

PsycINFO

Coverage:

Index to research publications in psychology:

- academic psychology journals (mostly peer-reviewed) from 1887 - present
- selected psychology dissertations, books, and book chapters from 1987 - present

Provides citations & abstracts. Full-text is linked (~20%) or via Find It! options.

How to Access:

On the Library web site (<http://library.csustan.edu/>)

Click the **Articles tab**: a) Articles by Subject b) Psychology c) PsycINFO

Note: Off-campus use requires a CSU Stanislaus username and password.

Getting Started

Break your topic down into **major concepts**.

Example: For the topic *how does drinking affect grades in college*, the key concepts might be: *drinking*, *grades*, and *college*.

Search for: *how does drinking affects grades in college* = zero results

Search for: *drinking grades college* = 52 results

Limiting - Narrowing to the Most Useful Publications

Peer Reviewed – This limit removes dissertations, books, & non peer-reviewed articles.

Publication Date - Choose last five or ten years to remove out-dated material).

Research Studies - Under Methodology (lower right corner of advanced search), choose "Empirical Study."

Use Official, Scientific Terms (and/or Search "in Subject" or "Title")

Using scientific terms can greatly change results. See section on subject terms below.

Example: problem drinking = 6,500 results alcohol abuse = 34,000 results

Results List

After searching, the results screen includes citations, subject headings and links to find the full-text. Mouse over the eyeglass icon () to display an abstract (a one paragraph summary).

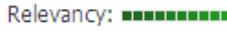
Title → 3. [Drinking motives, drinking restraint and drinking behaviour among young adults.](#) 

Publication Information → Lyvers, Michael; Hasking, Penelope; Hani, Riana; Rhodes, Madolyn; Trew, Emily; Addictive Behaviors, Vol 35(2), Feb, 2010. pp. 116-122. [Journal Article]

Official Subject Headings → Subjects: Alcohol *Drinking* Patterns; Cognitions; Motivation; Self Regulation; Adolescence (13-17 yrs); Adulthood (18 yrs & older); Young Adulthood (18-29 yrs); Thirties (30-39 yrs); Male; Female

Link to the Full-Text → [FIND IT!](#) (Find the text via the University Library)

Database: PsycINFO

 Add to folder | Relevancy:  | Cited References: (39) | Times Cited in this Database: (1)

Other studies cited by this work

More recent studies citing this work

Detailed Record

Clicking on the title in a Results List displays a detailed record.

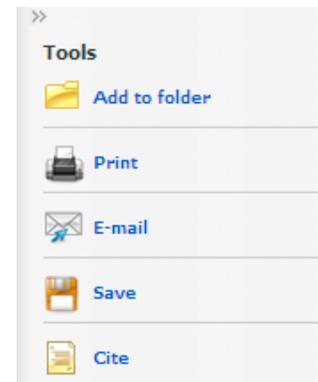
Abstract - Summary of Research & Findings

The abstract (found towards the bottom of the Detailed Record) provides a one paragraph summary of the article.

For research articles, this usually includes a description of the research hypothesis, study methodology, and results.

Print / E-Mail / Save from the Detailed Record

Using the tools on a detailed record will print / e-mail / save the citation and abstract (and full-text if available) for the current item. Use the folder to save multiple items.



Folder - Mark and Save Specific Items

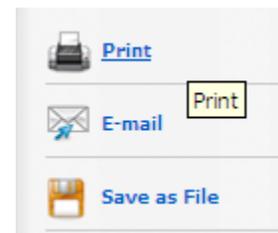
"Folder" gathers and saves records you have added.

 Add to Folder Saves current item.

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Linked at top of screen (right side).

Displays only those records you've already added.



APA Citation Style

The **Print, E-mail, and Save** features all include an option to format the citation according to APA style. Please note these citations often have minor errors - students should not rely on EBSCO's citation feature for perfect APA style formatting.

Getting the Text of an Article

Full-Text Available on EBSCO

If the full-text is available via EBSCO service, it will be linked from results screen.

 [HTML Full Text](#)  [PDF Full Text](#)  [Linked Full Text](#)

Getting the Text via Find It!

If no "[Full Text](#)" links are present, PsycINFO includes a  **FIND IT!** link which checks for the full article via one of the Library's other services.

Find It!	
Title:	The risks and needs of the returning prisoner population
Source:	<i>The review of policy research</i> [1541-132X] Austin yr: 2004 vol: 21 iss: 1 pg: 13-29

Note year, volume/issue, and pages of desired article.

▶ **Full text available via (Name of Electronic Journal Service)**

(Attempts to locate and retrieve text of chosen article from the library's online journals)

- 1) Click the journal service name (or GO button) to open a new window.
- 2) Click appropriate links (often labeled PDF) to access the full-text of desired article.

▶ **We should have: a copy in print listed in the Library Catalog**

- 1) Note the year, volume and issue of desired article and click [Library Catalog](#) link.
- 2) Look at the "Holdings" and "SUPPLS" line to see if library owns desired volume or year

▶ **This item may be available via Interlibrary Loan**

If the library does not own the item, it may be borrowed (at no cost to you) from another library. Items requested are usually available in 3-7 working days.



Using the Search Boxes and Pull-Down Menus

Combining Two Different Concepts

For two different concepts, separate with *and*.
 Each search result will have all of the search terms.

Two terms representing the same idea

If either term is desirable (e.g. synonyms), separate the rows with *or*.
 Each search result will have at least one of the terms.

Main concept overlaps another concept which is not relevant

Find:

To remove results discussing an unwanted term, separate rows with *not*.
 None of the search results will contain the last term.

More Search Tips

Phrase Searching

Place quotation marks around a set of words that are part of a phrase.

Example: "Attention Deficit Disorder"

Use the Truncation symbol (*) to search for variants of words

Example: *Child** searches for child, children, childhood, etc.

Change the type of search to broaden or narrow a search:

Narrowest: Subjects Narrow: Title Broad: Default Fields Broadest: Text

Identifying Subject Terms

Search by Subject can be a useful way to focus a search, but it requires the use of "official" terms. To identify appropriate terms for your concepts:

Use Subject choices under "Refine Your Results" –Found on the left side of a subject screen.

Use the Thesaurus – Access via link on green bar towards top of screen. Type your term in *Browse For:* box. Select box next to desired terms and click Search button.

