Library Research Instructions for PSYC 2301 General Psychology

Suggested Databases for PSYC 2301
• Article databases for primarily magazine and journal articles
  o Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (Ebsco)
  o Social Sciences Full Text (WilsonWeb)
  o PsychiatryOnline (for the DSM-IV)

Peer-Reviewed or Scholarly Journals
• Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection, Social Sciences Full Text 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 2301: General Psychology (Dr. Morris)
• Or go to the library web site and click on Articles, Research & More
• Click on Psychology from the Choose a Database by Subject Area drop down list.

Other Library Databases
Ebsco
  Academic Search Complete
  CINAHL with Full Text
  Medline

WilsonWeb
  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 you 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.
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.
- Click on “Peer Reviewed.”

Social Sciences Full Text

- This databases searches articles from social sciences journals and some magazines. The social sciences include Psychology and Psychiatry.
- Click on “Full Text Articles” and “Peer Reviewed” in the “Limit to” options.

Using PsychiatryOnline to access the DSM-IV Library

- PsychiatryOnline provides online access to the DSM-IV-TR, Handbook of Differential Diagnosis, and Cases.
- Click on “DSM-IV-TR” from the PsychiatryOnline home page.
- Browse the contents of the book or search with the single text box at the top.

DSM-IV for Cases

- Click on “DSM Cases” at the top of the PsychiatryOnline home page.
- Click on “View Cases by DSM-IV-TR Diagnosis” and browse to the disorder name of your topic.

Hard Copies of the DSM-IV

- Copies of the DSM-IV and the Casebook are shelved in the library’s reference and reserves shelves.
- Call Numbers:
  - DSM-IV-TR: RC 455.2 .C4 D76 2004
  - DSM-IV Casebook: RC 455.2 .C4 D536 2000 Suppl
**Searching for Books from the MCC Library**

**Hard Copy Books**
- Search the ONLINE CATALOG.
- Your search words will be the disorder name or the broader disorder class name.
- Enter your search terms next to the “General Keyword” search option.
  - Second option: choose “Subject Keyword” from the drop down and enter your search terms.

**Electronic Books**
- Electronic books are listed in the Online Catalog
- [electronic resource] will appear in the book title
- Also search electronic books in
  - EBRARY
  - NETLIBRARY
  - LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY E-Books
  - Go to the library’s home page, click on Articles, Research & More and then choose “Electronic Books” from “Choose a Database by Publication Type.”

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Searching for cases from psychology journals

- Start in one of the library’s recommended psychology databases:
  - Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
  - Social Sciences Full Text
  - ScienceDirect College Edition

- In the first search text box provided, enter the disorder name of your topic.
  - You can use the technical terms, larger disorder classification, or the common term.
  - Examples: anorexia nervosa, eating disorders, anorexia

- In the second text box enter the following exactly:
  - case* OR case stud* OR case report*

ScienceDirect College Edition

- Use this if you cannot find what you need in the other databases
- At the ScienceDirect home page, click on “Advanced Search.”
- Under “Source” choose “Subscribed sources.”
- Under “Subject”, limit to “Psychology.”
- Type in your search terms in the text boxes provided.