PSYX 400 History and Systems of Psychology
Research Planning and Resources – Autumn 2013

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Course Objectives

Upper Division Writing Course

▸ Upper division writing courses at UM require the inclusion of, among other points, the following information literacy learning outcomes:

  ▸ Find, evaluate, analyze, and synthesize information effectively from diverse sources

  ▸ Follow the conventions of citation, documentation, and formal presentation appropriate to that discipline

Term Paper

▸ Requires a minimum of six references.

▸ Find readings to supplement class material and provide you with additional information about each person's research, theoretical approach, or specific contribution to the field.

Research Strategies

Planning

- What do you already know about the scholar, theoretical approach, or psychological phenomena?
  - Where will you look for additional background information?
    - What search terms will you use to find the information?

- What key questions will you pose hypothetically to each of your scholars?
  - Where will you look for information to answer the questions?
    - What search terms will you use to represent each of your questions?

Research Strategies

Planning

Scholar, Phenomena, etc.	Associated Scholar, Phenomena, etc.	Research Resources	Search Terms
Carol Gilligan	developmental psychology feminist psychology moral development gender differences ethic of care Lawrence Kohlberg	PsycINFO	adolescent development ethics human females human sex differences moral development morality nurturance

Research Resources

Books & Bibliographies

Locate background information, find sources to track down.

▸ Textbooks, Reserve items

▸ Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, & Handbooks, for example:

  ▸ *Biographical Dictionary of Psychology* (2002)

  ▸ *Encyclopedia of Psychology* (2000)

  ▸ *Encyclopedia of the History of Psychological Theories* (2012)

▸ 150.9 call number area, 5th level of the library, for general history of psychology books

▸ Titles by and about the scholar, theoretical approach, and or psychological phenomena of your study

  ▸ Full text online books via ebrary, EBSCO & PsycBOOKS databases

Research Resources

Library Catalog

Locate books (print and electronic), media, archival materials, and more.
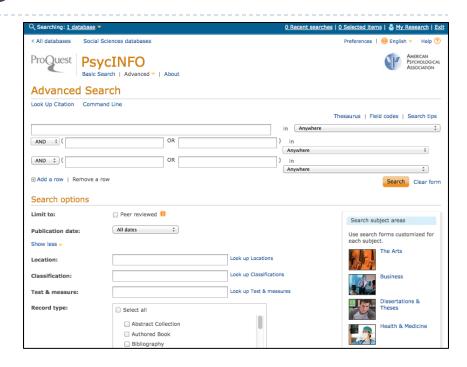
Search types:

- Basic
- Advanced
- Subject
  - Gestalt Theory
  - Inhibition
  - Psychology—History
- Author
  - James, William, 1842-1910
  - Washburn, Margaret Floy, 1871-1939

Research Resources

Index *PsycINFO*

Locate abstracts and citations to scholarly sources

- Includes abstracts & citations to **over 1,800 professional journals, chapters, books, reports, theses and dissertations** – in the psychological, social, behavioral, and health sciences. There are **over 3.3 million records** in the database.

- The PsycINFO Thesaurus file within the database consists of more than 8,200 standard and cross-referenced terms derived from the print *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*, 11th edition (2007).
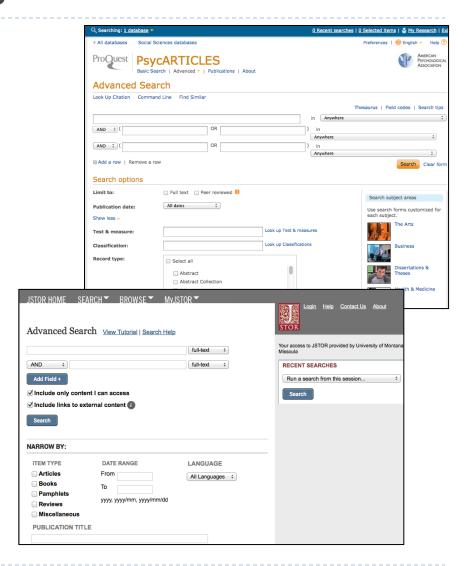
- Cited references data available from 2001 forward.

Research Resources

Full Text

Locate full text journal articles.

PsycArticles

▸ **Articles** from the **over 70 journals** published by APA, the APA Educational Publishing Foundation, the Canadian Psychological Association, and Hogrefe & Huber.

JSTOR

▸ **Articles** covering the arts, humanities, social sciences, business, and the sciences. Includes **318 Psychology journals**.

Research Strategies

You search and find too many sources.

▸ Narrow your search terms, use Thesaurus or Subject terms

▸ Add another search term focused on an aspect of your topic with Boolean operator "and"

▸ Exclude concepts using Boolean operator "not"

▸ Focus on a specific research methodology or instrument (e.g., quantitative, Wechsler intelligence scale)

▸ Limit your results:
  ▸ by publication date,
  ▸ publication type (e.g., journal article),
  ▸ peer-reviewed/refereed, and/or
  ▸ language, etc.

Research Strategies

You search and can not find enough sources.

▸ Use one source to find others - trace the citation forwards (who has cited the article since it was published), and backwards (who does the article reference)

▸ Try different keywords and Thesaurus or Subject terms

▸ Broaden your search terms using the Boolean operator "or"

▸ Try searching a different discipline-specific database

▸ Remove any limits you have set (e.g., publication date, peer review, journal)

▸ Use a wildcard character to capture variant word endings (e.g., educat*)
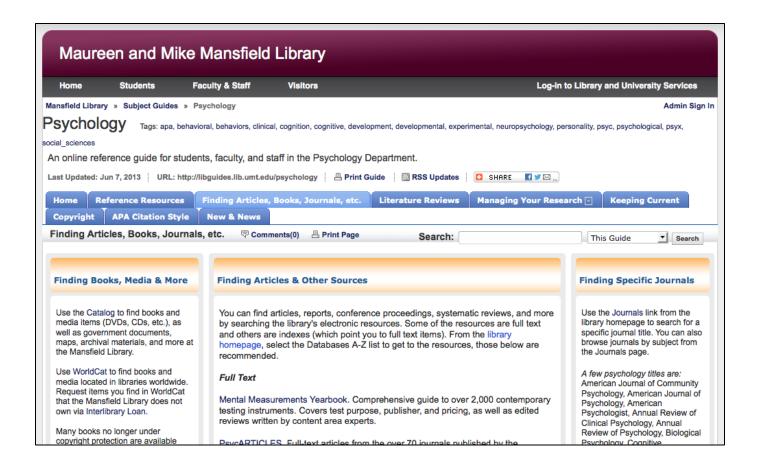
▸ Use variant spellings (e.g., behavior or behaviour)

▸

Research Strategies

You search and find sources that are not available at the Mansfield Library.

▸ Ask your course instructor or librarian for assistance in locating locally available materials.

▸ Request items via Interlibrary Loan.

Research Resources

Online Research Guides

Feel free to contact me!

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