Finding Psychology Articles Using PsycINFO

PsycINFO is an electronic bibliographic database providing abstracts and citations to journal articles, books, chapters, and dissertations in the psychological, social, behavioral, and health sciences. The database includes material in related fields such as psychiatry, management, business, education, social science, neuroscience, law, medicine, and social work.

Getting to PsycINFO

From a library work station, click and select option Article Databases and search for PsycINFO

OR

From a laptop or personal computer, start from the Biomedical Library Homepage. You can get there a couple of ways:

- From UCLA Library home page (http://www.library.ucla.edu), go to Libraries and Collections, select The Libraries, and choose the Biomedical Library
- Go to: http://www.library.ucla.edu/biomed

Searching on PsycINFO

Type in your search terms into the query box and click search.

Boolean Operators:
"OR" broadens your search
"AND" limits your search

Truncate using * so you can find all forms of the word - use for when there might be alternative spellings of a word or different endings to a word e.g. "differ*" will retrieve differ, differing, differences, etc.

Click "Search" to run your query

Descriptors DE= searches official subject terms

Combine fields to locate a specific citation i.e. Author and Title
Limiting Your Search

If you are getting too many results, scroll down and limit by publication type, language, population, age, target audience, and supplemental data.

Sifting Your Results

View results by type

View a listing of your marked records

Mark/Clear all records, create a list, and/or save/print/e-mail records

Descriptors are official terms used for indexing citations. If you want to get more specific results, scroll down and add the terms that fit your topic.

Getting the Full Text

Click on the UC-eLinks button. The UC-eLinks menu allows you to see if the UCLA Library subscribes to this material in either print or online form.

Online Access might be Available. Click any link to check for the full-text.

Check the UCLA Library Catalog if there is no option to get it online.

If UCLA does not have the article, Request the article from another library (must be a current UCLA student, staff, or faculty).

REMINDER: If accessing PsycINFO off-campus, and you are a current UCLA student, staff, or faculty, you will need to set up your proxy. To do that, go to:

http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/proxy/

If you need additional help, research assistance is available at the UCLA Biomedical Library. Feel free to call us at (310) 825-4904 Option 3, email us at biomed-ref@library.ucla.edu, or come in to the Biomedical Library during the hours of 1pm - 5pm M-F for reference help.