

Using PsycInfo

Please Note: You MUST BE on the CAMPUS NETWORK to use this service.

To Log On:

Access PsycInfo via the Lincoln Library Psychology page at: <http://www.lec.edu/library/psych.php> or type in the URL: <http://www.psycinfo.com/library>.

Database Choices:

- **PsycInfo: 1840-present.** Contains bibliographic references, as well as many abstracts or content summaries. Many items may need to be obtained through Interlibrary Loan. **NOT FULL TEXT.**
- **PsycArticles: 1985-present.** Contains the **FULL TEXT** of articles from several APA and EPF journals.

Understanding the operators AND, OR (Boolean Operators):

- Use **AND** when you want **BOTH** terms present in a document
- Use **OR** when you want **EITHER** one or the other term present in a document

Searching PsycInfo

Quick Search:

- Click on **Quick Search** under the PsycInfo description.
- Under **Select publication types, check the box(es)** of the type of articles or literature you wish to search. You can check more than one box.
- Next to **Look for:** type your first term in the **white box**. You may conduct a Boolean search (see *Understanding the operators AND, OR (Boolean Operators)* above).
- Select the **number of results** you want displayed at a time (10-500) and/or **Sorting** options (Relevance, Publication Year or Author).
- Click on **Get Results**.
- Click on **links** to see either the *Citation & Abstract, the Expanded Record or the Expanded Record with References (NOT THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE)*.
- To print, click on **File** and then **Print** from the main menu bar at the top the screen.

Field Restricted Search:

- Click on **Fielded Search** under the PsycInfo description.
- Under **Select publication types, check the box(es)** of the type of articles or literature you wish to search. You can check more than one box.
- Next to **Look for:** type your first term in the **white box**.
- After the **IN:** option, choose a field to search (Author, Title, Source, etc.)
- If desired, choose either **AND** or **OR** and search up to two additional fields.
- If you wish to limit your search, choose **Limit to:** and then choose the desired limitation (**Population Group, Age Group, Methodology, Auxiliary Material, Document Type or Classification Code**.)
- To restrict to a certain year or years, choose a restriction next to **Date:**
- Select the **number of results** you want displayed at a time (10-500) and/or **Sorting** options (Relevance, Publication Year or Author).
- Click on **Get Results**.
- To print, click on **File** and then **Print** from the main menu bar at the top the screen.

- **Sample search:**

Look for: freud **in:** *Title*
AND Risto **in:** *Author*
AND Valid **in:** *Abstract*
Years from: 1980 **to:** 2000

Searching PsycArticles

- Click on **Search PsycArticles** under the PsycArticles description.
- You can perform a **Quick Search** or a **Field Restricted Search** as described above.
- Select the **number of results** you want displayed at a time (10-500) and/or **Sorting** options (Relevance, Publication Year or Author).
- Click on **Get Results**.
- To view the full text of the article, select either **View Article (HTML)** or **View Article (PDF)**.
- To print, click on **File** and then **Print** from the main menu bar at the top the screen.
- You may also **Search by journal** by selecting the journal you wish to search from the pull down menu next to **In Journal:**

Extra Hints

- Click on Coverage Information under either database to determine which journal or other literature is covered in the databases. This comes in handy especially with the journal searches.
- Browse the journals covered by PsycArticles by clicking on PsycArticles Browse and choosing the journal. Click on the date you wish to browse. Articles will be in full text.
- Download either of the guides below for help in searching the databases efficiently:
 - **PsycInfo Quick Search Guide:**
<http://www.psycinfo.com/library/refdesk/searchguide.pdf>
 - **PsycInfo Comprehensive Search Guide:**
<http://online.psycinfo.com/help/search/comprehensive>