Draft of Introduction and Literature Review Methods Due (student ID in upper left corner)** **1. Grading Criteria:** **a. Technical Writing (2 points)** **b. Correct use of APA format (1 point)** **c. Coherence of Argument (2 points)** Term Paper: How to Write the Review of Research	5 points
	Exam 10 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	

Nov 18	Lecture: Social Psychology (Chapter 11)	
Nov 23	Lecture: Social Psychology **Draft of Review of Research is Due (student ID in upper left corner)** **1. Grading Criteria:** **a. Technical Writing (2 points)** **b. Correct use of APA format (2 points)** **c. Accurate review of eight empirical articles, citing data, and relating that data to the topic. (4 points)** **d. Coherence of Argument (2 points).** Term Paper: The Conclusions Section	10 points
Nov 25	Lecture: Psychological Disorders (Chapter 12)	
	Exam 11 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Nov 26	Lecture: Psychological Disorders	
Dec 2	Lecture: Psychotherapies (Chapter 13)	
	Exam 12 on MyPsycLab due at 7pm, 12/1	
Dec 7	Lecture: Psychotherapies **Draft of Conclusions Section Due (student ID in upper left corner)** **1. Grading Criteria** **a. Technical Writing (2 points)** **b. Correct use of APA format (2 points)** **c. Coherence of argument (6 points)** Term Paper: Putting all the Sections Together (Transitions).	10 points
Dec 9	Lecture: Stress and Health	
	Exam 13 on MyPsycLab due at 5pm	
Dec 10	MyPsychLab Makeup Day for Exams (24 hours)	
	Exam 14 on MyPsycLab due at midnight	
Dec 14	**FINAL EXAMINATION, 6:30-9:30pm**	
	Term Papers Due (student ID in upper left corner) **2. Grading Criteria:** **e. Technical Writing (20 points)** **f. Correct use of APA format (20 points)** **g. Accurate review of eight empirical articles, citing data, and relating that data to the topic in the introduction (30 points)** h. **Coherence of Argument (30 points)**	100 points

Guidelines for Writing Assignments

1. Technical writing
    a. Is writing grammatical?
    b. Are there spelling errors?
    c. Does the paper generally follow rules for good writing?
    d. Do sentences follow from each other logically?
    e. Do paragraphs follow from each other logically?

2. Correct use of APA style (see Appendix A)
    a. Is the reference list in APA style?
    b. Are the citations in text written in APA style?
    c. Is there an abstract written in APA style?
    d. Are the section headings writing in APA style?
    e. Is there a header and page numbering in APA style?

3. Discussion of at least 8 empirical articles
    a. Are 8 empirical articles discussed?
    b. Does the paper accurately describe the sample and methods used in each article, and the empirical results?
    c. Caution—do not simply copy the abstract from the article into your paper! You will lose points for doing so.

4. Construction of a coherent argument (hourglass analogy)
    a. Does the introduction clearly describe a question or problem to be addressed in the paper? Does the introduction describe why the question is interesting (e.g., the prevalence or severity of the problem)?
    b. Does the methods section clearly describe how the articles were located (e.g., what search engines, what keywords, how many references were first located).
    c. Does the review of research section clearly relate the research to the question of interest? Is the review well-organized (e.g., are studies of diagnostic issues grouped together, separately from studies of treatment). Does the review show how studies shed light on different parts of the problem (e.g., how well the treatment works in different populations, how well different kinds of treatment work)? Does the review describe what the unique contribution of each study is?
    d. Does the conclusion section clearly summarize what was learned in the review?

Appendix A on APA Style

If you plan to be a psychologist, you should begin to learn APA style. APA style covers all parts of the style of writing that psychologists use, and many other social sciences use this style as well. It covers everything from punctuation to reference formatting. The current APA Style Manual is RECOMMENDED FOR THIS COURSE and available at the UC Merced Bookstore. The APA Style Manual is the ultimate resource and will be the source used to settle all style disagreements. A large number of www sites provide free summaries of how to write in APA Style. Rely on these at your own risk.

Appendix B: How to find published journal articles

The University of California library gives you access to many journals that may be used in locating recent empirical studies. Recommended journals include:

American Journal of Psychiatry
Archives of General Psychiatry
Behavior Therapy
Behavior Modification
Clinical Psychology Review
Health Psychology
Journal of Abnormal Psychology
Journal of Behavior Therapy and Experimental Psychiatry
Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology
Journal of Clinical Child Psychology
Journal of Clinical Psychology
Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology
Journal of Counseling Psychology
Journal of Marital and Family Therapy
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases
Journal of Personality Assessment
Journal of Psychotherapy Integration
Journal of Studies on Alcohol
Professional Psychology: Research & Practice
Psychotherapy

You can find an article in many different ways, such as hand searches of these journals in a library. However, a very convenient way to search is to use the psychology database called PsycInfo. The following are instructions for doing so.

1. Go to the UC Merced Home Page (www.ucmerced.edu)
2. Click on the link for the UC Merced Library Home page (or go directly to http://library.ucmerced.edu/)
3. Type PsycInfo into the Search Box and click on Search.
4. On the following link, click the hyperlink to UC campuses:

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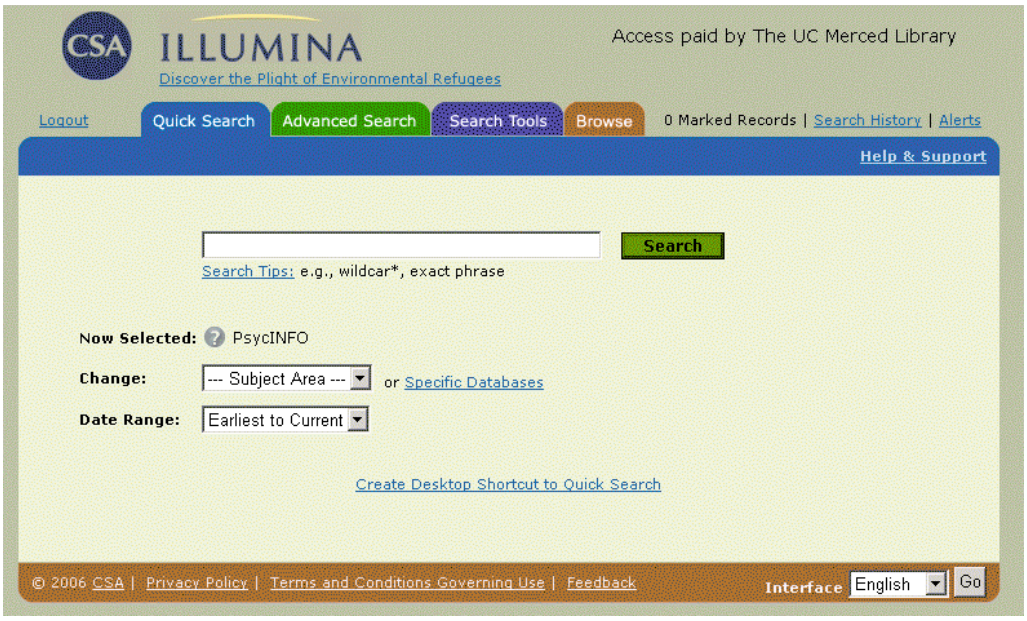
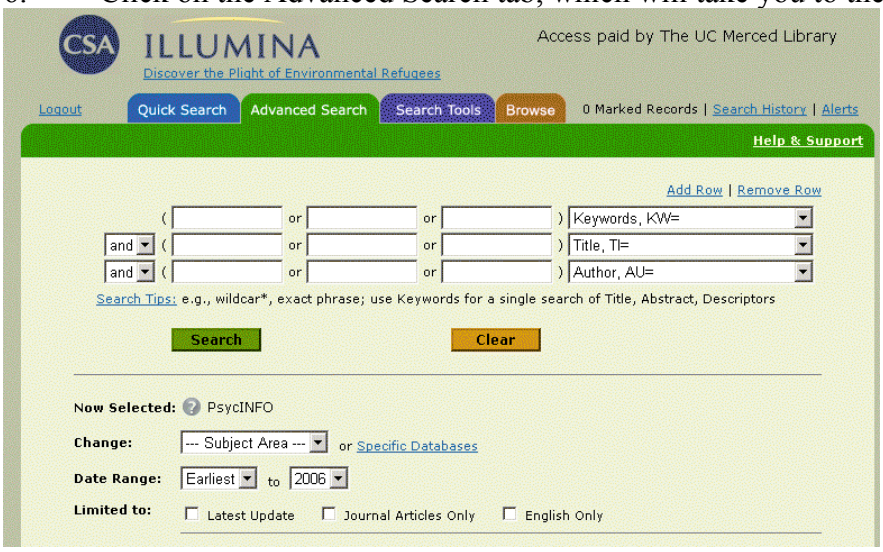
Restricted to UC campuses 1806-

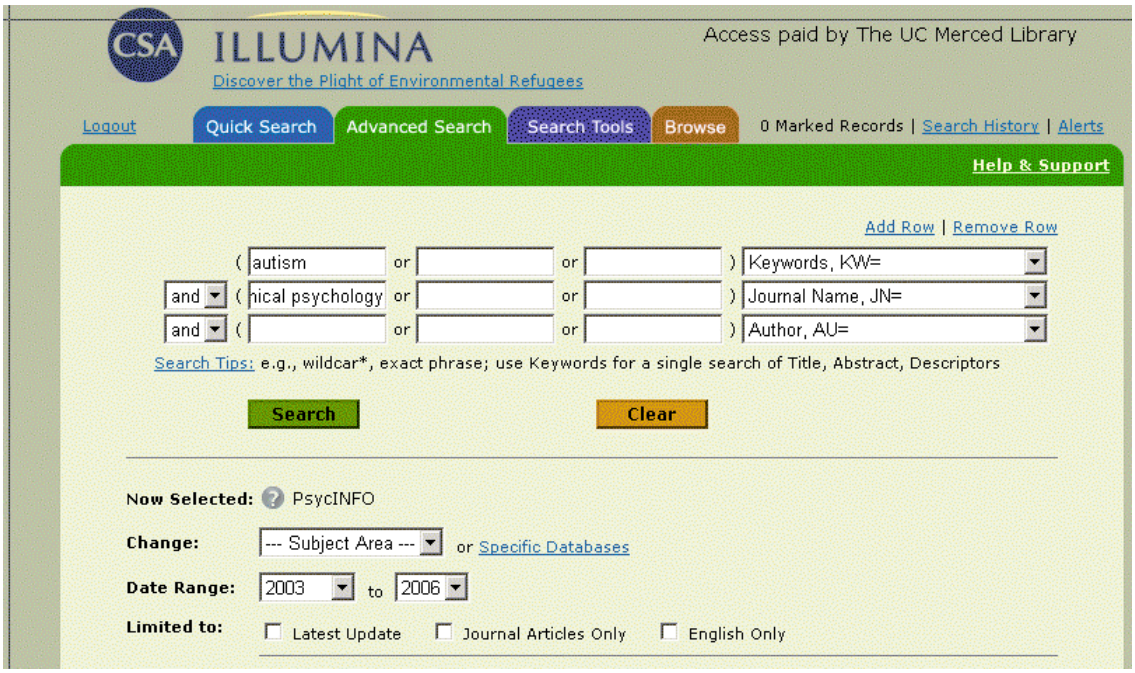
5. You will see the following screen:



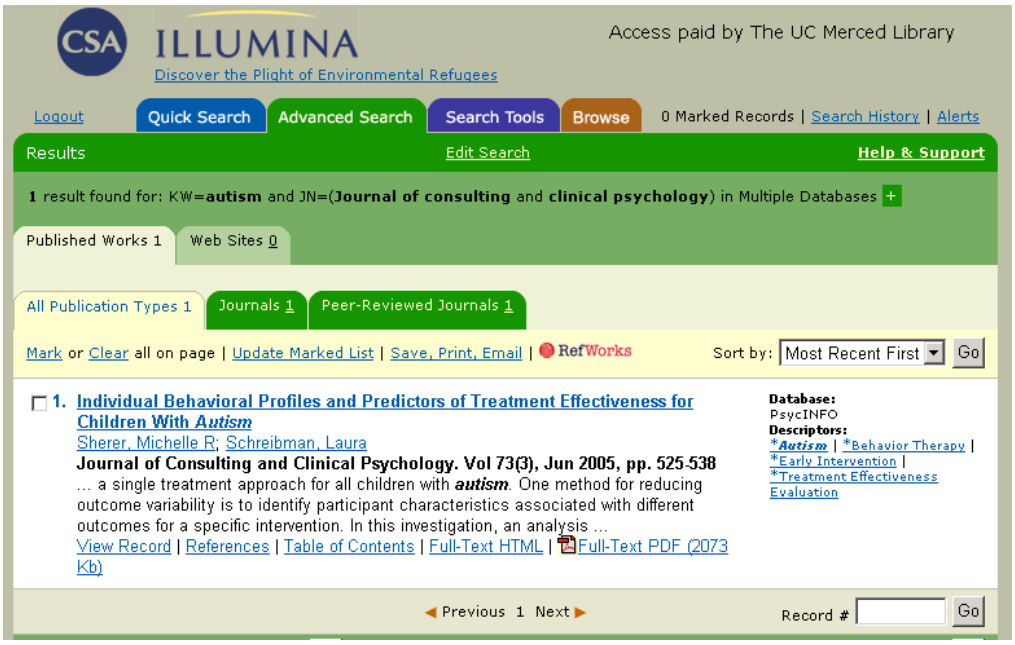
6. Click on the Advanced Search tab, which will take you to the following screen:



7. In the first line, type in the phrase you want to search on as a key word. For example, you might search on autism. In the second line, change the word Title to Journal Name, and then type in the name of a journal from the list in the syllabus, for example, the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. Finally, change the Date Range to 2003 to 2006. Then the screen would look like this:



8. Click the search button. This example produced the following screen:



9. In the above screen, click on the Full-Text PDF link. This will open an electronic copy of the article, and you may save it to your computer.
10. If the PDF link does not appear, you can either
    1. search a different journal to find one with the PDF link, or
    2. use UC Merced interlibrary loan to order an electronic copy of the article. To do so, go to http://library.ucmerced.edu/ill.html and follow the instructions on that screen.
11. If the search produces no articles on the topic of interest, try another journal for the same topic and years.

Appendix C: Using turnitin.com to submit papers

Turnitin Student Quickstart

Introduction

This quickstart will help you get started with Turnitin and will walk you through the steps for submitting your first paper. To begin, you need to first register with Turnitin and create a user profile.

! If you have received an e-mail from Turnitin with a temporary password, a user profile has **already been created for you. To get started, log in to Turnitin with your e-mail address and password and proceed to Step 2 in this quickstart.**

Step 1

To register and create a user profile, go to **www.turnitin.com** and click on the *New Users Click Here* button below the Sign in button on the homepage 1.

The new user page will open, follow the directions on this page to help you create your user profile. To create a profile, you must have a **class ID** and an **enrollment password**. You can get this information from your instructor. Once you finish creating your profile, you will be logged in to Turnitin.

Step 2

Your class will show up on your homepage. Click on the name of your class to open your class portfolio 2.

1 *Click to register and create your user profile*

2 *Click on the name of your class to open your portfolio*Turnitin

Step 3

Your class portfolio shows the assignments your instructor has created and your submissions to the class. To submit a paper, click the submit button next to the paper's assignment 3.

Step 4

The paper submission page will open. Enter a title for your paper. To select a paper for submission, click the *browse* button and locate the paper on your computer. We accept submissions in these formats:

• MS Word, WordPerfect, RTF, PDF, PostScript, HTML, and plain text (.txt)

After entering a title for your paper and selecting a file, click *submit* to upload your paper 4.

3 *Click the submit icon to upload your paper*

4 *Once you have located your paper and entered a title, click submit*Turnitin Student Quickstart 3

If your paper is in a format that we do not accept, you can submit it by cut and paste. To submit a paper this way, select *cut & paste* using the pulldown at the top of the form 5.

To submit a paper by cut and paste, copy the text of your paper from a word processing program and then paste it into the text box in the submission form. If you submit your paper using the cut and paste method, you can skip the next step.

Step 5

The paper you chose to submit will be shown on the next page. Look over all the information and make sure that it is correct. To confirm the submission, click the *Submit Paper* button 6.

Step 6

After you confirm your submission, a digital receipt will be shown. This receipt will be e-mailed to you. To return to your portfolio and view your submission, click the portfolio button 7.

By default, students cannot see their own Originality Reports. If you do not see an Originality Report icon in your portfolio and want to see your report, contact your instructor.

If you need further assistance with Turnitin or would like to learn about the advanced features our system offers, please download our **student user manual**, which is available at **http://turnitin.com/static/training.html**

5 *Select cut & paste with the pulldown to submit a paper in a file format we do not accept*

6 *Make sure you selected the correct paper; click "Submit Paper" to finalize your submission*

7 *Click the portfolio icon to return to your portfolio and view your submission*

Appendix D
Grading Criteria for Writing Assignments

Note: APA Reference Section per APA Manual, Sixth Edition Standards	APA Reference Section	Exceptional	Average	Poor
Content & Ideas	3.05 3.02-3.04	Clear and focused topic; , ideas are sequential and presented as a unified whole;, main points are sufficiently supported;, central argument reflects understanding; headings used appropriately per APA Manual. Writer seems in control, making connections and sharing insight.	Identifiable topic and main ideas, though may not be connected or completely relevant;, may include arguments but not a central one. Shows promise, though while development is sometimes original; sometimes blends with the predictable.	Lacks focus;, topic may inappropriate, vague or general;, multiple ideas a expressed without connection;, the guiding argument may be too bro or irrelevant to content. Reader must make inferences based on incomplete detail.
Coherency	3.05 3.07	Logical progression of ideas from sentence to sentence	Logical progression but may include some repetition or loss of purpose	Difficult to follow ideas within paragraphs and m broadly
Organization	3.05, 3.09Section 1 Organization.	Strong and purposeful transitions between paragraphs, with clear topic sentences; Precision and Clarity	Structure is evident, may have occasional illogical or repetitive ideas and lack of transitions from paragraph to paragraph	Structure and purpose is unclear
Style	Sect. 2 - style 3.07	Effective and accurate understanding of audience, professional tone and appropriate diction, highly accurate usage of APA standards	Appropriate but occasionally inconsistent tone or diction, APA standards are reflected but not consistently	Consistently inappropria tone and diction, APA us is inaccurate or absent
Use of Sources and Reference List	Section 6: Crediting Sources	Credit sources appropriately; effective citing of sources and appropriate paraphrasing (when necessary); Reference List	Inconsistently cites sources; poor paraphrasing or quoting; incomplete Reference List	Does not credit sources; paraphrase inappropriate by changing only a few words; no Reference Lis "Works Cited"
Mechanics: Grammar,	Section 4Sect.	Usage of sophisticated sentence structures, appropriate word choice,	Simple and some complex phrasing, some inaccurate word choice, and	Frequent syntax errors th impede meaning. Spellin with frequent errors

Appendix E
The Welcome Letter for MyPsychLab

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Intro to Psychology (PSYC 1) with Professor Diana Odom-Gunn at UC Merced. You can only get your text package from your Bobcat Bookstore. Go to http://bookstore.ucmerced.edu for online textbook orders.

You'll need to purchase:
Text Package: **PSYCHOLGY CORE CONCPT UNBND ALC+ PKG MERCED**
Author: **Zimbardo**
ISBN: **9780558174866**

Inside your package you'll find:

- **Your Textbook**
- **Your MyPsychLab access code**
- **Your MyPearsonCafé access code**

You can access your online materials through: www.MyPearsonCafé.com

Please do the following prior to coming to class if possible:

#1. Register for MyPsychLab…
***Enroll in our Pearson Class ID: CRSCDKF-219927**
#2. Register for your MyPearsonCafé writing resources
***Course ID: cafe54656** .

If you need assistance in accessing the online resources, please contact:
Pearson Technical Support: 800.677.6337
http://247.pearsoned.com
Or our Pearson Publisher's Representative at Anakira.Gabriella@gmail.com

All of these materials and resources are required for this course.
I look forward to seeing all of you!

Warmest wishes,

Professor Diana Odom-Gunn

Welcome back to school!

Extra Credit

Verification Form

Student Name_____ Course PSY_____

You may not participate twice in the same study. You may not double-count research credits. Credits apply to only one course.

Date _____ Experimenter's signature _____

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OR to join similar terms e.g. ethic* OR moral*

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- UC Merced Library Catalog
  Search for books and ebooks in the UC Merced Library collection.
- Connecting from Off Campus
  Access UC Merced Library ebooks and electronic journal articles when you're not on campus.
- Check your library account
  View checkouts, due dates and fines.

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Find Statistical Information

- American FactFinder
  A source for population, housing, economic and geographic data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- California Health Interview Survey
  CHIS is the nation's largest state health survey. Conducted every two years on a wide range of health topics.
- Congressional Quarterly Researcher
  Offers in-depth, unbiased coverage of a pressing political or social issue. Reports cover topics in health, international affairs, education, public policy, the environment, technology, and the U.S. economy.
- U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics
  The United States Bureau of Statistics collects, analyzes, publishes and disseminates information and statistics on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government.
- The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
  Provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction.

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Find Articles Using General Databases

- Academic Search Complete
  A multidisciplinary database with full text content in the arts, social sciences, humanities and sciences.
- JSTOR
  Search by subject or browse full text of more than 500 scholarly journals in social sciences, humanities, and sciences, to their earliest issues. Many titles extend as far back as late 19th or early 20th centuries; most recent 3-5 years not included.
- Web of Science
  Coverage varies depending on the index. Encompasses Arts & Humanities Citation Index (1975 – present), Social Sciences Citation Index (1956 – present), and Science Citation Index (1900 – present).
- Google Scholar
  A search engine providing access to both freely available and subscription based resources including articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, conference proceedings and technical reports.

Comments (0)

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Introduction to Library Research

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Aldous Huxley Interviewed by Mike Wallace (1959)

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- ABELL : Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature
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- Literature Resource Center
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- Newsbank : Access World News
  Local, regional and world news, including community events, schools, politics, government policies, cultural activities, local companies, state industries, and people. Includes Merced Sun Star, Fresno Bee, Madera Tribune and Modesto Bee.
- Stat-USA
  (US Govt) Business, economic and trade data from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Includes National Trade Data Bank (NTDB) and its foreign market research reports.
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
  ICPSR offers more than 500,000 digital files containing social science research data. Disciplines represented include political science, sociology, demography, economics, history, gerontology, criminal justice, public health, foreign policy, terrorism, health and medical care, early education, education, racial and ethnic minorities, psychology, law, substance abuse and mental health, and more. Browse by topic, geography, etc.
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  Universal Coverage
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  1963-present. Abstracts journal articles, monographs, dissertations, conference proceedings, other research covering sociology, social work, and related social sciences. Also includes selected web resources.
- Sociology: A SAGE Full-Text Collection
  1967-present. Over 12,000 articles from approximately 30 journal titles covering topics such as ethnic studies, sociology of sports, childhood, and consumer culture.
- PubMed
  Articles on medical and health topics.
- JSTOR
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- California Health Interview Survey
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- Newsbank : Access World News
  Local, regional and world news, including community events, schools, politics, government policies, cultural activities, local companies, state industries, and people. Includes Merced Sun Star, Fresno Bee, Madera Tribune and Modesto Bee.

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- Coates, Robert C. *A street is not a home: solving America's homeless dilemma*
- Glantz, Aaron. *The war comes home: Washington's battle against America's veterans*
- Bratt, Rachel G. *A right to housing: foundation for a new social agenda*
- Reynoalds, Jeremy. *Homeless culture and the media: How the media educate audiences in their portrayal of America's homeless culture*
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- Eitzen, D. Stanley. *Solutions to social problems: lessons from state and local governments*
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- Daniels, Norman. *Just health: meeting health needs fairly*
- Daschle, Thomas et al. *Critical: what we can do about the health-care crisis*
- Reid, T.R. *The healing of America: a global quest for better, cheaper, and fairer health care*
- Angel, Ronald et al. *Poor families in America's health care crisis*
- Burbank, Patricia M. *Vulnerable older adults: health care needs and interventions*
- *Sered, Susan S. & Fernandopulle, Rushika J. Uninsured in America: life and death in the land of opportunity*
- *Amad, Waqar et al. Ethnicity, Health and Health Care: Understanding Diversity, Tackling Disadvantage (ebook)*
- *America's uninsured crisis: consequences for health and health care (ebook)*
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The Book of Literary Terms (print)

The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms in Oxford Reference (online)

Encyclopedia of Literature and Criticism (online, create an account to view, includes a chapter on postmodernism)

Hypertext: the Convergence of Contemporary Critical Theory and Technology (print)

Literary Theory: a Guide for the Perplexed (print)

Principles of Literary Criticism (online, also in print, "View all editions and formats")

The Routledge Companion to Critical Theory (online, also in print, "View all editions and formats")

The Blackwell Guide to Literary Theory (online, also in print, "View all editions and formats")

A Handbook to Literature (print)

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- *Film Noir: The Pocket Essential Guide* (create EBL account to view)
- *Dames in the Driver's Seat: Rereading Film Noir* (print, see section one/chapter one for background on the theory)

e.g. Search results for "hard-boiled" limited to books at the UC Merced Library

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- can limit to a source type e.g. Periodicals
- "Rerunning Film Noir" by R. Schickel

Art Full Text (Wilson Web)

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I. BUILD A PROBLEM-SOLVING THESIS

During the semester students have interacted in various capacities with a larger discourse outside the classroom. Many have gained practical, hands on experience, through the development of community praxis. Several steps were taken in initiating, collaborating, and maintaining the group projects. At this juncture, students will now be asked to use the primary data collected as part of their research. In drafting a successful research paper, students may consider to following questions:

How did you choose the project, and why?

What characteristics define your community praxis project?

Does your project have the potential to create positive change in the world?

How does your project capture the spirit of Merced? San Joaquin Valley?

How did you overcome obstacles?

So in the process of articulating this research assignment, I am reminded of the introduction to *Imagining Ourselves*, locally

How can you make the most of the opportunities you've been granted so that

others may also have similar ones (Goldman: 26)?

The potential to learn from others, your peers, as well as the relationships you formed in the community are infinite; I encourage you all to continue building off the foundational strength of your projects.

Certainly by interacting directly with others we can form small steps to understanding. And understanding is key to creating solutions to issues that affect us all (either directly, or indirectly). Begin small, stockpile all the data, which will be essential to producing sound research.

In choosing a research topic, your praxis project will be the best place to start. If your group was dealing with homelessness, you may investigate local unemployment statistics versus the national average. Foreclosure rates. The types of jobs lost in the last two years, and whether those patterns exist nationally, even globally. How does the City of Merced address the issue of homelessness? More importantly, regardless of topic, students will need to develop a topic that's a balance between broad and specific. So let's take the issue of homelessness into consideration.

1. Homelessness in Merced is caused by recent job layoffs in local agribusiness.
2. Globalization is the leading cause of homelessness.
3. In studying trends of job lost since the 2008 Market Collapse, we will better understand the effects of homelessness both locally, and nationally.

In your opinion, which example presents the best balance?

Finally, students will choose a film that will best synthesize research and expand their own problem-solving thesis.

From here, develop a problem-solving thesis, and/or research question.

II. ASSEMBLING RESEARCH

Imagining Ourselves, Locally should include substantially more information than previous essays[1], be double-spaced and include a Works Cited page. The objective is to:

1. Produce a clear problem-solving thesis utilizing the guidelines above. In other words, a well formulated argument.
2. Use Praxis Project as additional evidence to support your research. Documentation of project should synthesize course materials (reading, lecture, discussion, and film selection), which will be the focus of final presentation.
3. Discuss your primary research, how the project evolved, any setbacks, including what you were aiming to achieve, and how ideas generated from the project support a conceptual understanding of the course.
4. Include analysis of a chosen film (you may choose more than one film if it's grounded in clear reasoning), which demonstrates proficiency in media literacy, and supports your argument/claims.
5. Articulate issues in research from a local and global perspective.
6. Each student must write her/his own research paper.

Expanding on the model of critical writing initiated in previous essays, present a critical research essay with a focal area of inquiry. That focal area must relate to the nexus, the interplay between *imagining ourselves, locally*, and the means by which someone can take action to create solutions

So examining diabetes, race, and local agencies, which address the disease, may help employ new strategies at better prevention. However, be specific and clear in the execution of ideas. Ultimately *we* might find ourselves creating innovative solutions.

III. FILM ANALYSIS

Emphasis should be placed on a close reading of a film[2], using textual evidence to support the argument. Please keep in mind that **plagiarism** will result in automatic failure of the course.

Always remember,

a. **Summarize key elements of the film concisely, yet specifically.**
b. **Make sure to include a clearly defined *thesis*.**

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[1] See *Learning Through Praxis* student outline pages 6-7 for more detail.
[2] Film analysis is most effective in the present tense.

c. **Use specific formal elements[3] to support your *argument/claims*, and make sure to demonstrate proficiency in media literacy.**

IV. PRAXIS DOCUMENTATION

- ◊ Many modes of engagement can facilitate praxis documentation, such as mix-media art, website, sound recording, digital photography, slide show, or a performance[4].
- ◊ You may wish to present documentation in the form of a diagram, prototype, or as a proposal for the purposes of sustainability, and longevity of Praxis.
- ◊ Keep in mind; documentation should be conceived of as a potential resource for others, rather than simply a final product.

V. BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOURCES

In addition to utilizing at least 7 sources (including 2 critical readings from UCMCROPS), you will also need to collect research from the UC Merced Library online database (3 sources minimum); refer to library research trip for guidance. A Works Cited page, as required in all your essays, must be included. Use MLA style format.
Minimum number of citations: 7 (*must be primary sources*)

3 UC Merced Library online database
2 UCMCROPS
1 Film Selection
1 Praxis Project (interviews, photographs, website, etc.)
Web sites: as many as you wish (must be properly documented)

VI. FILM SELECTION (CHOOSE ONE)

Sleep Dealer, dir. Alex Rivera; *The Garden*, dir. Scott Hamilton Kennedy; as well as other film titles you deem pertinent to research. And additional titles viewable in AV room (that were not required viewing).

[3] See Timothy Corrigan's A Short Guide to Writing About Film.
[4] This lists does not, in any way, exhaust all possibilities of documentation.

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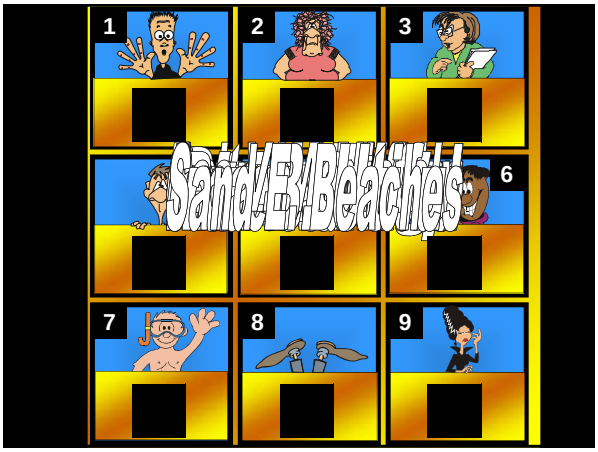

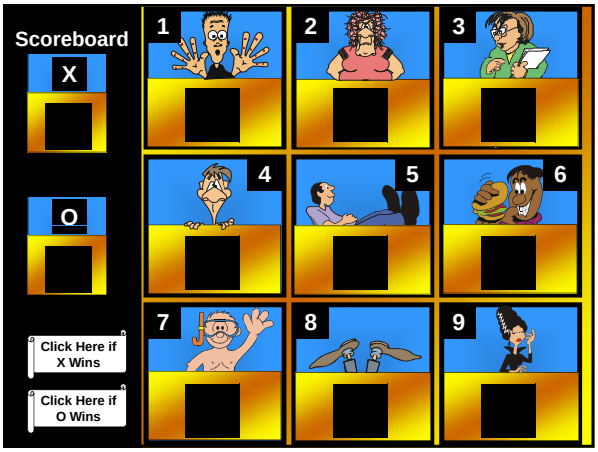

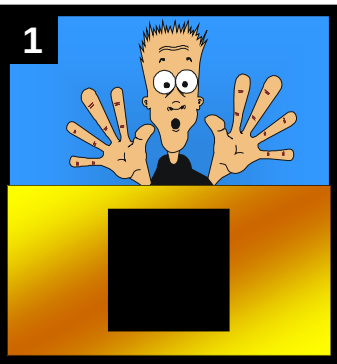

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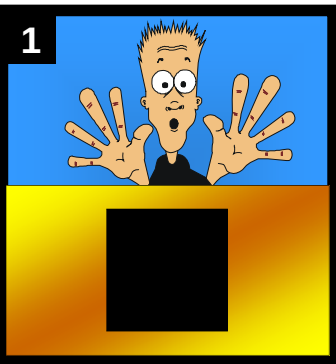

Dewey says, "The Onion is a legitimate news source whose purpose is to inform."

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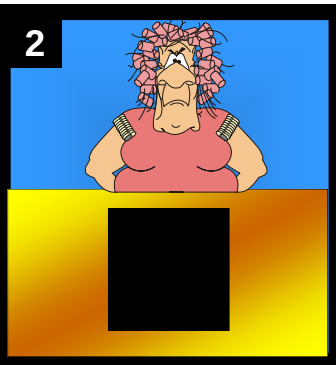

Is the author of this Holocaust site an authority on the subject?

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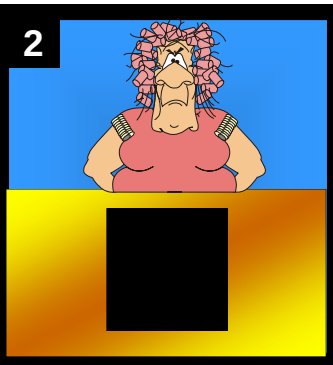

Anita says, “He seems knowledgeable on the subject, so yes, I’d say he’s an authority.”

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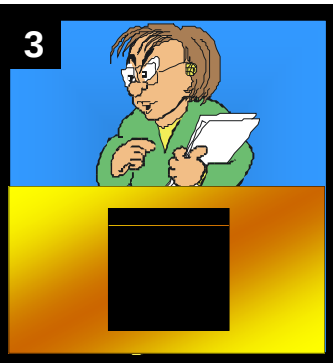

Is the information on this AIDS website accurate?

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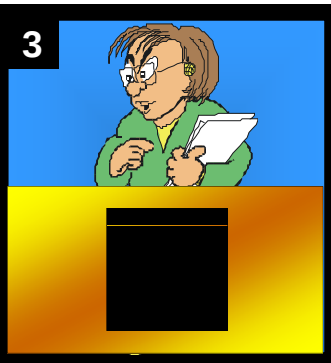

Ivana says, “No. This site is full of bogus facts.”

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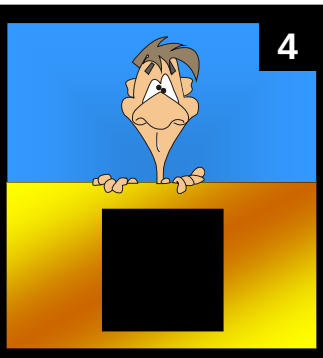

Does this nutrition site approach the subject with objectivity?

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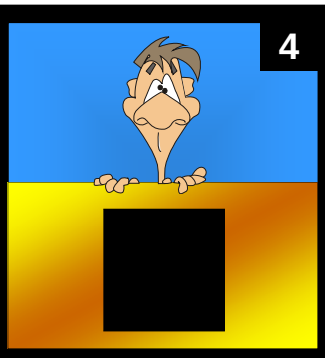

Seymour says, “It seems pretty objective to me. They’re promoting nutrition aren’t they?”

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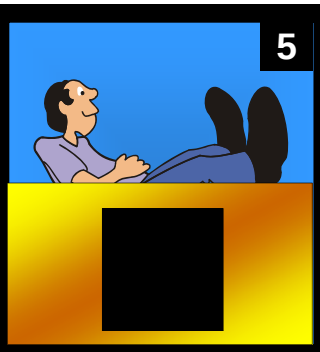
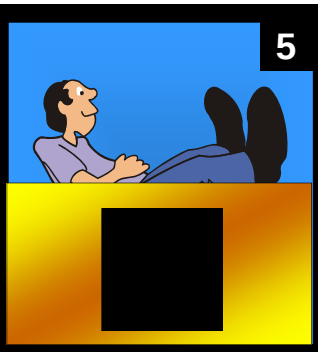


Does this environmental site have up to date information?



Phil says, “No I don’t think so. I wouldn’t trust it.”

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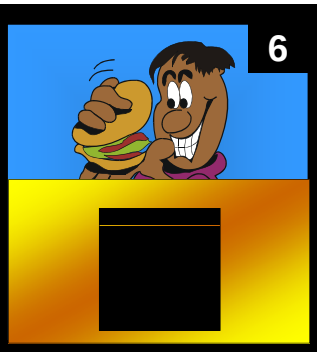

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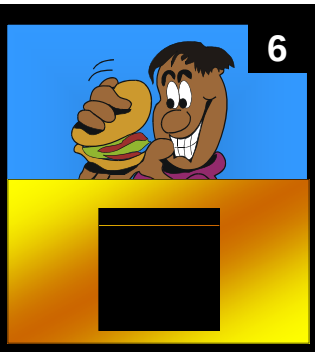

Craven says “Why not? If it’s in print it must be true!”

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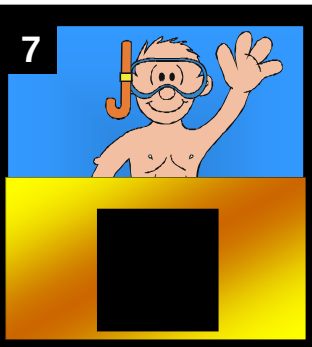
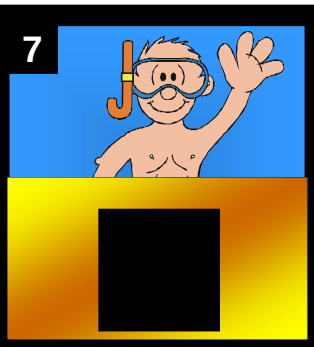


Can you judge a site by it’s domain host? (.edu, .gov, .com, .net, .org, etc.)



Sand E. says, “Yes, to some degree. .edu and .gov sites may be more trustworthy.”

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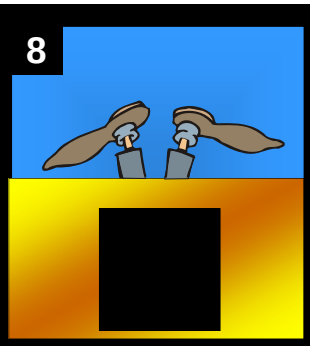

Is there an easy way to double-check the reliability of web resources?

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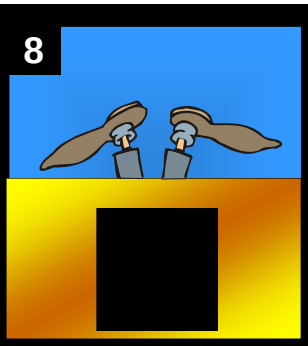

Lee says, “Yes. I use Alexa.com where I find background information about websites.”

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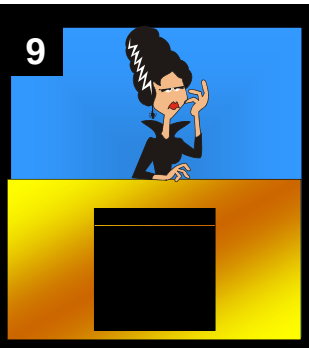

Do all librarians hate google and the internet?

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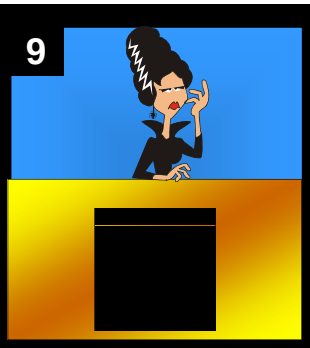

Ima says, “No darling! Some librarians even use Wikipedia! And just take a look at Google Scholar and INFOMINE!”

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By the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Determine a manageable research topic
- Identify key concepts and terms in your topic
- Select a search tool (database)
- Use effective search strategies
- Evaluate search results
- Distinguish between popular and scholarly articles
- Retrieve the information sources you need
- Cite and use information ethically

Determine a manageable research topic

- Which topic is the right scope for a 4-6 page research paper?

Find the right SCOPE

- Homelessness
- Homelessness in California
- How has the rise in unemployment impacted the homeless population in California?
- How has the rise in unemployment in the auto industry impacted the homeless population in Merced County?

Find the right **SCOPE**

- Gaming
- Video Gaming
- Has advertising to young men been influenced by video games?
- Has advertising to young men in Merced County been influenced by the Sony PlayStation?

- Environment>
- Environment and business>
- Can businesses meet environmental standards and still make a profit? >
- Can businesses in Merced County meet environmental standards and still make a profit?

Topic 1

Discuss the causes for the current global financial crisis.

A. Too broad
B. Too narrow
C. About right

Topic 2

How are toddlers targeted by advertisements from toy manufacturers?

A. Too broad
B. Too narrow
C. About right

Topic 3

What impact does the current economic crisis have on bee-keepers in California?

A. Too broad
B. Too narrow
C. About right

Your Topic

- Write down your topic (or potential topic) for your Writing 10 Research Paper

Identify key concepts and terms in your topic

Why are key concepts important?

When using the yellow pages to schedule a medical appointment I would look for the term…

- A. Doctor
- B. Physician
- C. Medicine

What term would you use to search for information on this topic?

"The War of Northern Aggression"

Identify key concepts and terms in your topic

How has the rise in unemployment impacted the homeless population in California?

Identify key concepts and terms in your topic

Can businesses meet environmental standards and still make a profit?

Identify key concepts and terms in your topic

How have affirmative action programs
impacted cultural diversity
in institutions of higher education?

Can businesses meet environmental standards and still make a profit?

- Businesses
  - Corporations, industries, factories
- Environment
  - Green, ecology, air quality, water quality, energy efficiency
- Standards
  - Ethics, morals, values, principles, guidelines
- Profit
  - Revenues, costs, earnings, gain, income

Has advertising to young men
been influenced by video games?

- Video games
  - Gaming, computer games, electronic games
- Advertising
  - Marketing, selling, promoting,
- Young men
  - Boys, men, males

How have affirmative action programs
impacted cultural diversity
in institutions of higher education?

- Affirmative action programs
  - "Affirmative action", discrimination, segregation
- Cultural diversity
  - "cultural literacy", "cultural isolation", "cultural fusion", "cultural identity", diversity
- Institutions of higher education?
  - Education, colleges, universities, admissions,

How has the rise in unemployment impacted
the homeless population in California?

- Unemployment
  - Jobless, layoffs, reduction in force
- Homeless
  - Displaced, indigent, hobo, evicted, dispossessed
- California
  - West Coast, Western United States,
  - Narrower = San Joaquin Valley, Central California, Central Valley

Your Topic

- Identify the key concepts of your topic
- Brainstorm or search for synonyms or related terms for each concept

Select a search tool

What is a database?

Databases

- A database is an online system that gives you access to information.
- Example: amazon.com
- The library has over 300 databases.
- Choosing the right database can have a big impact on successfully locating information.

Selecting a Database

- You have not used any of the databases before. You have a general topic. Use the Recommended Link to find a database that looks useful.
- You need film reviews. Using the format link, find a database that looks useful.
- You have to complete a paper for your cognitive science class. Using the subject areas link, find a database that looks useful.

Recommended Databases for your Topic (see Research Guide)

- **Academic Search Complete**
- **Congressional Quarterly Researcher**
- **Newsbank**
- **Google Scholar**

Use effective search strategies/ Evaluate search results

Keyword Searching
Boolean Operators
Truncation
Limiters

KeyWord Searching

KeyWord Searching

- KeyWord search is best to start with
- KeyWord searching can help you discover subject terms

Boolean Operators

(AND OR NOT)

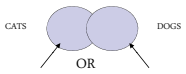
When searching in a database: dog AND cat < dog OR cat

- A. True
- B. False

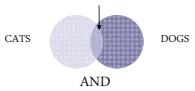
Boolean Operators

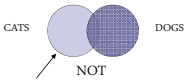
AND, OR, NOT

Use OR to broaden your search



Use AND & NOT to narrow your search





Truncation

Educat* is a valid search term

- A. True
- B. False

Educat* =

- Educate
- Educates
- Educated
- Education
- Educational
- Educator
- Etc.

Trucation Practice

- How would you truncate the term "heroes"?
- What forms the word would be searched with this truncated term?
  - hero, heroine, heroes, heroic, heroism
- Are there any drawbacks to truncating this word?
  - Will also search heroin

Distinguish between popular and scholarly articles

Scholarly vs. Popular

- 10-12 pgs/1-4 pgs
- Graphs/Pictures
- Authorities/Journalists
- For Experts/For Public
- Specialized Jargon/Easy to Read
- References/No References
- No Ads/Ads

- Trade Journals are for professionals, but have ads, etc.

Scholarly
Peer-Reviewed

Popular
NOT Peer-Reviewed

Retrieve the information sources you need

Retrieve the Information Sources You Need

ARTICLES

- Academic Search Complete
  - Library Home Page > Doing Research > Databases & Articles > ASC

BOOKS (and some articles)

- Next Generation Melvyl Pilot

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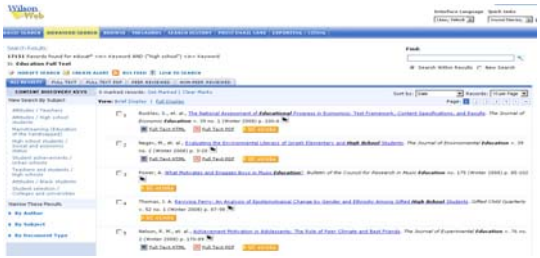

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Citing Your Sources

RefWorks

What is RefWorks?

- RefWorks is an online tool that helps you manage, store, format and cite resources used in the research process.
- Refworks Demonstration

Checking for Understanding

The best field to search at the beginning of your research is:

- A. Title
- B. Subject
- C. All Text
- D. Keyword
- E. Abstract

What type of resource is the following citation?

Kuenzel, J., et al. "Flavour conditioning of specific positive emotions." Appetite 51.3 (Nov. 2008): 755-755. Academic Search Complete. EBSCO. UC Merced Library, Merced, CA. 13 Nov. 2008 <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=34210767&site=ehost-live>.

A. Book chapter
B. Article
C. Newspaper article
D. DVD

What type of resource is the following citation?

James, Nancy E. "Two Sides of Paradise: The Eden Myth According to Kirk and Spock." Spectrum of the Fantastic. Ed. Donald Palumbo. Westport: Greenwood, 1988. 219-223.

A. Book chapter
B. Article
C. Newspaper article
D. DVD

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A. Next Generation Melvyl
B. Academic Search Complete
C. RefWorks
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Find Books - Literary Criticism

Background Information: Literary Terms, Theory & Criticism

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The Book of Literary Terms (print)

The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms in Oxford Reference (online)

Encyclopedia of Literature and Criticism (online, create an account to view, includes a chapter on postmodernism)

Hypertext: the Convergence of Contemporary Critical Theory and Technology (print)

Literary Theory: a Guide for the Perplexed (print)

Principles of Literary Criticism (online, also in print, "View all editions and formats")

The Routledge Companion to Critical Theory (online, also in print, "View all editions and formats")

The Blackwell Guide to Literary Theory (online, also in print, "View all editions and formats")

A Handbook to Literature (print)

Continuum Encyclopedia of American Literature in Credo Reference (online)

- "detective story, the"
- "film and literature"

The Cambridge Guide to Literature in English in Credo Reference (online)

- "detective fiction"

e.g. Search results for "film noir" limited to UC Merced Library

e.g. Search results for su:Film noir History and criticism limited to the UC Merced Library

- *Film Noir: The Pocket Essential Guide* (create EBL account to view)
- *Dames in the Driver's Seat: Rereading Film Noir* (print, see section one/chapter one for background on the theory)

e.g. Search results for "hard-boiled" limited to books at the UC Merced Library

e.g. Search results for "american detective" + (theory OR criticism) at the UC Merced Library

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Find Articles

Masterfile Premier & **Academic Search Complete** (on the EBSCOhost platform)

- Choose Databases (to select more than one database to search)
- Sample Search: "film noir" ANd (genre or theory or criticism)
- can limit to a source type e.g. Periodicals
- "Rerunning Film Noir" by R. Schickel

Art Full Text (Wilson Web)

- also includes "Rerunning Film Noir" by R. Schickel

Literature Databases - Subject page for databases

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- some databases include citations to articles, chapters of a book etc.

Literature Resource Center

- full-text
- includes a content type limit of Literarature Criticism (retrieve criticial essays)

ABELL: Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature

Literature Online (LION)

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- Interlibrary Loan
- Connecting from Off Campus
  Researching from an off-campus location? Use the VPN for access.
- Contact Us
  multiple ways to contact us with your questions

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Databases & Article

Under Doing Research > Database & Article Searching

Academic Search Complete

- includes information in a variety of formats, across a variety of topics

Selected Magazine Sources (from Academic Search Complete)

- searches a small subset of Academic Seach Complete

Next Generation Melvyl Pilot

- search for articles, books, and many other formats
- can use Request through this search tool

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Popular & Scholarly Sources

Doing Research > Tutorials

You will find information on how to determine if an item is popular or scholarly.

Module 6: (flash tutorial) Premium/High Quality Ingredients & Sources

Scholarly vs. Popular Guides

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Citing Sources

Doing Research > RefWorks & Citing Sources

- RefWorks offers numerous citation styles.

Visit News & Events for upcoming workshops.

Recommended citation styles for a variety of disciplines

- from OWL Purdue Online Writing Lab
- from Elmhurst College (A.C. Buehler Library)

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Sociology 015: Library Search Strategies for Sociological Research Methods (Beattie)

Sociology Journals

All of the journals listed below are peer reviewed.

This list was generated from Journal Citations Reports (JCR), Eigenfactor.org, Ulrich's, and list of titles abstracts in Sociological Abstracts.

- *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*
- *American Journal of Sociology*
- *American Sociological Review*
- *Annual Review of Sociology*
- *British Journal of Sociology*
- *British Journal of Sociology of Education*
- *Demography*
- *Economy and Society*
- *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
- *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- *Race*
- Social Forces
- *Social Networks*
- *Social Problems*
- *Social Psychology Quarterly*
- *Social Science Research*
- *Sociological Methods & Research*
- *Sociological Perspectives*
- *Sociological Theory*
- *Sociology*
- *Sociological Association*
- *Sociology of Education*
- *Youth & Society*

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Journals - other Disciplines

The following are other journals in which you may find articles related to your topic. They are all peer reviewed unless otherwise indicated with an asterisk *. These journals tend to fall into the following broad subject areas: Education & Educational Research; Developmental Psychology; Psychology, Clinical; Psychology, Social; Medical Sciences etc.)

- *Academe*
- *Adolescence*
- *British Journal of Educational Psychology*
- *College Student Journal*
- *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*
- *Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties*
- *Higher Education Policy*
- *Higher Education*
- *Quarterly Journal of College Student Psychotherapy*
- *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*
- *Journal of Education for Business*
- *Journal of Education Policy*
- *Journal of Education and Work*
- *Journal of Social & Clinical Psychology*
- *Journal of Social Work * NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Journal) / Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*
- ** NBER (National Bureau of Economic*

Sociology Databases or related subject areas

- Listing of Sociology Database at UC Merced
  View additional sociology databases.
- CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts): Social Sciences
  Searches many databases including the following SAGE Full-text Collections in Communication Studies, Criminology, Education, Health Sciences, Management & Organization Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Urban Studies & Planning. ERIC, PAIS, PsycArticles, PsycInfo, Social Services Abstracts, Sociology Abstracts and Worldwide Political Science Abstracts are also included.
- Sociology: A SAGE Full-text collection
  1967-present. Over 12,000 articles from approximately 30 journal titles covering topics such as ethnic studies, sociology of sports, childhood, and consumer culture.
- Sociological Abstracts
  1963-present. Abstracts journal articles, monographs, dissertations, conference proceedings, other research covering sociology, social work, and related social sciences. Also includes selected web resources.
- Family & Society Studies Worldwide (EBSCO)
  Provides the comprehensive coverage of research, policy, and practice literature in the fields of Family Science, Human Ecology, Human Development, and Social Welfare.
- ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
  1966-present. Covers all areas of education, including adult, urban, rural, vocational, elementary, early childhood, handicapped, gifted, and higher education. Includes citations and abstracts to journal articles (EJ) and documents (ED) in education.
- Web of Science
  Coverage varies depending on the index. Encompasses Arts & Humanities Citation Index (1975 – present), Social Sciences Citation Index (1956 – present), and Science Citation Index (1900 – present).
- Ulrich's
  Profiles consumer and trade magazines, academic and scholarly publications, monographic series, newsletters, and electronic publication on all subjects.

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Search Tips

#1 Identify your topic. Note key concepts and related terms.

#2 Find an appropriate search tool. Consider your subject matter, discipline or study, type of information needed (e.g. peer reviewed articles)

#3 Construct a search. Use AND to join dissimilar terms. Use OR to join synonyms or related terms.

#4 Use truncation to pick up various endings of a word. Use "" to search for a phrase. Incroporate appropriate limits as needed before conducting the search or after viewing the results list.

#5 Change results from date sort to Relevance sort. Skim results; read abstracts to determine an article's relevance.

#6 Revise search as needed. Consider using other terminology you discover from titles and descriptors. Consider searching in a specific field e.g. title. Broaden or narrow topic.

#7 Locate full-text of the article either through a html/pdf link, UCe-Links button, or Request (ILL) through UC-eLinks.

#8 Review bibliographies to locate other aticles, books, or authors who have written on the same topic. Find known items.

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UC Merced Library Links

- UC Merced Library Homepage
- UC Merced Library Catalog
  Search for books and ebooks in the UC Merced Library collection.
- Next Gen Melvyl Pilot
  Search for books and other materials from all 10 UC Libraries and libraries beyond.
- Check your library account
  View checkouts, due dates and fines.
- Connecting from Off Campus
  Access UC Merced Library

Research) Technical Working Paper Series
- *Nursing Research*
- *Research in Higher Education*
- *Research in the Schools*
- *Review of Educational Research*
- *Studies in Higher Education*

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RefWorks

- Refworks
  An online tool that helps you manage, store, format and cite resources used in the research process.

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Finding Journals & Articles

Find a Journal

Look for a journal title in the e-Journals tab - Library Home page

- Type in the journal name.
- Determine if UC Merced subscribes to it for the year(s) you need.

Find a Journal or Article

Search for the journal title or an article title in Next Gen Melvyl Pilot.

- On the results page, select the Journal / Magazine / Newspaper OR Article link depending on the item you need.
- Use the UC-eLinks button to navigate to the item.

Search in a database for that subject area or a large database/search tool such as Google Scholar.

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Accessing Full Text

First Option: Look for PDFs or HTML documents in a database.

Second Option: Look for the UC-eLinks button. UC-eLInks will look for full-text elsewhere.

If UC Merced does not have a copy, use "Request this item ..." link on the UC-eLinks window to Interlibrary Laon.

More information at Doing Research > Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

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ebooks and electronic journal articles when you're not on campus.

- Library Video Tutorials
  Use tutorials to get tips on how to use library resources and services.

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Questions:

Question #1
Type of Materials:
You've been asked to find *original research articles* for your psychology class. According to you, what can you use and what must you avoid? What are you not so sure about?

Question #2
Resources / Search Tools:
You have been asked to find articles on the topic on the relationship between emotional health and sleep. *Where* do you think you would look for articles on this topic?

Question #3
Managing Information:
You are required to complete a group project for this class. In order to keep track of all the articles and to work efficiently, what strategies and/or tools would you plan to employ? What has worked for you in the past?

Question #4
Starting a Search:
Your group's task is to find literature on a topic and then to formulate new research questions. What **terms** might you use in a search tool or database to find information on the following topic? Topic: *What factors influence an individual's decision making?*

Question #5
Starting a Search:
Your group's task if to find literature on a topic and then to formulate new research questions. What **terms** might you use in a search tool or database to find information on the following topic? Topic: *Explore gender differences in the development of friendship.*

Question #6
Finding Full Text:
What steps do you normally take to find the full-text of research articles for your papers? How easy or difficult is this process?

Debrief Questions

1. Where could you search for peer-reviewed literature for psychology related topics?
2. How can you determine if an item is peer-reviewed?
3. What is the difference between and original research article and some other research articles?
4. What tool can you use in PsycInfo to search for Descriptors (broader and narrow terms)?
5. What citation style tends to be used in Psychology?
6. Give an example of at least one tool you can use to create formatted citations? RefWorks, database name
7. What button can you click to check for full text?
8. What service is available to you for ordering an article that the UC Merced Library does not subscribe to?

Searches:

Search:
Factors (emotions / brain / emotional health / memory / stress / social influences / mob mentality / cognitive process / heuristics /)
Individual (groups vs teenager, family members, peer, elderly, child etc.)
Decision making (choice, decision)

Search:
"decision-making"
Cognition OR brain
Choice*
Emotion* or rational

Intuition vs deliberation
Emotion vs rational
Consumer / marketing
Shopping / buying
Conscious / unconcious
Voting / health decisions / gambling / culture / risk /

DE: choice behavior
DE: cognitive processes
DE: decision making

Search
(male or female) OR "gender differences"
AND
Friendship

http://libguides.ucmercedlibrary.info/psy_015

The students likely have had a basic intro to literature searching. In this class they will be asked to work in a group to access the research literature and formulate new research questions based on what they find. I would like them to gain skills in locating research articles (versus non-peer reviewed material), and knowing how to extract information from published reseaerch. They will be given broad topics - such as **'gender differences in friendship development'** - and asked to form more specific questions pertaining to that topic. [The specific assignment is listed on the syllabus.]

- Online addictions
- Aggression
- Emotional health / sleep
- Shyness
- Learning and memory
- Influence of memory on decision making
- Difficulty of making choices With more information do you make better choices? Choice angst
- Choices AND decision making
- Impact of groups – on decision making "social decision making"

- **Cognitive processes in decision making**

PsycINFO
DE: Decision Making; Choice Behavior; Judgment; Risk Taking; Impulsiveness; Occupational Choice; consumer behavior

"Ignorance or integration: The cognitive processes underlying choice behavior"
Consumer choice / career choice / health decision / age differences in decision making / gender differences / social / self image and consumer choice / image / stereotype / impact (view, perception) of risk on decision making / decision making with more or less information / reasons & emotion in decision-making (cognitive process)

Emotion / emotional process / heuristic process
Rational / reason(ed) / deliberate
Reason, emotion and decision-making: Risk and reward computation with feeling
Many models of judgment and decision-making posit distinct cognitive and emotional contributions to decision-making under uncertainty. Cognitive processes typically involve exact computations according to a cost benefit calculus, whereas emotional processes typically involve approximate, *heuristic processes* that deliver rapid evaluations without mental effort. However, it remains largely unknown what specific parameters of uncertain decision the brain encodes, the extent to which these parameters correspond to various decision-making frameworks, and their correspondence to emotional and rational processes. Here, I review research suggesting that emotional processes encode in a precise quantitative manner the basic parameters of financial decision theory, indicating a reorientation of emotional and cognitive contributions to risky choice. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2009 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

The Maximization Paradox: The costs of seeking alternatives.
Abstract Contrary to the common belief that more options lead to better decisions, recent research has demonstrated that choosing from a large number of options can have detrimental psychological effects. We investigated whether people were willing to sacrifice resources for more options, and whether choice-making orientation moderated such willingness. As predicted, people who were motivated to make the best choice possible—"maximizers"—were more willing to sacrifice resources such as time to attain a larger choice array than were people who tend to search for a satisfactory choice (i.e., "satisficers"). Additionally, maximizers who sacrificed to attain more options were ultimately less satisfied with their choice relative to maximizers who chose from a small assortment, and to satisficers (Studies 2 and 3). We term the pattern in which maximizers tend to sacrifice resources to attain more options that ultimately reduce their satisfaction, the "Maximization Paradox". (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2009 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Believing You Can Get Smarter Makes You Smarter
http://www.apa.org/research/action/smarter.aspx
topic = intelligence vs. stereotype threat
"thinking about intelligence as changeable and malleable, rather than stable and fixed, results in greater academic achievement"
Ability to improve intelligence

Aronson, J., Fried, C. B., & Good, C. (2001). Reducing the effects of stereotype threat on African American college students by shaping theories of intelligence. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 1-13.*

Steele, C. M., Spencer, S. J., & Aronson, J. (2002), Contending with group image: The psychology of stereotype and social identity threat. In Mark P. Zanna (Ed.), *Advances in experimental social psychology,* Vol. 34, pp. 379-440. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, Inc.

Think Again: Men and Women Share Cognitive Skills
http://www.apa.org/research/action/share.aspx
Cognitivity are the sexes more alike/same than different ?
What social and cultural factor influence performance at different tasks e.g. math or language
Gender's impact on career choice
"stereotype threat"
Do men have an aptitude for math?

Hyde, J. S., & Linn, M. C. (1988). Gender differences in verbal ability: A meta- analysis. *Psychological Bulletin, 104*, 53-69.

Hyde, J.S., Fennema, E., & Lamon, S. (1990). Gender differences in mathematics performance: A meta-analysis. *Psychological Bulletin, 107*, 139-155.

Hyde, J.S. (2005) The gender similarities hypothesis. *American Psychologist, 60*(6), 581-592.

Spelke, Elizabeth S. (2005). Sex differences in intrinsic aptitude for mathematics and science?: A critical review. *American Psychologist, 60*(9), 950-958.

Spencer, S.J., Steele, C.M., & Quinn, D.M. (1999) Stereotype threat and women's math performance. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 35*, 4-28.

Research problem -→ research questions
Research article vs. non-peer reviewed articles
How to extract information from published research (citing?)
Broad topics: e.g. gender differences in friendship development (then go to a more specific question on this topic)

We will cover topics such as: scientific methodology, general designs (between-groups, within-subjects, and factorial), specific types of research methods (e.g., experimental, natural observation, correlation, survey, and nonexperimental designs), ethical issues, and practical problems in research methods (e.g., confounds, reliability, and validity issues).

Conducting psychological research
APA style

Reporting and presenting research using APA style

5:30 to 6:30 in COB 105
PSY 015
60 students

Readings on the methodologies – methods used in published research

http://www.wnyc.org/shows/radiolab/episodes/2008/11/14/segments/113274

How Much Is Too Much?

Friday, November 14, 2008

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Turns out, Robert is more impulsive than Jad, and Jad is more analytical than Robert. Shocking, right? Sadly for Jad, Robert's style may help him better navigate the overwhelming number of choices available throughout modern life's expanse of options, which may also lead him to a greater sense of well-being, according to psychologist Barry Schwartz. Jonah Lehrer helps us understand why by introducing us to George Miller's classic paper "The Magical Number Seven, Plus or Minus Two," which explains the ability of the average human to hold about seven pieces of discreet information in working memory at any given time. Any more than that, and, as researcher Baba Shiv demonstrates, our good judgment can be overwhelmed...a problem Oliver Sacks overcomes by allowing himself only limited options and a strict routine.

Barry Schwartz – psychology at Swarthmore College
Wrote *Paradox of Choice*
Berkeley Bowl supermarket in Berkeley

Working memory / discreet information (more information = good judgment being overwhelmed)

Baba Shiv (work with fruit and cake)
New book → How we decide

Brain (dual systems)
Rational (deliberative)
Emotional (unconscious) brain – love sweet cake
How easily emotion can win over reason – 7 numbers

Choice*
AND
“decision making”

Baba Shiv’s research is in the area of consumer decision making and decision neuroscience, with specific emphasis on the neurological underpinnings of emotion and motivation in decision making.

Marketing / business

Psychology 015

Library Research
Spring 2010

Questions

- Divide into groups of 4 or 5 and discuss for a few minutes.

Question #1

- You've been asked to find original research articles for your psychology class. According to you, what can you use and what must you avoid? What are you not so sure about?

Question #2

- You have been asked to find articles on the topic on the relationship between emotional health and sleep. *Where* do you think you would look for articles on this topic?

Question #4

- Your group's task is to find literature on a topic and then to formulate new research questions. What **terms** might you use in a search tool or database to find information on the following topic: *What factors influence an individual's decision making?*

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Question #5

- What steps do you normally take to find the full-text of research articles for your papers? How easy or difficult is this process?

Question #6

- You are required to complete a group project for this class. In order to keep track of all the articles and to work efficiently, what strategies and/or tools would you plan to employ? What has worked for you in the past?

Questions Point to …

- What *type* of information do you need?
- *Where* can you search for this specific type of information?
- How might you *start a search* in one of these search tools/databases?
- How do you *access full-text* of the information in which you are interested?
- How can you *manage and use the information* you have found?

Bibliographies

- Original article "The Maximization Paradox: The Cost of Seeking Alternatives"

APA Style or not?

- Hu, Y., Wood, J.F., Smith, V., & Westbrook, N. (2004). Friendships through IM: Examining the relationship between instant messaging and intimacy. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, 10*(1), 38-48.
- OWL Purdue site

Review

- Doing Research > Course Specific Pages > Psy 015 (Hoyt)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
Research Methods in Psychology
Spring 2010
COB 105
Monday | Wednesday 5:30-7:20pm

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Course Description: This course provides a survey of common methodological approaches in psychological research. It is designed to give you an introduction to the background and skills necessary to understand the research methods and designs currently used in psychological research. We will cover topics such as: scientific methodology, general designs (between-groups, within-subjects, and factorial), specific types of research methods (e.g., experimental, natural observation, correlation, survey, and non-experimental designs), ethical issues, and practical problems in research methods (e.g., confounds, reliability, and validity issues). This course provides foundational skills and information critical to understanding and conducting research in psychology and provides core knowledge and skills that underlie the Program Learning Outcomes for the Psychology major and the UC Merced Guiding Principles (see Appendix A and B).

Course Prerequisite: PSY 010 Analysis of Psychological Data

I. Course Goals and Outcomes:

a. ***Course Goals:*** In this course, you will:
   - Become familiar with the basic principles, methods, and designs used to conduct psychological research
   - Interpret and critique findings (recognize methodological problems) from studies reported in academic journals and readings
   - Develop critical thinking, writing, and technological skills (e.g., APA style, graphing) as they apply to the conduct of research in psychology
   - Be exposed to the ethical expectations for research in psychology
   - Collect and analyze data using basic methodological and statistical procedures
   - Demonstrate understanding of the basic procedures for reporting and presenting research findings using APA style

b. ***Learning Outcomes:*** By the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following:
   - Knowledge of the major concepts, methodological approaches, and issues related to psychological research (measured by exams and laboratory assignments).
   - Ability to apply the scientific approach to identify and test a scientific theory (measured by laboratory and group assignments).
   - Ability to engage in naturalistic observation of behavior, survey creation, and design of experiments (measured by laboratory and group assignments).
   - Use data gathered from any one of these methods to draw conclusions about a theory, including discussing and presenting research results (measured by laboratory and group assignments).
   - Ability to analyze and synthesize scientific writings and research studies (measured by exams and laboratory assignments).
   - Knowledge of the ethical principles and values of research psychologists (measured by exams and laboratory assignments).

II. Format and Procedures: Students are expected to take an active role in course participation. This includes regular engagement in discussion of course readings and concepts. Students are invited to ask questions, express their thoughts regarding the material presented, and demonstrate respect and sensitivity to individual differences and opinions. Awareness of the discussion topic and context is expected. Thus, class attendance is fundamental to student learning. Students are expected to attend all classes, read all designated articles and chapters prior to class meetings, and complete all assignments according to the schedule. Any assignments turned in late will automatically be lowered one full grade, unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. Assignments will not be accepted more than 1 week after their due date. Promptness to class is expected, unless the instructor is notified in advance. Students should notify the teaching assistant in advance of class absences.

Each student is encouraged to help create an environment during class that promotes learning, dignity, and mutual respect for everyone. Students who speak at inappropriate times, sleep in class, display inattention, take frequent breaks, interrupt the class by coming to class late, engage in loud or distracting behaviors, use cell phones or pagers in class, use inappropriate language, are verbally abusive, display defiance or disrespect to others, or behave aggressively toward others could be asked to leave the class and be subjected to disciplinary action. <u>Use of internet browsing, e-mail exchange, text messaging, or instant messaging during class will not be tolerated.</u>

III. Course Requirements:

a. *Class attendance and participation policy:* Class attendance and participation is mandatory. A portion of your grade will be based on your attendance and participation. This will be assessed by your demonstrated engagement in class, periodic (and random) attendance assessments, and participation in your group project. Student peer evaluation related to small group work will also be considered in the evaluation of class participation.

b. *Required texts:*
Evans, A.N., & Rooney, B.J. (2008). *Methods in Psychological Research.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

McBride, D.M., & Cutting, J.C. (2010). *Lab Manual for Psychological Research* (2nd ed). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Note: Both books have been ordered as a bundle in the UC Merced Bookstore [Bundle ISBN: 9781412986977].

c. *Supplemental readings:* Additional readings will be assigned and either made available in class or on the UCM Crops website.

d. *Course assignments and projects:*
Exams (20 points each)
Three written exams will be administered in class. Exams will be comprised of multiple choice and short answer questions and are meant to test students' understanding of covered concepts and ability to apply course material. Exam material will include information covered in course lectures, discussions, written assignments, and assigned readings. Exams, including the final exam, are not meant to be cumulative; however, you are responsible for ALL prior material covered in the course.

Missing an examination will only be accommodated in highly unusual circumstances. If you cannot take an exam on the scheduled date you must notify the instructor *before* the exam. If the conflict is a valid excuse (e.g., death of a loved one, doctor verified illness), you may be allowed a make-up assignment. If an unexpected emergency prevents you from notification before the exam, please communicate with the instructor as soon as possible after the date of the exam. You will be asked to produce documentation verifying your inability to take the exam; the instructor has sole discretion to decide if supporting documentation is acceptable. Approval to take a makeup exam is not automatic in any of these cases, and you may receive no credit at all if your reason for missing the exam is not acceptable (e.g., oversleeping, you felt sick but have no doctor's note).

Laboratory Assignments (10 points)
You will be given the opportunity to complete a number of brief laboratory exercises that relate to course concepts. The purpose of these assignments is to allow students to apply concepts learned in class and promote critical thinking regarding research in psychology. You will be given the opportunity to complete 11 laboratory assignments; however, only 10 are required. Any additional completed assignments will be counted as extra credit. Laboratory assignments will be graded on a 3 point scale: 0 = unsatisfactory, no credit; 1 = satisfactory, 1 point issued; 2 = superior work, 2 points issued. "2's" will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Though, students have the ability to earn up to 22 points toward their grade with laboratory assignments. Laboratory Assignments will be posted on the UCM Crops website throughout the semester.

Small Group Project (20 points)
You will work in a small group to propose and implement a brief research study. Groups will be assigned by the instructor. Your group will be asked to design, implement, and present a research study. This will involve choosing a topic, conducting a literature review, developing a method, analyzing and interpreting results, and presenting your findings. Your study should be grounded in standard research methods as presented in class. Your group will also be required to give a presentation of your proposal to the class.

Your group will be required to make progress on your project throughout the course of the semester in phases:

Phase 1: Research question generation. Your group will be given a general research problem and each student group will brainstorm specific research questions for their group to investigate. This will involve reviewing the relevant research literature outside of class.

Phase 2: Research design. Once each group has chosen a research question that is approved by the instructor, the research design phase begins. Students review the relevant literature again, but now focus their reading on the methodologies used in published research. It is important during the research design phase that the group communicate with the teaching assistant and instructor to facilitate and guide key design considerations and decisions. At the end of this phase, each group will submit a formal ethics proposal to the instructor for approval.

Phase 3: Data collection. The type of activities involved in the data collection phase varies considerably from one research methodology to the next (e.g., coding of archival sources such as magazine covers or Internet sites, interviews, survey administration, observation). Once collected, data should be coded, collated, and entered into a data file for analysis. The data collection phase is often the most time consuming and demanding phase of the project and each group member needs to take an equal share of the load.

Phase 4: Data analysis. Once data are prepared, basic analyses should be conducted (with the instructors/teaching assistant's help as needed). Students should be sure that they understand their analytic approach and are able to discuss their analyses and interpretations. It is very important that students understand their findings, or lack of findings, before moving on to the final phase of the research project.

Phase 5: Research presentation. Groups will be required to present their findings utilizing approaches that will be discussed in class.

IV. Grading Procedures: As described above, the following grading rubric will be used to determine your course grade.

Grading Scale:

A+	100-97
A	96 -93
A-	92 - 90
B+	89 – 87
B	86 - 83
B-	82 – 80
C+	79 – 77
C	76 – 73
C-	72 – 70
F	69 and below

Grading Requirements:

Attendance/participation	*10 points*
Group Project	*20 points*
Laboratory Assignments	*10 points*
Exam #1	*20 points*
Exam #2	*20 points*
Exam #3	*20 points*
TOTAL =	*100 points*

Extra credit (3 points)

In addition to earning extra credit points through optional/superior laboratory assignments (see above), you may earn up to 3 additional extra credit points by participating in research through the SONA research pool. Instructions for using SONA are in Appendix C. This research is conducted by UC Merced faculty and graduate students.

You will receive 1 point of extra credit for each full unit of research credit you receive in SONA, with a MAXIMUM of 3 points. Be sure to read any eligibility criteria to ensure you qualify for any particular study. You CANNOT enroll in research in which the instructor is the primary investigator. Finally, if you sign up for research participation and then you fail to participate, you may lose points towards your grade.

V. Academic Integrity:

a. Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of California, Merced's Academic Honesty Policy. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work. For this course, collaboration is allowed in the case of group assignments.

b. You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts covered in lecture and the sections with other students. You can give "consulting" help to or receive "consulting" help from such students. However, this permissible cooperation should never involve one student having possession of a copy of all or part of work done by someone else, in the form of an e mail, an e mail attachment file, a diskette, or a hard copy. Should copying occur, both the student who copied work from another student and the student who gave material to be copied will both automatically receive a zero for the assignment. Penalty for violation of this Policy can also be extended to include failure of the course and University disciplinary action.

c. During examinations, you must do your own work. Talking or discussion is not permitted during the examinations, nor may you compare papers, copy from others, or collaborate in any way. Any collaborative behavior during the examinations will result in failure of the exam, and may lead to failure of the course and University disciplinary action.

VI. Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The University of California Merced is committed to ensuring equal academic opportunities and inclusion for students with disabilities based on the principles of independent living, accessible universal design and diversity. I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that may be required for student with disabilities. Requests for academic accommodations are to be made during the first three weeks of the semester, except for unusual circumstances. Students are encouraged to register with Disability Services Center to verify their eligibility for appropriate accommodations.

VII. Tentative Weekly Schedule: The instructor reserves the right to make any changes to the course syllabus and/or schedule at anytime during the course as appropriate. Students will be informed of all changes in advance. The following is a tentative schedule that should be adhered to unless otherwise informed.

Date	Weekly Topic	Readings	Assessments/Assignments
Week 1: 1/20	Course Introduction/ Introduction to Research		
Week 2: 1/25 & 1/27	Accessing the Research Literature	Chapter 1 & Chapter 2	Lab Exercise #1: due 1/27
Week 3: 2/1 & 2/3	Hypothesis Testing	Chapter 4	Lab Exercise #2: due 2/3
Week 4: 2/8 & 2/10	Measuring Variables	Chapter 5	Lab Exercise #3: due 2/10
Week 5: 2/17	**PRESIDENT'S DAY (2/15)**		
	Selecting Participants and Sampling	Chapter 6	Lab Exercise #4: due 2/17
Week 6: 2/22 & 2/24	Group Consultation #1		Prepare for consultation
Week 7: 3/1 & 3/3			**EXAM #1**
	Ethics in Research	Chapter 3	Lab Exercise #5: due 3/3
Week 8: 3/8 & 3/10	Introduction to Experimental Designs: Independent Groups	Chapter 7	Lab Exercise #6: due 3/10
Week 9: 3/15 & 3/17	Experimental Designs: Dependent and Mixed Group, and Single Participant Designs	Chapter 8 & Chapter 9	Lab Exercise #7: due 3/17
Week 10	**SPRING BREAK (3/22 & 3/24)**		
Week 11: 3/29 & 3/31	Non-Experimental Research	Chapter 10	Lab Exercise #8: due 3/31
Week 12: 4/5 & 4/7	Group Consultation #2		Prepare for consultation
			EXAM #2
Week 13: 4/12 & 4/14	Data Collection Methods: Observational and Survey Research	Chapter 11	Lab Exercise #9: due 4/14

Date	Weekly Topic	Readings	Assessments/Assignments
Week 14: 4/19 & 4/21	Program Evaluation and Other Research Strategies	Chapter 12	Lab Exercise #10: due 4/21
Week 15: 4/26 & 4/28	Analyzing and Presenting Research	Chapter 13 & Chapter 14	Lab Exercise #11: due 4/28
Week 16: 5/3 & 5/5	Group Presentations		
FINAL EXAM	**Exam #3 is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 14, 3-6pm**		

Appendix A: Psychology Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the Psychology major will:

1. Show knowledge of the key substantive content of the field of psychology, including memory and thinking, sensory psychology and physiology, developmental psychology, clinical and abnormal psychology, and social psychology.
2. Demonstrate that they understand the basic principles of and correctly interpret applications of the designs and methods that psychologists use to gather data.
3. Show that they can understand and correctly interpret the statistical analyses psychologists use to analyze data.
4. Show that they understand and can apply the writing style used in psychological literature (APA style).

Appendix B: UC Merced Guiding Principles

- Scientific Literacy: To have a functional understanding of scientific, technological and quantitative information, and to know both how to interpret scientific information and effectively apply quantitative tools;
- Decision Making: To appreciate the various and diverse factors bearing on decisions and the know-how to assemble, evaluate, interpret and use information effectively for critical analysis and problem solving;
- Communication: To convey information to and communicate and interact effectively with multiple audiences, using advanced skills in written and other modes of communication;
- Self and Society: To understand and value diverse perspectives in both the global and community contexts of modern society in order to work knowledgeably and effectively in an ethnically and culturally rich setting;
- Ethics and Responsibility: To follow ethical practices in their professions and communities, and care for future generations through sustainable living and environmental and societal responsibility;
- Leadership and Teamwork: To work effectively in both leadership and team roles, capably making connections and integrating their expertise with the expertise of others;
- Aesthetic Understanding and Creativity: To appreciate and be knowledgeable about human creative expression, including literature and the arts; and
- Development of Personal Potential: To be responsible for achieving the full promise of their abilities, including psychological and physical well-being

Appendix C: How to Use the SONA System

Create a SONA Account

In order to complete the research participation requirement of your course(s) you will need to create a user account in **SONA** (UC Merced's Experiment Management System). **SONA** is a web-based scheduling program that allows students to view, sign-up, participate in, and receive course credit for participating in research experiments conducted by UC Merced faculty.

You will need the following information to create a **SONA** account:

- Go to: ucmerced.sona-systems.com to create a participant account.
- Your first and last name
- Your UCM user ID (the part of your email address that precedes "@ucmerced.edu")
- Your UCM student ID number

You will want to sign-in to **SONA** periodically to check the status of participation opportunities available to UCM students.

If you already have a SONA account from previously participating in research, please use your original account, do not create another. If you have forgotten your password, use the "Lost your password?" function at the SONA homepage to retrieve that information.

If you are enrolled in two courses that use SONA, you must participate in different research projects for each course—that is, you cannot count the same research twice. To enroll in SONA in more than one course:

1. Log into SONA (ucmerced.sona-systems.com)
2. Click on "My Profile" at the top of the screen, and a different screen will appear.
3. At the bottom of this second screen, click on "Change Courses."
4. A list box will appear with all of this semester's active courses. You will need to select the courses you are enrolled in.
5. Click "Save Changes" and the new course will be linked to your account

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- PsycInfo
- PsycArticles
- Psychology: A SAGE full-text collection
- Google Scholar
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- e-Journal Finder
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Find a Known Item

Some Strategies

1. Look for the article title in Google Scholar. Try the title OR UC-eLinks hyperlink.

2. Look for the article title in Next Gen Melvyl Pilot. Look for the UC-eLinks button.

3. Look for the journal title. Select the e-Journals tab on the library home page. See if the journal is available. Is the date you need available?

4. You may be able to find it in a major database IF it belongs to a specific subject area.

Try it Out: Do we have these articles?

Citation #1

"Assessing the predictive validity of emotional intelligence" by Shaun Newsome, Arla L. Day, Victor M. Catany in *Personality and Individual Differences*. Vol 29 (6), Dec 2000, pp. 1005-1016

Databases

- Psychology Databases
  listing available from the UC Merced Library
- PsycInfo
  large database, can limit by type of research article
- PsycArticles
  same interface as PsycInfo, smaller database but all citations include a pdf of the article
- Psychology: a SAGE full-text collection

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Scholarly Articles

Databases such as PsycInfo tend to include scholarly literature which may also be referred to as "peer-reviewed".

Within research articles, you may find **original research articles** which are a study or experiment with a hypothesis. The authors will report the purpose of the study, the research methodology, and results.

Non-original research articles include reviews. These articles summarize or synthesize content from earlier published research and are useful for surveying the literature on a specific research area.

For more information on popular vs scholarly sources, consider viewing this guide on Scholarly vs. Popular or an online flash tutorial on "Premium/High Quality Ingredients & Sources".

In PsycInfo, you may also choose to search for articles based on a specific methodology. View this tutorial to discover how to narrow your research results in PsycInfo to empirical studies.

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Search Strategies

1. Start with **keyword** searching if looking for a topic.
2. Use the **fields** (e.g. author, titles, keyword etc.) especially if you have pieces of a citation.
3. **Browse results** and search titles, abstracts and descriptors for additional terminology.
4. Consider using specific **descriptors** in your search.
5. If you want to limit to a specific **methodology** such as longitudinal study or qualitative study, select these options in your search.
6. Consider using additional **limiters** e.g. population or age. These are available in PsycInfo.
7. In PsycInfo, consider going to Search Tools > **Thesaurus** > and look for your area of interest. This may give you broader and narrow terms to use.
8. Look at the **bibliographies** in useful article. Consider tracking down those articles listed in a bibliography.

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Accessing Full-Text

Full-text may be immediately available via a pdf or html page. If not, use the UCeLinks button to reach a request page. You can Interlibrary Loan the item using your UCMnetID.

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Keeping Track of Your Research

- Select items of interest in a database (often with a checkmark).
- Select an email option, folder, or marked list etc.

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Vol 25 (6), Dec 2000, pp. 1005-1010.

Citation #2

"The treatment of bulimia nervosa" by Rosalyn A. Griffiths, Stephan W. Touyz, Philip B. Mitchell, Wendy Bacon in *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*. Vol 21 (1), Mar 1987, pp. 5-15.

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- Email the citations/references to yourself.

OR

- Consider exporting the citations/references to a group account in RefWorks. Under "Edit Reference" there is a field for Attachments. Browse for the attachment on your computer. Limits 20MB per item; 100MB per account. Contact us if you need more.

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Citing Sources

If citations/references are exporting to RefWorks, you can use the Bibliography feature to create a list of citations. Various format are available including APA. You can also use Tools > Preview Output Style to see how the format looks for a specific style.

APA Guidelines from the Purdue Online Writing Lab is an excellent source for APA questions.

RefWorks & Citing Sources from the UC Merced Library. A tutorial is included. Watch News & Events for upcoming RefWorks workshops.

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Industry Codes

North American Industry Classfication System (NAICS)

- system used to classify business establishments e.g. 423720 is the 2007 NAICS for "Solar heating panels and equipment merchant wholesalers"
- NAICS numbers can often be used to search for information in other databases

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes have been replaced by NAICS codes.

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Demographic Information

- Consumer Expenditure Survey (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
  What consumer spend their money on, e.g. how much 25-34 olds spend on food in 2007.
- American Time Use Survey (U. S. Department of Labor)
  Measures the amount of time people spend doing various activities, such as paid work, childcare, volunteering, and socializing.
- Pew Research Center
  "Fact tank" on issues, attitudes and trends shaping America.
- Purchasing Power by Zip Code
  The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Employment and Training Institute provides comparison data on purchasing power, business activity, and workforce density for all census tracts, residential ZIP codes, and the 100 largest metro areas in the U.S. The profiles are designed to help cities, companies, developers, small business owners, and community organizations assess the advantages of urban density for underserved city neighborhoods.
- Census Tract Maps
  Find a tract number to use in search tools such as Purchasing Power, American FactFinder etc.

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Economic Statistics

- 2010 Statistical Abstract: The National Data Book (U.S. Census Bureau)
  "authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States"
- STAT-USA
  business, trade, and economic information including Market Research Reports for various countries
- 2007 Economic Census (U.S. Census Bureau)
  includes Industry snapshots, can search by a NAICS code
- County Business Patterns (U.S. Census Bureau)

Find News, Trends, and Forecasts

Business Source Complete

- includes business news, company profiles, market research
- Search strategies: Search for a business, industry, or by a NAICS code
- Look for "Source Types" such as SWOT analysis, Industry profiles, Market research reports (e.g. information from MarketWatch and Consumer Behavior), and Product Reviews
- Other search terms to consider
- datamonitor (a business information company which produce industry analyses), trends, overview, innovation*, technolog*, environment*, marketing, accounting, law, legal, "public relations", statistics
- * is a truncation symbol to pick up different ends on a root word

Selected Magazine Sources from Business Source Complete

- a subset of magazine sources focused on marketing topics

LexisNexis Academic

- includes general and business news
- join similar terms with OR and join disimilar terms with AND e.g. landscaping AND (trend* or forecast*)
- look for document types such as Magazine & journals or Industry trade press publications

LexisNexis Congressional Research Reports

- focus on public policy issues
- e.g. search for Green

Factiva Access

- a global news sources, business focus
- Search strategies: In the subject search, select "Editor's choice -- Industry Trends/analysis" OR "Earning projections", add other terms or select a region etc. and Run Search
- e.g. "vitamin water" OR vitaminwater AND "Editor's choice -- Industry Trends/analysis" (subject)
- e.g. "rental cars" OR zip OR "car sharing" AND "Earnings Projections" (subject)
- be aware of default date limiter
- In "More Options", you can choose to search for your terms in *Headline & Lead Paragraph* and to sort by Relevance rather than Date.

Newsbank: Access World News

- worldwide news coverage
- can select various groupings e.g. Major Metro Titles, America's News Magazines etc.
- use the date limiter

Google

- Search for words which describe the industry you have selected. Add other terms such as trend, innovation, technology, environment, ethics, sustainability, legislation etc. You can OR together terms in Google. Use a capital OR.
- a ~ before a term will pick up similar terms

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Company Profiles & Financial Information

Business Source Complete

- More > Company Profiles

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Polls - Market & Demo

- Harris Poll
  Use the search box options to locate polling data by subject area.
- Martiz Poll
  consumer opinion poll that reflects the opinions and attitudes of Americans, Canadians and Europeans on a variety of topics
- Key Findings from Strategic Marketing Research (Saurage)
  Reports from Saurage, a full-service marketing research firm

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Library Links

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about the country's economic activity

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Population Statistics

- American FactFinder (U.S. Census Bureau)
  Maps > Thematic maps
  Reference Shelf leads to "Demographic Profiles" and "Demographic Trends in the 20th Century"
- Population Profile in the United States
  Population Profile of the United States brings together under one cover a wide range of sample survey and census data on demographic, social, and economic trends for the Nation as a whole. These data for the United States cover the 50 states and the District of Columbia; they do not include the population of Puerto Rico or any of the other U.S. Island Areas.
- UNESCO Statistics
  Provides global and internationally comparable statistics on education, science, technology, culture and communication. In addition to the rich statistical databases are monographs, articles, surveys, questionnaires, quick facts and much more.
- United Nations Statistics
  The UN Statistical Commission is the apex entity of the global statistical system. It considers and approves international statistical standards and programs to address emerging issues
- CIA World FactBook
  The World Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 world entities.
- International Statistical Agencies
  Links to statistical agencies from countries around the world.

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Real Estate

- LoopNet: Search Properties > Search for Lease
  can select office or retail in Property Type section
- Lease MLS
  Search for commercial properties
- CityFeet.com (Commercial Real Estate Network)
  includes a Leasing Guide e.g. brief info on topics such as "How space is measured"
- Zillow.com
  focused on information for individuals purchasing homes, under Local Info find market information for specific communities

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International Business

- Business Source Complete
  Search for country name AND phrase "social overview" for summaries. You may also add additional search terms.
- Doing Business
  In upper right select a topic e.g. Starting a Business and an economy e.g. Belize. The Ranking section may be of interest.
- Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU)
  political and economic information for countries
- Background Notes: U.S. Dept. of State
  basic information about countries e.g. about people, economies etc.

Searches from **Business** tab

- Business > Company Dossiers
- Business > Company Profiles (retrieves Hoover's Company Records)
- Business > SEC Filings (Type in a company name and select SEC From 10-K from Sources.)
- Details of a Dossier
- SEC Filings **10-Ks** (sections 7A), annual financial reports of American companies; **10Q**s quarterly financial reports of American companies; **20-F**s annual financial reports of foreign companies traded on U.S. stock exchanges

Searches from **General** tab

- Searching within *specific sources* in LexisNexis, these sources are most suitable when looking for information on *specific companies*.

Searching for **Investext Current Reports** - Results will include the Company Profiles (Datamonitor Company Research reports) also available in Business Source Complete.

- Go to the Sources tab. > Search for Investext Current Reports. > Go. > Select Investext Current Reports. > Click OK-Continue.
- Continue by entering search terms. e.g. Amazon and SWOT

Searching for **Experian Business Reports** - may have financial information a private companies

- Go to the Sources tab. > Search for Experian. > Go. > Select Experian Business Reports. > Click OK-Continue.
- Continue by entering search terms.

WolframAlpha Company Comparison Report

- e.g. Apple and Microsoft; Amazon and Barnes & Noble

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Resources for Business Planning

Links to resources listed in the Next Generation Melvyl Pilot. Use the links on the left to limit to a specific format e.g. books. Conduct your own searches in the Next Generation Melvyl Pilot.

Business Planning

Cash Flow

Entrepreneurship

Home Based Businesses

Marketing

New Business Enterprises

Strategic Planning

Venture Capital

International Marketing

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Books from the Library (Demographics & Marketing)

- Blackwell Encyclopedia of Marketing
- Dictionary of Marketing Terms (Barron's Business Guides)
- Introduction to Marketing Concepts
  see View all editions and formats for additional electronic versions
- Fundamentals of Marketing
- Marketing: The Basics
  ebook
- Best Customers: Demographics of Consumer Demand
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- International Business: Strategy and the Multinational Company
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- Step-By-Step Approach to Market Research (Export.gov)
  for those researching international sales
- International Statistical Agencies (U.S. Census Bureaus)
  links to other statistic offices in various countries

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- Handbook of Markets and Economies: East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand
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Use quotations marks " " to search for a phrase e.g. "visual theory".

Many databases will take a * symbol to picture up various forms of a search term. e.g. *symbol** will retrieve symbolic, symbols, symbolism etc.

Add a theorist's name or a term associate with a theory/theorist to narrow down your results.

e.g. ("visual theory" OR "visual culture") AND Lacan

e.g. "visual theory" AND structuralism

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Reference Materials

Visit Databases & Articles -- >Reference

Look for collections e.g. Credo Reference.

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Databases - primarily academic articles

- Database by Subject Area
  also links to A-Z, recommended, and formats
- JSTOR
  use Advanced Search and select "Articles" to remove Review literature
- Project Muse
  select "Articles only"
- CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts): Social Sciences
  can include links to scholars
- Literature Online (LION)
- Next Generation Melvyl

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Print Ads (1920s - 1950)

Ad* Access Project (1911-1955)

- search or browse; Look for the Advertisement tag on the left.

Life Magazine on Google Books (1936-1972)

- search individual issue or all, e.g. car, Plymouth, Clairol

Medicine and Madison Avenues (1911-1958)

- includes health related advertisements and other historical documents

Adflip.com (1940 - present)

- ~ 6,000 ads, privately financed archive

Classic Advertisements Gallery (1880s - 1930s)

- small collection of ~20 ads

Philip Morris USA Inc. Advertising Archive (from early 1900s -)

- cigarette ads, select high number on Image scale to enlarge

Proquest Historical Newspapers inc. *New York Times* (Historical)

- set date and select Ad from "Document type"from More Search Options

American Periodicals from the Center for Research Libraries

- set date and select Ad from "Document type"from More Search Options

Library of Congress - American Memory

- browse collections by topic, time period, or place

An Iconography of Contagion - National Library of Medicine

- exhibition of 20th-century health posters

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Finding an Expert

Look at names of author in relevant journal articles or from book chapters etc.

Still wondering ... perhaps look at who is writing in the *Journal of Visual Culture*

In the CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts): Social Sciences database, look at the scholar profiles.

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CHAViC - Center for Historic American Visual Culture

- extensive set of links to additional sources inc. New York Public Library Digital Gallery

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- Google
  Find an author's name and affiliation in an article from a database. Look up that individual and location in Google. If needed, limit to searching a .edu domain. Example "John Paley" "University of Stirling"

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RefWorks

- Refworks
  An online tool that helps you manage, store, format and cite resources used in the research process.

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Additional Databases

- Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)
  A multidisciplinary database with full text content in the arts, social sciences, humanities and sciences. Look for scholarly, peer-reviewed articles.
- Family & Society Studies Worldwide (EBSCO)
  Provides the comprehensive coverage of research, policy, and practice literature in the fields of Family Science, Human Ecology, Human Development, and Social Welfare.
- Sociological Abstracts
  1963-present. Abstracts journal articles, monographs, dissertations, conference proceedings, other research covering sociology, social work, and related social sciences. Also includes selected web resources.
- Sociology: A SAGE Full-text collection
  1967-present. Over 12,000 articles from approximately 30 journal titles covering topics such as ethnic studies, sociology of sports, childhood, and consumer culture.
- ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
  1966-present. Covers all areas of education, including adult, urban, rural, vocational, elementary, early childhood, handicapped, gifted, and higher education. Includes citations and abstracts to journal articles (EJ) and documents (ED) in education.

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Search Tips

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- JSTOR
  Search by subject or browse full text of more than 500 scholarly journals in social sciences, humanities, and sciences, to their earliest issues. Many titles extend as far back as late 19th or early 20th centuries; most recent 3-5 years not included.
- Project Muse
  Scholarly Journals Online Search by subject or browse full text of 100+ scholarly journals in the arts and humanities, social sciences and mathematics. Coverage begins 1995 or later, depending on the publication.
- Web of Science
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Finding Journals

1.

e-Journals tab - Library Home page

- Type in the journal name.
- Determine if UC Merced subscribe to it for the year(s) you need.
- Example: *Psychiatric Services*

Try:

- *Disability & Society*
- *Social Theory & Health*
- *Philosophy, Psychiatry & Psychology*
- *Journal of Philosophy, Psychology, and Scientific Methods*
- *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*
- *Philosophical Psychology*

OR

2.

Search for the journal title in Next Gen Melvyl Pilot.

- On the results page, select the Journal / Magazine / Newspaper link.
- Look for information about the journal at the journal's home page.

3.

Look for information **about** the journal in Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory.

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***** to look for end variation on a word e.g. choic* will search for choice OR choices

AND to join dissimilar term e.g. Foucault AND health

OR to join similar terms e.g. choice* OR decision*

In non-psychology based databases, you may want to incorporate a specific psychology term OR even add the word *psychology*.

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- Search for Title keyword.
- Click on the journal title.
- See the Basic Descriptio and Reviews tab for some information about the journal.
- For example, you may be able to find out where it is indexed so you can search it AND other journals in a specific database. (See Abstracting/indexing & Articles Access tab.)

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Significant Journals in Specific Fields of Study

The Impact Factor is a measure of the frequency with which the "average article" in a journal has been cited in a given period of time. It is one way scholars measure the relative importance of a journal within its field.

- Journal Citation Reports (Database)
  JCR allows you to search for Impact Factors for academic journals.
- Eigenfactor
  Generates a concept map that helps to identify the Top 10 journals in general subject fields.

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articles when you're not on campus.

- Library Video Tutorials
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Main Research Questions (Hot Topics)

- Science Watch
  This Thomson Reuters site tracks trends and performance in basic research areas.
- APA Psychology Topics
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  Browse subject areas i.e. Social Sciences > Psychology to see a list of professional organizations with links to websites.
- Major Conferences
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Primary Publications: Finding Books

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  Find UC Merced Library books, journals, DVDs and more. More than 450,000 e-Books are available online anytime.

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WRI 116 - Research for the Natural Sciences (Kahlert)

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Question 1

Which database have you used the most while at UC Merced?

- PubMed
- Web of Science
- JSTOR
- Academic Search Complete
- none of the above

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Question 2

In what type of article might you expect to see these terms: **Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Summary**?

- Newspaper
- Magazine
- Research
- Review
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Databases (many original research articles)

- Database & Article Searching page
  access point to may resources available at the UC Merced Library
- PubMed
  a database of biomedical references from the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) and developed by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). MEDLINE is the largest component of PubMed with records extending back to the mid 1960s
- Web of Science (ISI Web of Knowledge)
  large database of citations from a broad range of topic areas
- MedLine Plus
  good resources for information on drugs and vitamins etc., may help generate topics

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Searching in PubMed: Tips & Tricks

Limit to a specific search field. e.g. Title/Abstract

- Visit Advanced Search.
- Select a specific field under the section "Section by Author, Journal, Publication Date, and more."
- e.g. limit to searching in the *Title* field or the *Title/Abstract* field
- Search

View "Related Articles".

- Click on the link to the right of the search result item.
- The "Related Articles" will be listed on the right.

Limit in a variety of other ways. e.g. by population, language, type of article, age group etc.

- Select these limiters by selecting Advanced Search.
- Important: Type of Article
- Publication types in PubMed: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/pubtypes2007.html

Use MeSH Database (controlled vocabulary) from the National Library of Medicine

Sample to search: Lasik -->, Nosebleed -->, Cancer -->

- Select MeSH from the search drop down menu (rather than PubMed).
- Find the controlled vocabulary term.
- Select the term with a check mark.
- Add the term to your search by going to the "Send to" drop down box and selecting the action you want e.g. "Search box with AND".
- Click "Search PubMed" button.

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Import to RefWorks from PubMed/MEDLINE

The results of a search, selections from a search, or selections from multiple search (by using the PubMed clipboard) can be imported from PubMed to RefWorks. Select the resources you want to import, and follow these directions:

1. Select the items of interest on the results list. Check mark the items.
2. Select the down arrow next to the "Display Settings" hyperlink in the upper left corner of the screen.
3. Select MedLine.
4. Apply.
5. Right click to select all text on the screen.
6. Edit > Copy

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Find a Known Item

Some Strategies

1. Look for the article title in Google Scholar. Try the title OR UC-eLinks hyperlink.

2. Look for the article title in Next Gen Melvyl Pilot. Look for the UC-eLinks button.

3. Look for the journal title. Select the e-Journals tab on the library home page. See if the journal is available. Is the date you need available?

4. You may be able to find it in a major database IF it belongs to a specific subject area.

Try it Out: Do we have these articles?

Citation #1

Look for collections e.g. Oxford Reference Online, Credo Reference.

Use these search tools to find background information or definitions on a topic.

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Accessing Full-Text

Full-text may be immediately available via a pdf or html page. If not, use the UCeLinks button to reach a request page. You can Interlibrary Loan the item using your UCMnetID.

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Citing Sources

If citations/references are exporting to RefWorks, you can use the Bibliography feature to create a list of citations. Various format are available including APA. You can also use Tools > Preview Output Style to see how the format looks for a specific style.

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7. Login to your RefWorks account with your username and password.
8. Select "Reference ... Import" to open the RefWorks Import Form.
9. Select the *NLM PubMed* filter in the first pulldown menu (Import Filter/Data Source.) Make sure that PubMed is shown in the "Database" box. Select "Import Data from the following text".
10. Paste the citation you copied into the text box.
11. At the bottom of the form, click the *Import* button.
12. You will be notified when the import is complete.
13. Click *View last imported folder* to see your imported citations.

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Searching Web of Science: Tips & Tricks

Refine your results with Limits

- by Subject Category: select those most closely related to your area of study. Check mark and click "Refine".
- by Document Types: select those you view to view e.g. Article. For instance, you may want ot exclude editorials and letters.
- Try adding metho* (for method, methods, or methodology) to limit to actual research studies.
- By Publication years: especially for topics in the scientific field

Times Cited and Cited Reference

- This information can lead you to other articles related to your topic. Look for "Times Cited" or "Cited References" hyperlinks.

Trucation*

- Use the * symbol to search for variations of a word e.g. treat* for treat, treated, treatment, treatments etc.

Limit the Search to a Specific Field

- The default search is a *Topic* search. At the main search page, you may choose *Title* from the drop down menu.

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Import to RefWorks from Web of Science (ISI)

1. Conduct a search.
2. Checkmark items of interest.
3. Click “Save to RefWorks”.
4. Click on "Export".

OR

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"Assessing the predictive validity of emotional intelligence" by Shaun Newsome, Arla L. Day, Victor M. Catany in *Personality and Individual Differences*. Vol 29 (6), Dec 2000, pp. 1005-1016.

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"The treatment of bulimia nervosa" by Rosalyn A. Griffiths, Stephan W. Touyz, Philip B. Mitchell, Wendy Bacon in *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*. Vol 21 (1), Mar 1987, pp. 5-15.

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WRI 116 - Research for the Natural Sciences (Olson)

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Generate Topic Ideas

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1) Follow science news.

Examples:

- Science News
- ScienceNow (American Association for the Advancement of Science, AAAS)
- Science Daily
- New Scientist
- more links on another Course Guide

2) Visit reference sources such as specialized encyclopedias & dictionaries OR consumer health information. Often these sources are beneficial if you want explanations of technical terminology.

Examples:

- *A Dictionary of Genetics* in Oxford Reference Online
- *Encylopedia of the Human Genome* in Credo Reference
- MedLine Plus (Consumer Health), e.g. See Drugs & Supplement > Herb & supplement > Ginger > Evidence for topic ideas

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Peer Reviewed Articles

Peer-reviewed articles are those which have been read and approved by other scholars who are experts in the same field of study (peers who are reviewers). The reviewers will suggest areas in need of clarification or improvement in the article. The author who submitted the article will be required to address those concerns before the article is accepted for publication. This process ensures that quality research is published (though there have been situations in which peer-review has not always achieved this goal). See "Reflections on South Korea's stem cell scandal".

For more information on determining if information is scholarly (peer-reviewed/refereed) or popular, vist this guide.

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Try it Out: Do we have these articles?

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  Use Google Scholar to find authors whose research has been highly cited. Do a key word search on your topic and note that highly cited articles appear high in the list.
- Google
  Find an author's name and affiliation in an article from a database. Look up that individual and location in Google. If needed, limit to searching a .edu domain. Example "John Paley" "University of Stirling"

Comments (0)

Citing Sources

- Refworks
  An online tool that helps you manage, store, format and cite resources used in the research process.
- Zotero
  Zotero is a free, easy-to-use Firefox extension to help you collect, manage, and cite your research sources.
- NCSU Citation Builder
  Citation Builder creates citations for you in APA, MLA, and Chicago CBE/CSE formats.

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Finding Journals

The Impact Factor is a measure of the frequency with which the "average article" in a journal has been cited in a given period of time. It is one way scholars measure the relative importance of a journal within its field.

- e-Journal Finder
  Locate journals owned by UC Merced and other UC campuses.
- Next Gen Melvyl
  Next Gen Melvyl is the catalog for all 10 UC campuses. Use it to find journal holdings at UC Merced and beyond.
- Ulrich's
  Profiles consumer and trade magazines, academic and scholarly publications, monographic series, newsletters, and electronic publication on all subjects.
- Eigenfactor
  Generates a concept map that helps to identify the Top 10 journals in general subject fields.
- Journal Citation Reports (Database)
  JCR allows you to search for Impact Factors for academic journals.

Comments (0)

Searching Blogs & Wikis

Blogs and Wikis can also be useful sources of information. Use the blog searching tools below to find blogs related to your topic.

- Tools for Blog/Twitter Searching
  This library page links to several blog searching tools and provides information on how to cite blogs in your research.
- Tools for Searching Wikis
  This library pages links to tools that allow you to search wikis and then cite them in your research.

Comments (0)

Contact a Librarian 24/7

Ask a Librarian

For now, please use this live link.

Comments (0)

UC Merced Library Links

- UC Merced Library Homepage
- UC Merced Library Catalog
  Search for books and ebooks in the UC Merced Library collection.
- Next Gen Melvyl Pilot
  Search for books and other materials from all 10 UC Libraries and libraries beyond.
- Check your library account
  View checkouts, due dates and fines.
- Connecting from Off Campus
  Access UC Merced Library ebooks and electronic journal articles when you're not on campus.
- Library Video Tutorials
  Use tutorials to get tips on how to use library resources and services.

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Writing 119 Mumford Writing Projects #4 and #5 Prompt

Writing Project #4: Research Report Memo (Annotated Bibliography) (10 pts)

An **annotated bibliography** allows one to generate ideas as s/he assembles an alphabetized, representative collection of sources, summarizes their content, methods and findings (in his/her own words, supported by indicative quotes/data), and evaluates their relative worth.

For Tuesday, 11/3, and Thursday, 11/5 (draft), and Thursday, 11/10 (final draft), assemble an annotated bibliography of <u>five</u> scholarly sources on some focused aspect of your group's collaborative proposal subject. Look for articles (reports or reviews) that describe recent, original research, and select ones that hold the most promise for your interest. Identify major works in the specific field, and consider timely re-evaluations thereof. (Note that, to assess a field comprehensively—and hence accurately—one is accountable for as much of its research as possible.) Cite sources properly in a consistently deployed standard format (such as APA style). **Summarize and evaluate each entry in about 250 words (or one-half to three-quarter double-spaced page) of your <u>own words</u>. Each annotation will be awarded 2 points based on comprehensiveness, analysis, relevance, and citation style, for a total of 10 points.**

Introduce your bibliography with a paragraph that explains your research direction, categorizes your sources, and examines your rationale for selecting them (in terms of your group's collective focus). Elaborate a thesis about the sources and implications for reviewing them. The introductory paragraph will be awarded up to 2 points based on analysis, coherence and purpose.

Present your annotated bibliography in the form of a Research Report Memo, whose style your group uniformly endorses. *In completing this exercise, you and your group mates will assemble fifteen sources on which your Collaborative Proposal can draw for support.*

V. Questions for assessing scientific research and the publications that report it:

1. Where (what journal) and when (what date) did this publication appear?

2. For whom might it be written? What scholars might be interested in it?

3. To which fields of scientific inquiry does (or might) it pertain, particularly and broadly?

4. What are its argument's main points?

5. What are its decisive findings and tentative conclusions?

6. How do/does its argument support its claims?

7. Do the results support the stated hypothesis (or hypotheses)?

8. What evidence supports or contradicts the conclusions?

9. Do the researchers employ appropriate parameters and/or sufficient data?

    - Is the methodological design sound?

    - Is the phenomenon in question examined over the course of an appropriate time frame?

- Is the sample size and composition appropriate?
- Is the sample appropriately randomized?
- Are proper controls employed?
- Are the subjects and/or results manipulated inappropriately?
- Does the research raise ethical questions?
- Are its conclusions warranted and/or applicable to contexts the researchers describe?

10. What are some implications for further research?

11. How useful is this article for your purposes, and/or for those of your specific field? To what extent does the research apply to your own interests?

Writing Project #5: Research Review (30 pts)

A **research review** is in many ways a more formal and advanced version of an annotated bibliography. It is the most common form of writing published by scientific journals. Written for a journal's broadest readership, these essays tend to be technical yet accessible. In their *Writing in the Sciences* textbook, Penrose and Katz observe that research reviews "offer a comprehensive synthesis of the results of a wide and complex set of studies" (85). Marked by their comprehensiveness and timeliness, these articles function as status reports for a given field. Because research review articles assess trends and findings, they often influence the direction of research and funding.

For classes meeting Thursday, 11/12, through Thursday, 11/19 (draft), and Tuesday, 11/24 (final draft), write a research review (5-6 pages long) of <u>three</u> sources from your annotated bibliography. Build upon evaluations from your annotated bibliography, and develop a thesis based on your annotated bibliography's introductory paragraph. **In assessing sources and characterizing the state of research in the field, your review should (a) pursue a thesis about the field and the representative research within it, (b) categorize your sources, (c) elaborate your rationale for including them, (d) compare and contrast them according to relevant criteria, and (e) evaluate them with respect to their implications for further research, so as to critique them actively and incisively.** ***Some questions to consider when developing your review are: How has the matter been understood? What consensus is developing? What questions remain?***

Audience: Assume a broad but educated audience, journal readers from many scientific fields. Writers often find that identifying a journal to publish their review in aids with shaping tone and style. Through the process of research, you will likely become familiar with a range of audience-styled prose; however, you may find it useful to imagine a journal in which you are publishing to conform to their editorial conventions.

Some criteria you'll want to observe:

— Your research review's introduction should describe the state of knowledge that gave rise to the question examined by, or the hypothesis posed for, the research in a specific field. It might provide a historical background, a summary of current research, and/or a "problem statement."

— Introduce your discussion by establishing the significance of the topic, and provide an overview of major trends or topics to be covered.

— Organize the body of the review to reflect research clusters or subtopics.

— The body of your research review should include (in your own words, with quotes and details properly attributed):

- **— a summary of the decisive findings and tentative conclusions**
- **— examination of other evidence supporting or contradicting the conclusions**
- **— consideration of how they might be generalized**
- **— implications for further research**
- **— sources of documents relevant to the argument, methods, or materials used**

— Use strong topic sentences at the beginning of paragraphs and sections to highlight similarities, differences, and points of agreement or disagreement.

— Sources should be original, peer-reviewed research (primary resources), and should be current (within the past three to five years, unless there are important studies or fundamental research from previous).

— Conclude with an overview of what is known, what is left to explain, and/or further questions.

Much thanks to Dr. Tom Hothem who generated this fine assignment sequence!

Search Tips: (to use across multiple databases)
A view article titles or controlled vocabulary to construct or change searches
B refine results by date, language etc.
C join dissimilar terms with AND and join similar terms with OR
D if unfamiliar with the area of research, start with reference material
E use autostemming or a truncation symbol (usually *) to pick up words with different endings e.g. batter* for battery and batteries

Compendex Plus

Quick Search
Search 1:
"solar power plant"
Look at controlled vocabulary "solar power plants" = controlled vocabulary
Search within the results e.g. design
Could it be design OR specifications OR construction OR installation ???
Photovoltaic power plant / solar thermal plants / photovoltaic plants / photovoltaic power stations
May be about the design of a *controller* rather than the complete power plant.
(solar or photovoltaic) and "power plant" and (design or construction)

Ability to Add a Term (bottom right)
- Can search within the results

Topics: Long-range planning for UCM parking / Planning of UC Merced expansion plans (alternative layout)

Take a look at:
Controlled vocabulary *(expand)* – generated via the search

Controlled Vocabulary – accessed through the Thesaurus (tab at top right)
= Ei controlled term in drop down on Quick Search page
Sample Searches -
- Pathways → path planning OR parkways
- Planning → city planning
- Architecture > architectural acoustics / *architectural design* / architecture
- Land Use → land use, parks, regional planning, urban planning
- University → university buildings (use college buildings)
- Urban planning → (broader term = civil engineering) has related terms → housing, land use, parks, roads and streets, street lighting, transportation, water supply (Can be a way to get a sense of what is considered to be part of Civil Engineering.)
- Street traffic control → street traffic control, high traffic control, parking, etc.
- Motion planning → used for Path planning (broader term = production engineering)
- Parking → (use thesaurus term to search) then add *Management* term (optimization or efficiency) / (campus or university)

Interesting articles:
e.g. " **e-Parking: An e-business platform for more efficient use of parking space resources"**
e.g. "Optimization model for parking in the campus environment"

Can check a term to select.

The term will appear in the Search box at the Bottom of the page.
Choose to Combine the search with AND.
e.g. motion planning AND college buildings (0 results)

motion planning (controlled vocab) AND campus or university (all fields)

Topic: Collapsible Buildings (not a lot in this database)
"portable dwellings"
"portable building" or "collapsible building" or "mobile building" (title/abstract etc.)

Topic: compare campus planning to that of other sites, make recommendations for changes
"campus planning"
(campus or university) and optimization
Layout / urban planning / transit / transportation

Topic: improving food service
"menu planning" and food

Exporting Citations:
Selected resources of Interest
Click Download
Offers Refworks Direct Import
IEEE style is available in RefWorks.

** I did not see support for citation building in the email command.

http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2005.05.031

Obtaining Full Text:
Check the UC-eLinks menu.
No full-text directly in this database

IEEE

Topic: Wireless security (vulnerabilities in wireless networks, RFID vulnerabilities, viruses, wireless security certificates)

Sample Searches:
"wireless networks" and security
"wireless networks" and secur* (for secure and security)
"wireless networks" and security and certificate*
** Skim for other terms: "risk analysis"
security and RFID
"security protocol" / "security mechanism" / "security model"
Threats / hackers / vulnerabilities / viruses

Click on Abstract Plus or PDF.
Benefit – includes full text for all items.
Easier to see other terms or indexed terms when you visit Abstract Plus.

Obtaining Full Text:
PDFs are directly available

Exporting Citations:
Select items of interest.
Click on View Select Items button.
On left, under Download Citations, choose RefWorks.
Click double arrow button.
Directly exports. (I notice that the urls do not appear in the bibliography. Are they required?)

Topic: Collapsible building (green, solar and nano techologies), 2 floors

Google Scholar:
Search: collapsible building
Portable / mobile / modular
e.g. Walter Fennes / James P. Davis / J. Cecil Morin, James A. Loggie / Patent number: 5107639 / Raymond R. Kavarsky "expandable floor assembly" / Andrzej Jastrazebski "Collapsbile multilevel building" **Patent number**: 4015377

Topic: Improve campus food service, greater selection (food science), growing food on campus

Knovel

- "food service" improve
- "minimally processed" food
- "Food menu"
- "menu planning"

"food product development" / "food service development" / "food products"
"design of dishes"
Book in Knovel called *Food Product Development*

ENGnetBASE
"campus planning"

Link of Government Agencies with information on food science and engineering
From The Institute of Food Technologists
http://www.ift.org/divisions/food_eng/research/govt.htm

NGM - UC Merced Catalog (show Relevance and Relevance & Location)
Food engineering
Food engineering menu planning
Menu engineering food
"menu planning" → Fundamentals of Menu Planning

Current Protocols Collection

Finding a Known Item:

Balsa, Carlos J.L., “Sustainable transportation planning on college campuses” Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, University of Massachusetts, Hills North, Amherst, MA, *Transport Policy* 10.1 (2003).
Available at UC Merced

Hoque and K.A. Wahid, New mathematical model of a photovoltaic generator (PVG) The Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh, *Journal of electrical engineering* **1** (2000).
Not available at UC Merced

WRITING 119 — WRITING FOR ENGINEERING

Section 3; TR 9:30 – 11:20; Classroom Building 260

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Writing119 provides intensive practice in the presentation of technical subject matter with respect to the ethos of engineering. We will consider the range of audiences to which engineers respond, and explore respective variations in substance, style, focus, arrangement, logic, and rhetoric within professional communication. Above all, we will explore means of sharing specialized knowledge more widely, by (1) identifying the rhetorical principles, conventions and designs of engineering writing; (2) considering representative texts from the field; (3) exploring the rhetorical challenges that engineers face when communicating among themselves and with the public; and (4) practicing common research reporting paradigms. As you articulate your interest in the field, you'll model professional behavior expected of engineers. You'll also generate a portfolio of work, some of which can be applied to future educational and/or professional endeavors. Such work will include research reviews, project proposals, technical reports, instruction manuals, and general client-based writing. Because engineering documents are the kinds on which precedent is built, in Writing 119 you'll cultivate an authorial responsibility that is vital for addressing intersections between physical, legal, and rhetorical infrastructures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will practice and refine their capacity to:

— represent technical information in clear oral and written formats
— identify and implement sound document, narrative, and argument design
— explore, articulate and apply scientific interests from engineering coursework
— analyze and synthesize engineering data, research and policy
— exercise professional and ethical responsibility, both collaboratively and individually

CLASS PARTICIPATION. Please come to class prepared to share your ideas. Be assured that no question is necessarily a bad one, and that we need to ask "bad questions" to learn. Because this course subscribes to a workshop format, you cannot satisfy its requirements unless you attend regularly and on time. To this end, **your instructor will keep track of attendance (which he takes at the beginning of class), and will dock you five points for each absence that exceeds the allowable three unexcused absences**. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility on your own time to find out what you've missed. **It is especially important that you attend class on workshop days, since your writing partner(s) will be depending on your feedback (on whose quality you also will be graded).**

In respecting each other's opinions, we will cultivate a classroom environment that fosters communal learning. Accordingly, please silence your cell phones, DO NOT

TEXT, keep off the Internet (unless instructed otherwise), stay focused on class discussions and activities, and recognize that your peers are also your partners in this learning community.

Class participation will also entail peer review, in-class computing exercises, as well as virtual participation on our **UCM course site via UCMCROPS** (see https://ucmcrops.ucmerced.edu/portal).

ESSAYS/ASSIGNMENTS.

— will be described in handouts throughout term.
— will include an exploratory essay, an object critique, an instruction manual, an annotated bibliography, a research review, a collaborative proposal, and four one-page, single-spaced, open reflection papers.
— **are to be collected in a PORTFOLIO, which will be assessed at term's end**.
— entail **your own critical thinking** (see Academic Integrity) and **thesis-driven argument**.
— are double-spaced (with block quotations single-spaced), unless otherwise specified (as in the case of reflection papers).
— are submitted in hard copy, in class, in person (no exceptions).
— observe IEEE style, with one-inch margins, and titles.
— appear in reasonable 12-point type. (No separate title page is necessary.)
— lose the equivalent of 1/3 letter grade per class session overdue.

Essays will be assessed according to the following categories:

(1) **Creativity** (innovation, originality)
(2) **Analysis** (detail, engagement, depth)
(3) **Coherence** (rational organization, thematically-arranged content, transition)
(4) **Mechanics** (grammar, spelling, formal organization, fluidity)
(5) **Purpose** (justification, awareness, commitment)

IN-CLASS WRITING. This can take various forms, usually to get you thinking about what you've read. It also may include graded quizzes on course readings, should it become apparent that you aren't keeping up with the reading.

GRADING. Grades will be awarded at term's end according to the following s**chedule of points accumulated** (out of 300 total): A = 278-300; A– = 269-277; B+ = 260-268; B = 248-259; B– = 239-247; C+ = 230-238; C = 218-229; C– = 209-217; D+ = 200-208; D = 188-199; D– = 179-187; F = <179

- Exploratory Essay = 20 pts (6.7% of grade)
- Object Critique = 30 pts (10%)
- Instruction Manual Excerpt = 20 pts (6.7%)
- Annotated Bibliography = 25 pts (8.3%)
- Research Review = 40 pts (13.3%)
- Collaborative Proposal = 30 pts (10%)
- Four 10-pt reflections = 40 pts (13.3%)
- Two Oral Presentations = 30 pts (10%)
- Peer Review = 20 pts (6.7%)
- One Revision = 10 pts (3.3%)
- Class participation = 20 pts (6.7%)
- Overall Achievement = 15 pts (5%).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. Plagiarism is an issue that is as complicated as linguistic expression is nuanced. Though we will occasionally discuss it conceptually and consider it in relation to the semantics of writing, for our purposes plagiarism entails passing off another's work as your own. Note that plagiarism includes:

- submitting work that is done in part by someone else
- paraphrasing or summarizing any source without referencing it
- copying any source without using quotation marks or block indentation

In sum, if you submit your own work—i.e., you don't include text that is not your own without also noting the source—you will avoid all serious types of plagiarism. Please do not insult your instructor, your classmates, this university, and above all yourself, by plagiarizing. Your instructor regularly consults online search engines and identification services if he suspects plagiarism. And he has the uncanny ability to remember individual student essays over the course of many terms (because he appreciates your writing and treats it very seriously), so he can spot recycled work a mile away. He reserves the right to fail plagiarized work and to assign plagiarists failing grades for the course. If you have any questions about plagiarism, feel free to ask your instructor, to check the academic honesty policy outlined by UCM's Office of Student Life (http://studentlife.ucmerced.edu/2.asp?uc=1&lvl2=121&lvl3=121&lvl4=123&contentid=171), and/or to consult the online resources at http://www.library.ucla.edu/bruinsuccess.

Time Management and Good Academic Habits. For each hour of class, you should anticipate doing at least two hours of "homework." Reading, writing and thinking are processes, so dedicate some time each day to this course. Do not procrastinate. Although we will cover some study skills in class, feel free to ask me about good scholarly habits.

Writing Resources. If you would like further help with your writing—whether you're experiencing difficulties or polishing up an essay—sign up for free consultations at the Student Advising and Learning Center (SALC) in Kolligian Library 172 (visit the center online at http://learning.ucmerced.edu). Your instructor also encourages you to come to office hours with any questions you have about our reading, to get feedback on your work, or to discuss your progress in the course. If you cannot attend office hours, we can schedule an appointment for another time. ¶ Useful information about essay writing is archived at http://writingprogram.ucmerced.edu/UCMWPResources.htm, and is collected in Tom's famous "Zany Miscellany of Essay Wisdom, Including A Hardcore Revision Regimen" (which is posted at our course site, via https://ucmcrops.ucmerced.edu/portal).

MATERIALS (because our scrutiny of language will be of utmost importance, you must have a copy of the reading with you in class):

1. Textbooks (available in the UCM bookstore, or online via www.bookfinder.com or www.amazon.com): — *A Guide to Writing As an Engineer*, by David Beer and David McMurrey. 2nd Edition. Hoboken: Wiley & Sons, 2005. ISBN = 0-471-43074-9.

*****You must bring the Beer & McMurrey text to EVERY class.*****

— *Invention By Design: How Engineers Get from Thought to Thing*, by Henry Petroski. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2003. ISBN = 0-674-46368-4.

2. A thorough yet economical dictionary and thesaurus. Without these, your instructor feels lost—and he's a professor! Dictionaries are keys to the most sophisticated tool you'll ever use (i.e., language). Thesauri enrich your vocabulary by alerting you to alternate words.

CLASS SCHEDULE (Subject to change; stay tuned for any alterations. Readings are listed on days they will be discussed; make sure you've read them in advance. *WE = Writing As an Engineer*; *IBD = Invention By Design.*)

T 8/25 Syllabus distribution and introductions. On the art of scientific explanation: Koh-I-Noor Pencil Company, "How the Pencil Is Made" (handout).

R 8/27 Engineering/Communication. Reading = Beer & McMurrey, "Engineers and Writing" (*WE* 1-11); Duderstadt, Preface (iii-vi) from *Engineering for a Changing World* (http://milproj.ummu.umich.edu/publications/EngFlex%20report/download/EngFlex%20Report.pdf); Florman, "Of Dullards and Demigods" (handout).

T 9/1 **Reflection #1 due [Prompt = "Why are you interested in engineering? What area(s) of engineering interest(s) you, and why?" (one full page, single-spaced)].** Reading = Petroski, "Falling Down Is Part of Growing Up" (handout), "Lessons from Play; Lessons from Life" (handout), and "Retrospect and Prospect" (handout).

R 9/3 WP#1-Exploratory Essay workshopped. Reading = Petroski, "Design as Revision" (handout).

T 9/8 WP#1-Exploratory Essay workshopped.

R 9/10 **WP#1-Exploratory Essay due**. Toward WP#2-"Automatic Essay." Reading = Petroski, "From Slide Rule to Computer" (handout); Norman, "The Role of Automation" (handout); Ullman, "The Dumbing-Down of Programming," Parts1 & 2 (via http://archive.salon.com/21st/feature/1998/05/cov_12feature.html).

T 9/15 Toward WP#2-Automatic Essay. Reading = Plato, from *The Phaedrus* (handout); Wershler-Henry, "Ghosts and Machines" (handout); McLuhan, "The Typewriter" (http://cultofjim.com/scripture/understanding_media/#chapter26); Petridis, "Bill Drummond Rejects Recorded Music in Favor or 17-Person Choirs" (http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/2008/jul/25/billdrummond); Greenlaw, "Waiting and Listening" (handout).

R 9/17 Toward WP#2-Object Critique. Reading = Norman, "The Future of Everyday Things" and "The Machine's Point of View" (handouts).

T 9/22 WP#2-Object Critique workshopped.

R 9/24 WP#2-Object Critique workshopped. Toward WP#3-Instruction Manual. Reading = Beer & McMurrey, "Instructions" (*WE* 110-14) and "Specifications" (*WE* 98-101), Petroski, "Design Is Getting from Here to There" (handout).

T 9/29 **WP#2-Object Critique due.** Toward WP#3-Instruction Manual. Reading = Petroski, "Paper Clips and Design" (*IBD* 8-42); selected instruction manuals. **Bring in (or bookmark) at least two instruction manuals for items you own.**

R 10/1 Toward WP#3-Instruction Manual. Reading = Norman, "To Err Is Human" (handout); selected instruction manuals.

T 10/6 **Reflection #2 due (Prompt = "Noting course readings where appropriate, explore what instruction manuals should and/or shouldn't do." [one full page, single-spaced])** Toward WP#3-Instruction Manual. Reading = Norman, "User-Centered Design" (handout). WP#3-Instruction Manual workshopped.

R 10/8 WP#3-Instruction Manual workshopped. Toward Instruction Manual Presentations. Reading = Beer & McMurrey, "Engineering Your Presentations" (*WE* 187-208), and Petroski, "From Plato's Cave to PowerPoint" (handout).

T 10/13 Individual technical presentations.

R 10/15 Individual technical presentations.

T 10/20 Individual technical presentations. WP#3-Instruction Manual workshopped.

R 10/22 **Reflection #3 due (Prompt = "What could be [better] engineered at UCM?" [one full page, single-spaced]).** WP#3-Instruction Manual workshopped.

T 10/27 **WP#3-Instruction Manual due.** Toward Research Report and Research Review Assignments: Reading = Beer & McMurrey, "Accessing Engineering Information" (*WE* 157-85) and "Documentation and Ethics in Engineering Writing" (*WE* 233-48). Initial group meetings and project brainstorming.

R 10/29 **Library Tour: Identifying and Assessing Engineering Research.**

T 11/3 Research Surveys: Reading = Petroski, "Pencil Points and Analysis" (*IBD* 43-65). WP#4-Research Report (Annotated Bibliography) workshopped. Group meetings.

R 11/5 Research Surveys: Reading = Petroski, "Aluminum Cans and Failure" (*IBD* 89-103). WP#4-Research Report (Annotated Bibliography) workshopped. Group meetings.

T 11/10

R 11/12 **WP#4-Research Report (Annotated Bibliography) due.** Toward WP#5-Research Review. Reading = Petroski, "Buildings and Systems" (*IBD* 188-214). Group meetings.

T 11/17 Toward WP#5-Research Review. Reading = Petroski, "Water and Society" (*IBD* 141-59). WP#5-Research Review workshopped.

R 11/19 WP#5-Research Review workshopped.

T 11/24 **WP#5-Research Review due.** Toward WP#6-Collaborative Proposal. Reading = Petroski, "Bridges and Politics" (*IBD* 160-87); Beer & McMurrey, "Proposals" (*WE* 101-106). Group meetings.

R 11/26 **Thanksgiving Holiday; class will not meet.**

T 12/1 WP#6-Collaborative Proposal workshopped. Group meetings.

R 12/3 WP#6-Collaborative Proposal workshopped. Group meetings. Course Evaluations.

T 12/8 **Team Presentations.**

T 12/15 **Portfolios (with Reflection #4; Prompt = "Course Evaluation and Personal Assessment" [one full page, single-spaced]) and WP#6-Collaborative Proposal due.**

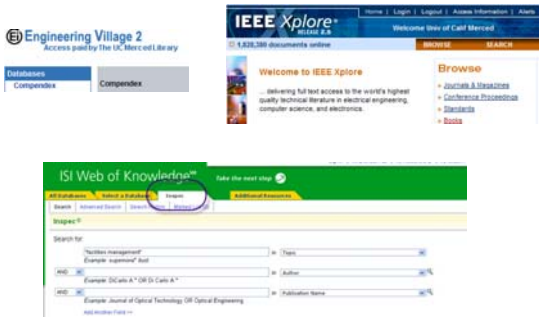
Writing for Engineers

Library Research
Fall 2009

Which of the following is NOT a major engineering database.

1. CrossFire Beilstein
2. Inspec
3. IEE Xplore
4. Compendex PLUS

Sources



Select which resource is most familiar to you.

1. ACM Digital Library
2. Knovel Library
3. ENGnetBase
4. Scirus
5. None are familiar

Additional Sources

Are the following terms used in journal titles in the field of engineering?

Transactions AND Letters

1. Yes
2. No

Literature in the Field

What is the purpose of a virtual journal?

1. To include preprint literature that has not been formally published yet
2. To gather together patent information from a specific time period
3. To post academic papers from a conference
4. To collect citations on a topic with links to the article in the parent journal

UCMERCED LIBRARY Not what other research libraries are, what they will be.

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Search Tips

- Boolean Operators
  Use boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to get better search results.
- Truncation
  save time by searching multiple forms of a word simultaneously.
- Limiters
  Use limiters to refine and narrow your search.
- Evaluate Search Results
  Evaluate your search results by looking at the article title, subject headings and abstract. Is the article relevant? Is it current? Does it answer any part of your research question?

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Types of Engineering Publications (Terminology)

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White Paper: an authoritative report to educate, in government typically a policy or position paper, in business/IT industry an informational document to educate customers re: a new product or service by explaining the technology e.g. "U.S. Energy Infrastructure Investment: Large-Scale Integrated Smart Grid Solutions ..." by the Power Systems Engineering Research Center (PSERC) at Arizona State University and "Technology White Paper on Solar Energy Potential on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf" by U.S. Dept. of Interior, Minerals Management Service, and Renewable Energy and Alternate Use Program.

Technical Report: a report on new developments or results from scientific/technical research, often funded by corporations or government departments e.g. "Recommendations for Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Bridge Approach Slabs: Synthesis Report" from National Technical Reports Library (NTRL)
Examples of other sites which contain technical reports, list provided by Standford Libraries.

Engineering Databases

- Compendex Plus (via Engineering Village 2)
  * 9 million + references and abstracts from over 5,000 journals, conference and technical reports of scientific and technical engineering research from 1969 to the present
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  * includes a thesaurus, look up a terms to find matching terms e.g. transit OR used "controlled term" in the browse indexes box
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  * publications from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and from the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) from 1913 to the present
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  * some titles include interactive tables, graph digitizers etc.
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  * A pilot version of the current Melvyl Catalog with local UC Merced resources listed first according to relevance.
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- Web of Science (via ISI Web of Knowledge Platform)
  * similar functionality to Inspect, may not include some of the fields
- ASME Digital Library (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
  * includes journals, e.g. Journal of Solar Energy Engineering and Journal of Biomechanical Engineering and ASME Conference Proceedings, and ebooks
- ACM Digital Library
  * resources from the Association for Computing Machinery
  * journals, newsletters, and conference proceedings
- E-Print Network
  * from the Department of Energy
  * scientific and technical preprints
- MedLine (part of PubMed)
  * includes some bioengineering materials
- BioOne Abstracts and Indexes
  * over 80 bioscience research journals
- Access Engineering
  * additional engineering handbooks
- Google Scholar
  * provides access to some resources available through the library, may link into engineering databases

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Additional Web Search Engines

- CiteSeer

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Find a Known Item

Some Strategies

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3. Look for the journal title. Select the e-Journals tab on the library home page. See if the journal is available. Is the date you need available?

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Try it Out: Do we have these articles?

Citation #1

Balsa, Carlos J.L., "Sustainable transportation planning on college campuses" Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, University of Massachusetts, Hills North, Amherst, MA, *Transport Policy* 10.1 (2003).

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Hoque and K.A. Wahid, New mathematical model of a photovoltaic generator (PVG) The Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh, *Journal of electrical engineering* 1 (2000).

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- CiteSeer
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  * designed to locate scientific information
  * not all content is free

- arXiv.org
  * includes preprints and scientific papers in math, physics, computer science, biology etc.
  * hosted by Cornell University
  * articles are peer-reviewed

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- RefWorks
  * export citations to this database
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Databases (many original research articles)

- Database Subject page
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- Compendex Plus
- IEEE Xplore
  publications from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and from the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE)
- Google Scholar
- Web of Science
- INSPEC (on ISI platform)
  from the Institute of Engineering and Technology

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Online Books - reference titles

- Knovel Library
  science, technology titles
- ENGnetBASE
  engineering handbooks
- Access Engineering
  additional engineering reference materials

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Search in Google Scholar

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White Papers: authoritative report to educate, in government typically a policy or position paper, in business/IT industry an informational document to educate customers re: a new product or service by explaining the technology

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efficiency OR optimal OR optimization

"class scheduling"

algorithms AND scheduling

"educational software" OR "classroom technology"

"active learning" AND technology

could look at a specific technology e.g. audience response system, PC tablets

"learning environments", "teaching enviroments", "learning technologies"

by consensus and approved by an organization/association e.g. a technical committee e.g. 11073-10407-2008 Health Informatics - Personal health device communication Part 10407: Device Specialization - Blood Pressure Monitor (located in IEEE Xplore). Examples of standards associations - http://libraries.mit.edu/guides/types/standards/web.html

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campus furnishing / infrastructure (e.g. durability & ergonomics of classroom chairs, soundproofing, dining hall design)

"design rules", "design criteria", "design guidelines", "design methods" etc.

"facility design", campus, "university planning"

"dining room", "dining algorithm", "dining area", "dining spaces", "dining hall", "dietary facilities" etc.

ergonomics AND chair*

"ergonomics design" AND furniture

power (electricity, solar power)

"solar power plants", "photovoltaic power plant", "solar power plant" etc.

(solar OR photovoltaic) AND "power plant" AND (design OR construction)

parking / transit

optimization OR efficiency

"path planning", "motion planning"

plumbing (waterless urinals, restroom design, soundproofing)

"water consumption" and (bathroom OR restroom OR washroom)

(toilet OR urinal OR plumbing) and (waterless OR non-water OR conservation OR consumption)

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Social sciences--research--methodology

Social psychology--research--methodology

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  same interface as PsycInfo, smaller database but all citations include a pdf of the article
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Scholarly Articles

Databases such as PsycInfo tend to include scholarly literature which may also be referred to as "peer-reviewed".

Within research articles, you may find **original research articles** which are a study or experiment with a hypothesis. The authors will report the purpose of the study, the research methodology, and results.

Non-original research articles include meta-analyses and reviews. These articles summarize or synthesize content from earlier published research and are useful for surveying the literature on a specific research area.

For more information on popular vs scholarly sources, consider viewing this guide on Scholarly vs. Popular or an online flash tutorial on "Premium/High Quality Ingredients & Sources".

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Search Strategies

- Start with Keyword searching.
- Browse results and search titles, abstracts and descriptors for additional terminology.
- Consider using specific descriptors in your search.
- If you want to limit to a specific methodology such as longitudinal study or qualitative study, select these options in your search.
- In PsycInfo, consider going to Search Tools > Thesaurus > and look for your area of interest. This may give you broader and narrow terms to use.
- Look at the bibliographies articles that are useful. Consider tracking down those articles.

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Selected Book Titles

Handbook of Social Psychology (ebook)

The Handbook of Social Psychology Lindzey et. al (print)

The Handbook of Social Psychology Gilbert et. al (print)

The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Psychology (ebook)

Social Psychology: Handbook of Basic Principles (ebook)

Social Psychology Brown (ebook)

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Reference Databases

Credo Reference

ability to search multiple reference sources

e.g. search for *"social self"*

e.g. search for *attitude and "social psychology"*

Can limit to a subject area e.g. psychology

Oxford Reference Online

Subject: Politics & Social Sciences

e.g. search for *aggression*

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Social Psychology Bordens & Horowitz (ebook)

Blackwell Handbook of Social Psychology: Interpersonal Processes (ebook)

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Introduction to Social Psychology: A European Perspective (ebook)

Understanding Critical Social Psychology (ebook)

Essays in Social Psychology (print)

Culture and Social Behavior (ebook)

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Handbook of child development and early education: research to practice (MyiLibrary ebook)

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- Age e.g. preschool age, infancy etc.
- Browse Methodology e.g. empirical study; longitudinal studies; meta-analyses > then "Add to Search"

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- International Dunhuang Project: The Silk Road Online
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- The Silkroad Foundation
  The Silkroad Foundation provides maps, article abstracts, photos, timelines, and other resources as well as links to information about the Silk Road, Inner Asia and Central Asia.
- World Digital Library
  The World Digital Library (WDL) makes available in multilingual format, significant primary materials from countries and cultures around the world. The objectives of WDL include intercultural understanding and partnerships as well as providing resources for educators and scholars.

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International Data Base (U.S. Census Bureau)

- demographic information

State & County Quick Facts (U.S. Census Bureau)

- information re: people, business, and geography

Country Studies and Country Profiles (from the Library of Congress - Federal Research Division)

Country Profiles (BBC News)

World Factbook (CIA)

Background Notes (U.S. Department of State)

INHCR (The UN Refugee Agency)

- global trends, statistical reports, population database

Stat Extracts (OCED - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development)

- visit "country statistical profiles for 2010" e.g. population and migration data; data for OCED countries and some non-member countries

Statistics (International Labour Organization)

- labour statistics

Maps from Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection (University of Texas Libraries)

- includes Historical Maps

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Databases - primarily academic articles

These are some of the databases available that may be useful for your topic. Depending on the nation or culture you choose to investigate, there may be additional databases options. See the Subject database page.

- Databases by Subject Area
  also links to A-Z, recommended, and formats
- AnthroSource
  not mechanism for removing reviews, reviews may lead you to books of interest; will automatically stem/truncate except when phrase searching
- Anthropology Plus
  includes Anthropological Literature and Anthropological Index
- America: History & Life
  does include the subject term -- Transnationalism; can expand to include Historical Abstracts
- eHRAF World Cultures
  documents connected to specific cultures
- JSTOR
  use Advanced Search and select "Articles" to remove Review literature
- Project Muse
  select "Articles only"
- CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts): Social Sciences
  Scholars tab can lead you to important authors in the field
- Ethnic NewsWatch
  primarily newspapers, some magazines and newsletters from 1960 forward
- NewsBank (Access World News)
  search newspapers of a specific geographic area or country
- Web of Science
  includes social sciences & humanities; use UC-eLinks to locate full-text
- Chicano Database
- Next Generation Melvyl Pilot
  for books and articles; see facets on results page to narrow search results

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Search Strategies

Determine the key ideas and terms in your topic.	Example: I am interested in the role of education as it tains to the transnational experience of Koreans in the United States.
Think of synonyms or related terms.	Education ... Transnational ...
Select useful resources to search.	Databases > Subject > Anthropology (other subject areas may apply)
Construct a search strategy. Start with *keyword* searching.	Many databases default to a keyword search field.
Join similar terms with OR	family OR kinship
Join dissimilar terms with AND	remittances AND migration
Truncate a term (usually *)	transnational* (to search for transnational, transnationals, trnasnationalism)
Look for a phrase, using quotation	"transnational migration", "ethnic identity"

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using quotation marks. "collective remittances"

Additional Stategies:

- Look for other terms and phrases to describe your topic from the literature you find.
- Depending on what you initially find, consider broadening or narrowing your topic.
- Take advantage of "controlled vocabulary" e.g. descriptors, subject terms when they are available.
- Some databases have "See related materials" links.
- Limit your serach if needed e.g. by date, by format, the field being search.
- Examine the bibliographies for relevant materials.
- Sort results by relevance if this is not the default. e.g. In some databases the default is by most recent date.

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More on Finding Books / Sample Searches in NGM

Next Gen Melvyl Pilot (first QuickSearch Tab; also under Doing Research)

- Looking for information on Turkey especially history or titles related to national identity, specific population etc.
- This search tool is more Google-like so I do not usually include AND, OR etc.

Sample Searches & Results:

Search #1

turkey history (change to the UC Merced scope)
Look at books -- select facet at left.
Look for overviews e.g.

- *Turkey a modern history*
- *The history of Turkey*

Search #2 (with a population group)

history turkey kurd?

- *The Kurds and the State: evolving natioanl identity in iraq, Turkey, and Iran*
- *A Modern History of the Kurds*

Try selecting Internet Resources (will currently included ebooks).

- *The Kurds: A Contemporary Overview*

Search #3 (with a "type" of history e.g. social, cultural, political, economic)

turkey history social

- *Social power and the Turkish state*

Look at subject on the far right when viewing a single item. Look for other Subjects of interest. Click on a subject to re-run a new search.

Search #4

turkey population

Search #5

turkey transnationalism

May want to change the scope, may only see articles ...

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Citing Sources

American Anthropological Association

- AAA Style Guide (PDF)

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- manage research; store citations
- create list of citations in a style of your choice e.g. AAA
- cite and write

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Newspapers - Search Tips

- Narrow to appropriate geographic regions OR compare bias according to various regions reporting on the same event
- Use limiters such as Date.
- If too many results, consider searching for some or all of your most important terms in a Title field or Title / First paragraph field.

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Using the Web

Demographic and background information may be freely available on the web.

- Consider the source. Look for organization affiliation e.g. government, non-profit.
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- Getting Started with UC-elinks
- Journal Article Request (when you can't get an article online)
- Connecting from Off Campus
- RefWorks
  For Managing citations and inserting them into your papers.

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Search Tips

- Boolean Operators
  Use boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to get better search results.
- Truncation
  save time by searching multiple forms of a word simultaneously.
- Limiters
  Use limiters to refine and narrow your search.
- Evaluate Search Results
  Evaluate your search results by looking at the article title, subject headings and abstract. Is the article relevant? Is it current? Does it answer any part of your research question?

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  * export citations to this database
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SciFinder Scholar is a collection of chemical literature and information databases. This includes CAplus (the online version of *Chemical Abstracts*) with references for articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, technical reports, and patents from 1907 on. In addition, CAplus searches MEDLINE's biomedial journal literature. SciFinder also includes CAS Registry, a catalog of organic and inorganic substances and CASREACT, a database of chemical reactions. The first time you use SciFinder Scholar, you will need to complete a free registration process in order to establish a username and password. Access to SciFinder Scholar is available off campus through the VPN. The number of UC simultaneous users is limited, so it is important to sign out when you are finished using SciFinder Scholar.

Web of Science provides multidisciplinary coverage of over 10,000 high-impact journals in the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities, as well as international proceedings coverage for over 120,000 conferences. Web of Science allows you to conduct searches that allow you to see what articles have cited any other article in the database.

SPIN (Searchable Physics Information Notices) indexes and abstracts over 80 major American and Russian physics and astronomy journals, plus selected articles from other scientific journals. Hypertext links to full image articles from AIP, APS and other societies. SPIN contains the abstracts of over 80 scientific journals published by the American Institute of Physics and its member societies since 1975, as well as selected articles from other scientific journals. It provides the most current indexing and abstracting of major American and Russian physics and astronomy journals.

Google Scholar is a general database of scholarly books and articles.This large, growing, and wide-ranging database can be helpful for interdisciplinary topics as well as for known-item searching. *Known-item searching* is library jargon for a sitation in which you are trying to track down a specific article or book, especially when you have only partial or corrupted information about that book or article. For example, you may have the author and title of an article but lack the date and title of the journal in which the article was published.

CHEMnetBASE is the gateway to web versions of Chapman & Hall/CRC chemical information resources. Contains information on physical property data, structural representations, and chemical synonyms. *Combined Chemical Dictionary*, *Dictionary of Commonly Cited Compounds*, *Dictionary of Inorganic and Organometallic Compounds*, *Dictionary of Natural Products, Dictionary of Organic Compounds, Dictionary of Drugs* (formerly Pharmasource), *The CRC Handbook of Chemistry & Physics*, *Polymers: A Property Database, Properties of Organic Compounds*, and *ATSDR's Toxicological Profiles*.

CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics contains the most frequently used data in science, including the periodic table of the elements, basic constants and units, thermodynamic and spectroscopic data; electric, magnetic, thermal and structural properties of solids, key data from nuclear science, astronomy and geophysics; and up-to-date health and safety information. Part of the CHEMnetBASE collection.

CrossFire Beilstein is a database of chemical facts from 175 journals in organic chemistry. CrossFire Beilstein indexes three primary data domains: substances, reactions, and literature. The CrossFire Gmelin database includes organometallic and inorganic chemistry, covering literature from the year 1772 to today. The database contains 1.6 million compounds, 1.3 million structures, 1.3 million reactions, and 900,000 citations, including titles and abstracts from 1995. CrossFire Gmelin is fully searchable by structures, substructures, and reactions. The data are indexed from 62 journals. CrossFire Gmelin answers informatics needs in the material science, catalyst, and semiconductor industries. Using CrossFire requires a free software download.

Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology contains the complete text, including citations, tables, and abstracts, of many volumes of the 4th ed. of the *Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*.

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NIST Chemistry WebBook "provides users with easy access to chemical and physical property data for chemical species through the internet. The data provided in the site are from collections maintained by the NIST Standard Reference Data Program and outside contributors. Data in the WebBook system are organized by chemical species. The WebBook system allows users to search for chemical species by various means. Once the desired species has been identified, the system will display data for the species." Users can find data in the *NIST Chemistry WebBook* either by 1) direct searches for chemical species or 2) indirect searches based on related data.

Science of Synthesis is a critical collection of high-quality, relevant synthetic methods in organic and organometallic chemistry. Each one with full experimental procedures. Includes the Houben-Weyl backfiles, covering the literature to the mid-1800's. When complete, it will include 38,000 generally applicable experimental procedures, including 240,000 reactions and 800,000 structures.

Ullman's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry is a reference work, international in scope and coverage, encompassing all the disciplines and current practice of industrial chemistry and chemical engineering around the world. Its 1,000 major articles by 3,000 leaders from research and industrial organizations are well-illustrated with charts and figures and extensive bibliographies.

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- Pew Research Center
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- Pew Internet and American Life Project
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  The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Employment and Training Institute provides comparison data on purchasing power, business activity, and workforce density for all census tracts, residential ZIP codes, and the 100 largest metro areas in the U.S. The profiles are designed to help cities, companies, developers, small business owners, and community organizations assess the advantages of urban density for underserved city neighborhoods.
- Harris Poll
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- Maritz Poll
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- Key Findings from Strategic Marketing Research (Saurage)
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- UNESCO Statistics
  Provides global and internationally comparable statistics on education, science, technology, culture and communication. In addition to the rich statistical databases are monographs, articles, surveys, questionnaires, quick facts and much more.
- United Nations Statistics
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  Selected magazine sources from Business Source Complete that may be useful for research on marketing related topics and consumer demographics. The sources include Marketing Communication, Marketing Research, Marketing Week, Journal of Consumer Affairs and others.
- Lexis Nexis Academic
  Thousands of full-text sources including newspapers, wires, transcripts, newsletters, magazines, trade journals; also company information, law reviews, court decisions.
- Factiva Access
  Factiva is a division of Dow Jones & Company. The unit provides business and research information and services for the business and education communities. Nearly 9,000 business and general news sources, including U.S. and international newspapers, magazines, wire services, Web sites, photographs, and trade and industry publications. Also, company profiles and company-to-company/company-to-industry financial comparisons, stock price data, and stock charting.
- Music Online
  Cross-search hundreds of thousands of audio tracks, scores, reference works, and thousands of hours of video across many Alexander Street Press music databases including African American Music Reference, American Song, Classical Music Library, Garland Encyclopedia of Music, and Smithsonian Global Sound.

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- Blackwell Encyclopedia of Marketing
- Dictionary of Marketing Terms (Barron's Business Guides)
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- Fundamentals of Marketing
- The Marketing Book
- Marketing: The Basics
- Principles of Marketing (EBSCO)
- American Marketplace: Demographics and Spending Patterns
- Best Customers: Demographics of Consumer Demand
- The Leisure Economy : How changing Demographics. Economics, and Generational Attitudes will Reshape our Lives and our Industries.
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- A Short Course in International Marketing Blunders
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- Population Profile in the United States
  Population Profile of the United States brings together under one cover a wide range of sample survey and census data on demographic, social, and economic trends for the Nation as a whole. These data for the United States cover the 50 states and the District of Columbia; they do not include the population of Puerto Rico or any of the other U.S. Island Areas.

- CIA World FactBook
  The World Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 world entities.

- International Statistical Agencies
  Links to statistical agencies from countries around the world.

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- Handbook of Markets and Economies: East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand

- Gen buY: How Tweens, Teens, and Twenty-Somethings are Revolutionizing Retail

- Not Everyone Gets a Trophy: How to Manage Generation Y

- Generation We: How Millennial Youth are Taking Over America and Changing our World Forever

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Social psychology--research--methodology

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- Psychology Databases
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- PsycArticles
  same interface as PsycInfo, smaller database but all citations include a pdf of the article
- Psychology: a SAGE full-text collection

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Scholarly Articles

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Search Strategies

- Start with Keyword searching.
- Browse results and search titles, abstracts and descriptors for additional terminology.
- Consider using specific descriptors in your search.
- If you want to limit to a specific methodology such as longitudinal study or qualitative study, select these options in your search.
- In PsycInfo, consider going to Search Tools > Thesaurus > and look for your area of interest. This may give you broader and narrow terms to use.
- Look at the bibliographies articles that are useful. Consider tracking down those articles.

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Handbook of Social Psychology (ebook)

The Handbook of Social Psychology Lindzey et. al (print)

The Handbook of Social Psychology Gilbert et. al (print)

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Social Psychology: Handbook of Basic Principles (ebook)

Social Psychology Brown (ebook)

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3. Search in PsycInfo and select Journal Name (JN) as the field.

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e.g. search for *"social self"*

e.g. search for *attitude and "social psychology"*

Can limit to a subject area e.g. psychology

Oxford Reference Online

Subject: Politics & Social Sciences

e.g. search for *aggression*

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Social Psychology Bordens & Horowitz (ebook)

Blackwell Handbook of Social Psychology: Interpersonal Processes (ebook)

Blackwell Handbook of Social Psychology: IntraIndividual Processes (ebook)

Introduction to Social Psychology: A European Perspective (ebook)

Understanding Critical Social Psychology (ebook)

Essays in Social Psychology (print)

Culture and Social Behavior (ebook)

Doing Social Psychology Research (ebook)

Understanding Critical Social Psychology (ebook)

Psychological Factors Affecting Medical Conditions: a New Classification for DSM-V (ebook)

A Student's Guide to Studying Psychology

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  A collection of more than 500 highly-regarded titles from over 70 publishers, Credo General Reference covers every major subject.

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Business & Economics Datbases

Political Sciece Databases

Government Publications

Newspapers

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Business Source Complete
Description: Articles from important scholarly business journals dating back to 1886. Includes industry & market research reports, SWOT analyses, over 600 books and more than 1,200 journals in the areas of business, marketing, management, finance and economics.

EconLit
Description: 1969-present. Abstracts journal articles, books, dissertations, and working papers in economics. New records added monthly. Produced by American Economic Association.

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Description: Nearly 9,000 business and general news sources, including U.S. and international newspapers, magazines, wire services, Web sites, photographs, and trade and industry publications. Also, company profiles and company-to-company/company-to-industry financial comparisons, stock price data, and stock charting.

Google Scholar
Description: A search engine providing access to both freely available and subscription based resources including articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, conference proceedings and technical reports.

LexisNexis Academic
Description: Thousands of full-text sources including newspapers, wires, transcripts, newsletters, magazines, trade journals; also company information, law reviews, court decisions. Coverage dates vary. Especially good for news transcripts. Includes international information, including some Dutch, French, German, Italian, and Spanish news sources

What if I need primary sources?

American FactFinder
Description: A source for population, housing, economic and geographic data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Congressional (LexisNexis)
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Congressional Record (FDsys)
Description: The Congressional Record is the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress. It is published daily when Congress is in session. FDsys contains Congressional record volumes from **140 (1994) to the present**. At the back of each daily issue is the "Daily Digest," which summarizes the day's floor and committee activities.

GPO Access (US Government)
Description: Locate online versions of major U.S. government publications such as: the Congressional Record, bills, congressional publications of all kinds, the Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Supreme Court decisions, and executive branch documents.

Historical Statistics of the United States Millennial Edition
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LexisNexis California Courts Opinions
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Business Source Complete
Description: Articles from important scholarly business journals dating back to 1886. Includes industry & market research reports, SWOT analyses, over 600 books and more than 1,200 journals in the areas of business, marketing, management, finance and economics.

EconLit
Description: 1969-present. Abstracts journal articles, books, dissertations, and working papers in economics. New records added monthly. Produced by American Economic Association.

Factiva Access
Description: Nearly 9,000 business and general news sources, including U.S. and international newspapers, magazines, wire services, Web sites, photographs, and trade and industry publications. Also, company profiles and company-to-company/company-to-industry financial comparisons, stock price data, and stock charting.

Google Scholar
Description: A search engine providing access to both freely available and subscription based resources including articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, conference proceedings and technical reports.

LexisNexis Academic
Description: Thousands of full-text sources including newspapers, wires, transcripts, newsletters, magazines, trade journals; also company information, law reviews, court decisions. Coverage dates vary. Especially good for news transcripts. Includes international information, including some Dutch, French, German, Italian, and Spanish news sources

What if I need primary sources?

American FactFinder
Description: A source for population, housing, economic and geographic data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Congressional (LexisNexis)
Description: Access to U.S. legislative information, including bills and pending legislation, legislative history, hearings, testimony, reports, documents, Congressional Record, public laws, etc.

Congressional Record (FDsys)
Description: The Congressional Record is the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress. It is published daily when Congress is in session. FDsys contains Congressional record volumes from **140 (1994) to the present**. At the back of each daily issue is the "Daily Digest," which summarizes the day's floor and committee activities.

GPO Access (US Government)
Description: Locate online versions of major U.S. government publications such as: the Congressional Record, bills, congressional publications of all kinds, the Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Supreme Court decisions, and executive branch documents.

Historical Statistics of the United States Millennial Edition
Description: Statistical series on subjects ranging from population and land area to production figures for crops and manufactured products. Detailed documentation provides brief histories of the statistical series and source materials. HSUS was culled from more than 1,000 sources to produce nearly 2,000 tables containing some 37,000 time series covering virtually every quantifiable dimension of American history—agriculture, population, the economy, government, welfare and work.

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ENGnetBASE
Description: A collection of engineering handbooks.

Knovel Library
Description:is a reference collection of almost 900 titles includes books from 30 Sci-Tech publishers. The main subject areas include Engineering, Life Sciences & Chemistry, and Materials. All titles are available in full-text and are searchable. Additional features include interactive tables, equation plotters and graph digitizers.

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Description: A reference source with data on approximately 26,000 substances. Used to evaluate the hazardous characteristics of substances. Information on toxicity, flammability, reactivity, and explosive potential is included.

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Website with information on using MLA, APA, and Chicago citation styles.

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Major Databases for Engineering Literature:

ACM Digital Library
Description: Allows searching of articles from publications of the Association for Computing Machinery by author and/or keywords taken from the titles, abstracts and/or full-text. Over 22,000 articles have displayable full-text available.

ASME Digital Library (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
Description: 1990 to present. A collection of materials from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers including ASME's 23 Transaction Journals from 1990 to the present and Conference Proceedings from 2002 to the present.

CITRIS
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COMPENDEX PLUS
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Education Full Text
Description: 1996-present. Covers all aspects of education including adult, arts, athletics, elementary, secondary, higher, vocational, and more. Journal Directory indexes and abstracts articles from English-language periodicals and yearbooks published in the United States and elsewhere.

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
Description: 1966-present. Covers all areas of education, including adult, urban, rural, vocational, elementary, early childhood, handicapped, gifted, and higher education. Includes citations and abstracts to journal articles (EJ) and documents (ED) in education.

IEEE Xplore
Description: 1913- present. Full-text access to publications from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and from the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE). These publications include transactions, journals, magazines, conference proceedings, and current IEEE standards

INSPEC
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Materials Research Society
Description: Materials Research Society (MRS) promotes communication exchange through publication of symposium proceedings, the *MRS Bulletin,* the *Journal of Materials Research,* and other publications, databases, and videotapes related to current research activities.

Materials Science: A SAGE Full-Text Collection
Description: 1994-present. Over 5,000 articles from approximately 15 journal titles. Subjects include molecular modeling, natural polymer modification, and liposome stabilization.

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Educational Publishing Foundation, the Canadian Psychological Association, and Hogrefe & Huber.

Psychology: A SAGE Full-Text Collection
Description: 1969-present. Contains 35 full text journal in areas such as applied psychology, environment psychology, language acquisition, personality and social psychology.

PsycINFO
Description: 1840-present. The PsycINFO database contains citations to articles in over 1,300 professional journals, conference proceedings, books, reports, and dissertations in psychology and related disciplines. Most citations include abstracts.

PubMED (MEDLINE)
1953-present. MEDLINE and genetics databases from the National Library of Medicine. Now offers e-mail alerting! Choose Abstract display to see UC E-Links icons for linking to full text and ordering interlibrary loans.

USPTO Web Patent Databases
Description: 1790-present. United States Patent and Trademark Office produced database of U.S. patents. Full-text available for each patent. USPTO Manual of Classification How to Identify and Obtain Patents.

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Major Information Resources for Physics Journals:

arXiv.org

Description: e-Print archive Preprints for physics, mathematics, nonlinear sciences, and computer science. Formerly the Los Alamos National Laboratory Eprint Archive, and also known as "xxx.lanl.gov," the main site hardware operations were transferred from Los Alamos to the Cornell University Library site in December 2001.

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INSPEC Archive

Description: 1898-1968. Science Abstracts Access over 70 years of international scientific & technical literature in physics, electrical engineering, computing & control engineering.

Net Advance of Physics

Description: Norman Hugh Redington and Karen Rae Keck are the editors of the MIT-hosted Net Advance of Physics. The site's main purpose is to offer an A-Z topics index and a hierarchical index of Web links to free physics review articles and tutorials. Additional content includes an encyclopedia of annotated Web links to physics Internet sites maintained by Igor Ivanov, special reviews (bibliographic essays), and a bibliography of free history of physics review articles and Web sites.

Physics Today Archive

Description: Full text access from 1985 to all but the most recent 12 months of the magazine. Access available through Scitation (American Institute of Physics).

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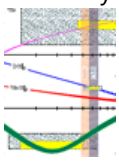
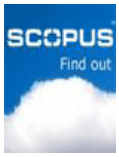


Review of Particle Physics Particle Data Group

Description: The PDG reviews the field of Particle Physics, and compiles and analyzes data on particle properties. The PDG is an international collaboration that reviews Particle Physics and related areas of Astrophysics, and compiles/analyzes data on particle properties. PDG products are distributed to physicists, teachers, and other interested people. The Review of Particle Physics is the most cited publication in particle physics during the last decade.



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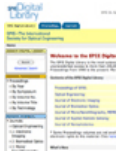

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Description: 1990-present. Contains full-text technical papers on optics and photonics from SPIE (The International Society for Optical Engineering). Includes journals and proceedings.

SPIN (Searchable Physics Information Notices)

Description: 1975-present. The SPIN Database indexes and abstracts over 80 major American and Russian physics and astronomy journals, plus selected articles from other scientific journals. Hypertext links to full image articles from AIP, APS and other societies. The SPIN (Searchable Physics Information Notices) Database provides the most current indexing and abstracting of major American and Russian physics and astronomy journals. SPIN contains the abstracts of over 80 scientific journals published by the American Institute of Physics and its member societies since 1975, as well as selected articles from other scientific journals. Information provided in each SPIN entry includes article title, all author affiliations, bibliographic information, abstract, Physics and Astronomy Classification Scheme (PACS) codes and additional index terms and keywords. The Publisher Item Identifier is provided for articles published after 1995. SPIN is updated daily. Approximately 45,000 new records are added annually. SPIN searches can be performed for a single journal or year, or across multiple journals or years.

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Guides to Animal Alternatives

The guides listed below are great starting points for learning about alternatives to animal research. These guide also provide instructions on how to search the scientific literature for alternatives.

- FRAME: A Guide to Searching for Alternatives to the Use of Laboratory Animals
  FRAME covers *Search Basics *Planning a Search *Internet Search Engines and more.
- USDA Animal Welfare Information Center: Literature Searching and Databases
  Provides information on performing a database search that is "an effective and efficient method for demonstrating compliance with the requirement to consider alternatives to painful/distressful procedures." Includes a downloadable Literature Search Worksheet.

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Databases for Finding Animal Alternatives

PubMED (MEDLINE)

MEDLINE contains thousands of articles on the use of animals in biomedical research. Complete coverage extends from 1953-present. Using MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) helps refine searches. Some of the main MeSH headings relating to animal research are:

- Animal Use Alternatives (Introduced 2001-)
- Animal Testing Alternatives (Used 1985-2000)
- Animal Welfare (Introduced 1986-)
- Animal Experimentation (Introduced 2003-)
- Euthanasia, Animal (Introduced 2003-)
- Models, Animal (Introduced 2001-)

The following QuickTime videos show how to use MeSH headings effectively and are well worth the short ammount of time it takes to view them:

- **Searching with the MeSH Database**
- **Combining MeSH Terms**
- **Applying Subheadings and other features of the MeSH Database**

Agricola - National Agricultural Library (NAL) Catalog

Agricola is the National Agricultural Library Catalog and Article Citation Database. It can be searched or browsed by subject. Topics covered include the use of laboratory animals as well as the use of animals in field studies. A few Agricola highlights include:

- Animal Welfare Audits And Certification Programs
- Literature Searching And Databases
- Research Animals

BioOne Abstracts and Indexes

A collection of citations and abstracts, many of which link directly to full-text articles from BioOne. Includes bioscience journals from over 60 publishers. Almost 40,000 records are available and are updated monthly. 1998-present.

BIOSIS Previews via ISI Web of Knowledge

The largest database covering the literature of the biological sciences. Covers journals, books, conferences and patents. 1926 – present.

Current Protocols Collection

Description: Titles in three broad subject areas: Chemistry, Life Sciences, Medicine and Healthcare. Current Protocols are avaialble for the following subject areas:
*Bioinformatics, *Cell Biology, *Cytometry, *Food Analytical Chemistry, *Human Genetics, *Immunology, *Magnetic Resonance Imaging, *Molecular Biology, *Microbiology, *Neuroscience, *Nucleic Acid Chemistry, *Pharmacology, *Protein Science, *Toxicology.

Google Scholar

This widely used search engine provides access to both freely available and subscription-based resources including articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, conference proceedings and technical reports. In some cases Google Scholar is more up to date that other databases.

Web of Science

Includes *Science Citation Index* (1900 – present), *Arts & Humanities Citation Index,* and *Social Sciences Citation Index.* This vast database provides records for thousands of articles relating to animal research, including some articles from non-scientific fields.

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Zoological Record

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- defaults to searching Libraries Worldwide
- can return to this catalog to request dissertations

Google Books

- more full-text searching of books

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- those completed at a UC campus should be available in full-text
- Example from Next Gen Melvyl *Predicting persistence among first generation students: Does participation in student support services make a difference?*
- Sample search: first-generation and college and student* and (needs or challenges or preparation)
- Sample search: "first-generation students" and (college or university)
- can set up alerts for specific searches

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e.g. first generation college students needs site:.org

e.g. first-generation college students retention

First-Generation College Students: A Literature Review

"Post Secondary Access and Success for First-Generation Students" Engle (AFT)

"First in My Family: A Profile of First-Generation College Students at Four-Year Institutions Since 1971" HERI

First in My Family - book

"Advising the First-Generation College Student: Effective Retention Tools for Colleges and Universities" Hicks

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- Education: A SAGE Full-Text Collection
- Education Full Text
- Education Index Retrospective
- CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts): Social Sciences
- Google Scholar

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Reference Sources

Some references materials including specialized dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks are useful for clarifying topics, generating ideas, or providing overviews.

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Sample Titles:

- The Praeger Handbook for College Parents (EBL), chp, 18 "First-Generation College Students"
- A Handbook for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Enhancing Academic Practice (EBL)
- Effective Learning and Teaching in Engineering (EBL)
- Handbook of Psychology, Volume 1 (EBL), including information on "Assessment Psyhology" and "Undergraduate Education"
- Assessment in Science: Practical Experiences and Education Research (EBL)
- Changing Higher Education: The Development of Learning and Teaching (print title, call # LB2331.C.4545 2006)
- Academic Keywords: a devil's dictionary for higher education (ebrary)

Credo Reference e.g. a search for *Motivation*

Oxford Reference e.g. a search for *Assessment*

- does include Dictionary of Education
- Assessment brings up "assessment plan", "assessment outcomes", "assessment criteria" etc.

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Search Strategies in ERIC

- Use the Thesaurus to find appropriate search terms. Search Tools tab > Thesaurus (Examples include First Generation College Students; Educational Attainment; Instructional Effectiveness; Learner Engagement; Academic Persistence etc.)
- Thesaurus terms can be used in the DE (Descriptor) field.
- Limit the Education Level: e.g. Higher Education, Postsecondary Education. Use the control key to select more than one level.
- Target Audience is another potential limiter e.g. Researchers.
- If you want to search in a specific journal, limit to the Journal Name field.
- Consider cross-searching other databases e.g. PsycInfo. Note that descriptors may not be the same across databases.
- Sample search: "first-generation" AND (college or university)

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"Retaining the First Generation college Student Through Learning Communities: Challenges of the New Millenium" Watson

"Predictors that Distinguish First-Generation College Students from Non-First Generation College Students" Jenkins et. al

Government Portal such as USA.gov will take you to many items from the National Center for Education Statistics (U.S. Department of Education Institute of Educaton Sciences). Another government search engine is Google Gov.

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  ARTstor is an ever-growing digital library of over one million images of art, architecture and archeology from a wide range of cultures and time periods to support teaching and learning in the humanities and social sciences.
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- Calisphere
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- Civil Rights Digital Library (CRDL) 1950s and 1960s
  Freely available digital archive of historical new film, digital collections, reference materials, editorial cartoons, transcripts, diaries etc. documenting the civil rights movements. Browse and search capabilities are available. Provided by the University of Georgia.
- Early American Imprints Series I: Evans
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  5,000 previously unpublished documents from our nation's founders including letters and other papers penned by important figures such as James Madison, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson.

- Gerritsen Collection Women's History Online
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- In the First Person
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- JSTOR
  Search by subject or browse full text of more than 500 scholarly journals in social sciences, humanities, and sciences, to their earliest issues. Many titles extend as far back as late 19th or early 20th centuries; most recent 3-5 years not included.

- Political Americana
  The Cornell University Collection of Political Americana is comprised of approximately 5,500 Presidential promotional and commemorative items dating from 1789 to 1980. The collection contains political materials in a variety of formats, including cartoons, prints, and posters; lapel buttons, ribbons, textiles, hats, and other costume items; ballots, broadsides, leaflets, and other ephemera; pamphlets and other formal publications; sheet music and songbooks; and a variety of three-dimensional ite

- The Sixties: Primary Documents and Personal Narratives, 1960-1974
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- World Digital Library
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