



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.

The screenshot displays the PsycINFO Advanced Search page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'All databases', 'Social Sciences databases', 'Preferences', 'English', and 'Help'. The ProQuest logo and 'PsycINFO' title are prominent, along with 'Basic Search', 'Advanced', and 'About' links. The 'Advanced Search' section features a search bar and three rows of search criteria, each with 'AND' and 'OR' options and a dropdown menu set to 'Anywhere'. Below this are 'Add a row' and 'Remove a row' links, and a 'Search' button. The 'Search options' section includes filters for 'Limit to:' (with a 'Peer reviewed' checkbox), 'Publication date:' (set to 'All dates'), 'Location:', 'Classification:', 'Test & measure:', and 'Record type:' (with checkboxes for 'Select all', 'Abstract Collection', 'Authored Book', and 'Bibliography'). On the right, a 'Search subject areas' section lists 'The Arts', 'Business', 'Dissertations & Theses', and 'Health & Medicine' with corresponding icons.

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**.

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The screenshot shows the JSTOR Advanced Search page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'JSTOR HOME', 'SEARCH', 'BROWSE', and 'MY JSTOR'. Below this, the 'Advanced Search' section features a search bar and several dropdown menus for refining results, including 'ITEM TYPE', 'DATE RANGE', 'LANGUAGE', and 'PUBLICATION TITLE'. There are also checkboxes for 'Include only content I can access' and 'Include links to external content'. A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the search area.

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

The screenshot displays the 'Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library' website, specifically the 'Psychology' subject guide. The page has a purple header with the library name and a navigation bar with links for Home, Students, Faculty & Staff, Visitors, and Log-in to Library and University Services. Below the header, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Mansfield Library > Subject Guides > Psychology'. The main title 'Psychology' is followed by a list of tags: apa, behavioral, behaviors, clinical, cognition, cognitive, development, developmental, experimental, neuropsychology, personality, psyc, psychological, psyx, social_sciences. A description states: 'An online reference guide for students, faculty, and staff in the Psychology Department.' It also includes the last update date (Jun 7, 2013), the URL (http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/psychology), and links for Print Guide, RSS Updates, and social media sharing. A row of blue buttons provides navigation: Home, Reference Resources, Finding Articles, Books, Journals, etc., Literature Reviews, Managing Your Research, and Keeping Current. Below this, a search bar is present with a 'Search' button. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Finding Books, Media & More', 'Finding Articles & Other Sources', and 'Finding Specific Journals'. Each column contains detailed instructions on how to use the library's resources, such as the Catalog, WorldCat, and the Journals link. The 'Finding Articles & Other Sources' column also lists 'Full Text' resources like the 'Mental Measurements Yearbook' and 'PsycARTICLES'.

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library

Home Students Faculty & Staff Visitors Log-in to Library and University Services

Mansfield Library > Subject Guides > Psychology Admin Sign In

Psychology

Tags: apa, behavioral, behaviors, clinical, cognition, cognitive, development, developmental, experimental, neuropsychology, personality, psyc, psychological, psyx, social_sciences

An online reference guide for students, faculty, and staff in the Psychology Department.

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Use WorldCat to find books and media located in libraries worldwide. Request items you find in WorldCat that the Mansfield Library does not own via Interlibrary Loan.

Many books no longer under copyright protection are available

Finding Articles & Other Sources

You can find articles, reports, conference proceedings, systematic reviews, and more by searching the library's electronic resources. Some of the resources are full text and others are indexes (which point you to full text items). From the [library homepage](#), select the Databases A-Z list to get to the resources, those below are recommended.

Full Text

Mental Measurements Yearbook. Comprehensive guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments. Covers test purpose, publisher, and pricing, as well as edited reviews written by content area experts.

PsycARTICLES. Full-text articles from the over 70 journals published by the

Finding Specific Journals

Use the Journals link from the library homepage to search for a specific journal title. You can also browse journals by subject from the Journals page.

A few psychology titles are:
American Journal of Community Psychology, American Journal of Psychology, American Psychologist, Annual Review of Clinical Psychology, Annual Review of Psychology, Biological Psychology, Cognitive

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