Behavioral Research

Library Resources

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## Search tips

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<tr>
<td>✔️ <strong>Think of multiple key words</strong></td>
<td><strong>Body image</strong></td>
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<td>Think of synonyms or related terms</td>
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<td>Use broader or narrower terms</td>
<td><strong>Narrower:</strong></td>
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<td>Use nouns and unique words/phrases</td>
<td>Body image in women</td>
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<td>Common terms handout</td>
<td><strong>Related:</strong></td>
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<td>self-perception, eating disorders, weight loss</td>
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<td>✔️ <strong>Put phrases in quotes</strong></td>
<td>“educational psychology”</td>
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<td>Search for words as a phrase, not as separate words</td>
<td>“psychological aspects”</td>
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<td>✓ <strong>Use Boolean logic</strong></td>
<td>(&quot;self perception&quot; OR &quot;self esteem&quot;) AND &quot;body image&quot;</td>
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<td>Try parentheses and operators (AND, OR, NOT) to combine terms</td>
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<td>✓ <strong>Truncation</strong></td>
<td><strong>psycholog</strong></td>
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<td>Try a * or ? to find variations of a term</td>
<td>Searches for variations: psychology, psychologist, psychologists, psychological, etc.</td>
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<td>* symbol usually used online and in electronic databases</td>
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<td>? symbol used in library catalog</td>
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Finding books

Library catalog
- Search tips
- Keyword v. Boolean searching
- LC Subject headings
- Common call numbers

UB (Universal Borrowing)
- Search other UW-System libraries

ILL (Interlibrary Loan)
- Search nationwide
Finding articles

- Electronic databases
- Psychology RAD page (Resources by Academic Discipline)
- ILL (Interlibrary Loan)
Citation searching

- “Citation searching”
  - finding other related article citations that reference your original article

- PsycINFO database
  - “Cited References”

- Web of Science databases
  - “Cited Reference Search”
Tests & measures

- Collection of educational and psychological tests in the IML
- Psychology dept. collection of clinical measurement books
- Mental Measurements Yearbook
  - Print & electronic versions
Tests & measures

ETS: Educational Testing Service
http://www.ets.org/testcoll/index.html

Tests and Measures in the Social Sciences
http://libraries.uta.edu/helen/test&meas/testmainframe.htm

Finding Psychological & Educational Testing Instruments
http://www.personal.psu.edu/bal19/finding_tests.htm

Finding Information About Psychological Tests
Web research

• Psychology RAD page
  • Includes links to gateway psychology sites, online journals, tests & measures, and more
  • [www.uwplatt.edu/library/resources/psych.html](http://www.uwplatt.edu/library/resources/psych.html)

• Evaluating web sites
  • [www.uwplatt.edu/library/reference/eval.html](http://www.uwplatt.edu/library/reference/eval.html)
APA & RefWorks

- APA Style online help
  - [http://library.nmu.edu/guides/userguides/style_apa.htm](http://library.nmu.edu/guides/userguides/style_apa.htm)

- RefWorks
  - Web-based bibliographic citation manager
  - Import citations and use RefWorks to build parenthetical citations and bibliographies
  - Online tutorial
Questions?

• Ask a Librarian
  • Ref Desk 608-342-1668
  • Toll-free 1-888-450-4632
  • Online question form, [http://www.uwplatt.edu/library/askalibrarian.html](http://www.uwplatt.edu/library/askalibrarian.html)
  • Ref Desk in Karrmann Library, main/2nd floor