



COU 600 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

MILLER LIBRARY HOMEPAGE AND CATALOG

All library resources are accessed through the Miller Library homepage:

<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>

Library Catalog – place to locate items in all formats

DATABASES

To find individual databases, click on Databases located on Miller Library's homepage and choose from the alphabetical list of electronic resources.

*ERIC: The ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) database is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education to provide extensive access to educational-related documents. In addition, ERIC provides indexing of educational journals, conferences, meetings, government documents, theses, dissertations, reports, audiovisual media, bibliographies, directories, books and monographs

FIRSTSEARCH Databases

1. Click on FirstSearch
2. Click on the List
3. Click on the List All Databases tab
4. Select up to 3 to search at a time
 - Dissertations: Dissertations and theses from institutions in the North America and Europe
 - Medline: All areas of medicine, including dentistry and nursing
 - PsycInfo: Psychology and related fields since 1887
 - SocialSciAbs: Abstracts of articles on the social sciences

INFOTRAC Databases

1. Click on InfoTrac
2. Databases to Search
 - Expanded Academic ASAP – resources for all academic disciplines
 - Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module
 - Professional Collection – educational resources

These databases provide an option for you to search for only scholarly/peer-reviewed or refereed journals



*SOCIAL SERVICES ABSTRACTS

CSA's database that provides bibliographic coverage of current research focused on social work, human services, and related areas, including social welfare, social policy, and community development. The database abstracts and indexes over 1,600 serials publications and includes abstracts of journal articles and dissertations, and citations to book reviews.

*SOCIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS

CSA's database of the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. The database provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,809 serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers

*May search these simultaneously!

SOCIAL WORK ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of the leading journal publications in the Social Work field published from 1977 to the present.

PSYCBOOKS

A collection of full-text books and chapters published by the American Psychological Association, including the Encyclopedia of Psychology

SEARCHING WITHIN DATABASES

- Have an action plan
- Write down keywords and synonyms
- Look at the descriptors or subject headings in the record
- Use “ ” to search multiple words as a phrase EXAMPLE: “college student”
- Use Boolean operators
- Use the Searching helps available with all databases

JOURNALS

- Click on **Journals List** located under Research Tools on the library homepage
- Type in the title of the journal, EXAMPLE: *Annual Review Of Psychology*
- If there is a hyperlink which says “in Cornerstone Print Holdings”, click to see what years we have
- The results of your search will reveal which databases contain the journal title. For example, the journal *Annual Review of Psychology* is listed as from 01/01/1995 to 2004 in Wilson Select Plus. Click on one of these electronic databases to find the journal *Annual Review of Psychology*.



STORING YOUR CITATIONS

- RefWorks is a tool to manage bibliographic citations.
- Check out RefWorks located under Research Tools

GETTING AN ARTICLE MILLER LIBRARY DOES NOT OWN

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CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

- CPI – Christian Periodical Index provides indexing for about 150 Christian journals and popular periodicals having an evangelical perspective. Some articles have links to full-text.
- ATLA Religion – a FirstSearch database indexing over 1,550 theological periodicals. Some are full-text.
- Religious and Theological Abstracts – provides abstracts to about 600 theological journals

QUESTIONS?

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