

PsycINFO Database

This is a brief Introduction to searching the PsycINFO database through EBSCO.

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New Search

Creating a Basic or Advanced Search

1. On the Basic Search Screen, enter search terms in the **Find** field to conduct a *text word* search. On the Advanced Search Screen, enter search terms in the **Find** field to conduct a *subject* search.
2. Limit your results section of the search screen. Use **Limiters** to narrow your search, for example:
 - **Peer Reviewed** – Check box to limit results to peer reviewed articles.
 - **Document Type** – Limit search results to journal article, chapter, dissertation, etc.
 - **Methodology** – Limit to Empirical Study, Literature Review, etc.
 - **Age Groups** (Advanced) – Limit to Childhood, Infancy, School Age, Adolescence, etc.
3. Click the **Search** button.

Thesaurus

Controlled vocabulary provides more effective searching capability in the PsycINFO database. Use the thesaurus to find keywords and phrases to use for search terms in the SU subject field. The results may be better for searches of thesaurus terms in the subject field than for a simple keyword search of the title or abstract of an article.

Cited References

The search screen from the tab for cited references gives options to search for sources that cite an author's works or a specific journal article. This is a way to find more recent research that refers to a good article you have found on your topic.

Indexes

This search screen provides an option to suggest subject terms for a topic or to browse an index such as "Subjects (Major)" for a search term.

EBSCO User Guide for PsycINFO:

http://support.ebscohost.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?id=2564

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