Psychology Research @ Cook Library

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Searching for Articles

See the PSYC 314 Research Guide for a complete list of recommended databases, including:
- PsycINFO
- Scopus
- PubMed (Medline)
- Google Scholar
- Education Research Complete
- SocINDEX

Searching Databases: “Connectors”
* / AND / OR / NOT

* - Truncates the ending of words
  Example: child* = articles that mention EITHER child, children, childhood, childcare, childbirth, etc.

AND – Searches for articles containing BOTH terms
  Example: sleep AND health = articles containing BOTH sleep AND health

OR – Searches for articles that contain EITHER or BOTH terms
  Example: women OR woman OR female OR girl = all articles on women regardless of which term was used by the author

NOT – Searches for articles that do NOT contain a term
  Example: education NOT technology = articles that contain the term education but not the term technology

** Use each search box in a database to represent a “main concept” in your search. Here is an example of one search for articles about the relationship between sleep and anxiety or depression in women**

No article full text? Click “Find it” to determine if Cook Library has access to the article in a different database or to request via Interlibrary Loan (ILL).

Finding a Specific Journal or Article – use the Journal List
1. From the Quick Tools menu on the library’s homepage, click on “Journal List”
2. Type in the name of the journal
3. Coverage dates indicate the range of time for which the journal is available in a particular location (e.g., a specific database or the library’s physical collection)
4. Browse for the article - use the date, then issue, then page number to locate
Searching for Books using Cook OneSearch

Cook OneSearch – the main search box on the library’s homepage searches for articles, books, media, etc.

Searching tips & tricks:
- To find only books, after you search select “Book” under “Format” on the left side of your results
- OneSearch searches for books at Towson University, USMAI libraries, and libraries around the world
- To see only books available at Towson University, check the “Towson University” box under “Location” on the left side of your results
- To find a book on the shelf, note the Location and Call Number.

Location of Materials & Services in Cook Library

1st floor – Student Computing Services
2nd floor – Baltimore Hebrew Institute collection, recent journals & magazines, microform, assistive technology
3rd floor – Main floor, reference books, circulation, reserves, research help
4th floor – “Stacks” call numbers N-Z, juvenile literature
  • QP351-495 – Neurophysiology. Neuropsychology
  • RC321-571 – Psychiatry
  • RJ499-507 – Child psychiatry
5th floor – “Stacks” call numbers A-M, special collections and university archives
  • BF – Psychology
  • HM1001-1281 – Social psychology

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