Library Research Instructions for PSYC 1300 Learning Frameworks

Suggested databases for PSYC 1300 Learning Frameworks
Article databases for primarily magazine and journal articles
- Academic Search Complete (Ebsco)
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (Ebsco)
- Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center (Facts on File, career information)

Peer-Reviewed or Scholarly Journals
If required in assignment, Academic Search Complete, Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection and some of our other databases will allow you to restrict your search to scholarly articles.

How do I get to these databases?
- From the library’s subject guide for PSYC 1300: Learning Frameworks (Dr. Morris)
- Or go to the library web site and click on Articles, Research & More
- Choose each database title from the drop down alphabetical lists

General Tips for Article Databases
- Search terms are the key to your effective search.
- What exactly are you looking for beyond the general subject of your search?
- Be careful that your search is not too broad.
- Type your search terms in the text boxes provided.
- Put search terms and phrases into separate text boxes.

Examples of Incorrect Searches
☑ Too broad: Stress
☒ Too wordy or specific: How can I cope with stress in college?

Examples of Better Searches
☑ More specific: “stress management” and “college student”
☑ More specific: stress AND coping AND college

Other Library Databases

Ebsco
- Professional Development Collection
- Vocational and Career Collection
- Health Source: Consumer Edition

WilsonWeb
- Social Sciences Full Text
- Education Full Text
- OmniFile Full Text Mega
More about Databases

- In all of the library’s databases, you will be able to print, email or save the full text articles that you find.
- You can search the databases from home, by logging in after clicking on the database title from the library web site.

Citing your Articles in APA

- The library can check out to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (for 2 hour use in the library).
- Visit the MCC Writing Center in Student Center 222 for tutorials and assistance once you have started your paper.
- The official APA web site includes some guidance on citing electronic articles at [http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html](http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html).

Example Search in *Academic Search Complete*

- Searches primarily magazine and journal articles
- Click on Full Text in the search options.
- If required, click on “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals.”

Example Search in *Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection*

- Searches articles from psychology and behavioral sciences journals and some magazines
- Click on Full Text in the search options.
- If required, click on “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals.”
Searching Multiple Ebscohost Databases
• You can search Ebscohost’s Academic Search Complete and Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection at the same time.
• Searching Multiple Ebscohost Databases
• Go to the library’s Where Do I Start page and click on Ebscohost (all databases).
• Academic Search Complete will already be selected at the database listing
• Scroll down, uncheck MasterFile Premier
• Click in the box next to Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection

Example Search in Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center
• Information about careers and industries, as well as tips for job seekers
• At the Quick Start search box, enter the job name as your search.

Searching for Books from the MCC Library
Hard Copy Books
• Search the ONLINE CATALOG
• Enter your search terms in the “General Keyword” search option.
• You can search with broader search terms.
• Hard copy books are listed with Call Numbers for their location in the library.

Electronic Books
• Electronic books are listed in the Online Catalog
• [electronic resource] will appear in the book title

• Also search electronic books in
  o EBRARY
  o NETLIBRARY
  o LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY E-Books

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• Visit the MCC Writing Center in Student Center 222 for tutorials and assistance once you have started your paper.