




Finding Empirical Research Articles in the Social Sciences Using Select Databases at Miller Library

CSA>Social Sciences subject area

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Favorite Databases > CSA**
- Select the following individual databases or change the Subject Area to Social Sciences: Education: A SAGE Full-text Collection, ERIC, PILOTS Database, Psychology SAGE Full-text Collection, PsycINFO, Social Science Abstracts and Sociological Abstracts
- Jump to Advanced Search
- Enter your Search using keyword and/ or descriptors indexes
- In one of the drop-down box choose Methodology
 - o Type “Empirical Study” in the Methodology drop-down box
 - o Or type “Literature Review” in the Methodology drop-down box
- Select an item to view by clicking on a highlighted title
- If an item is available full text, click on the  [Full-Text Linking](#)
- If item is not available full text, click the [Submit an ILL request](#) (Interlibrary Loan)

Thomson Gale Databases

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Favorite Database > Thomson Gale**
- Check the following individual databases to search : Academic OneFile, Educator’s Reference Collection, Expanded Academic ASAP, InfoTrac Onfile, InfoTrac Psychology Collection, Professional Collection
- Select Advanced Search
- Under **Limit the results**, select to **peer-reviewed publications**

FirstSearch

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Favorite Databases > FirstSearch**
- Using the pull-down menu by **Jump to Advanced Search**, select **WilsonSelectPlus**.
- Enter your search using keyword and/or subject indexes
- Set the **Limit to** boxes to:
 - o **Reviewed Journal Phrase – Peer Reviewed**
- Select **Search**
- To search other FirstSearch databases click on the List All Databases tab
- Select ECO, ERIC, and Social Science Abstracts



Ideal

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Favorite Database > Ideal**
- Source box>Subscribed Journals
- Subjects Psychology> Social Sciences
- Enter Search terms

Sage

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Favorite Database > Sage**

Blackwell

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Favorite Database > Blackwell**

To Find if a Journal is Peer-Reviewed

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **All Databases A-Z**
- Select **Ulrich's Periodical Directory**
- Select **Title (Exact)** and enter the journal title
- In the **Features** column, check **Refereed**
- From the results screen, look for the **Refereed** symbol (TRF)

To Find Miller Library Journal Holdings

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Search the Library Catalog**
- Select **Journal Title**
- Enter the journal title
- Look for the **Libr. has** information

To Find Other Miller Library Journal Holdings

- Go to the Miller Library web site (<http://www.cornerstone.edu/library>)
- Select **Journals @ Miller Library** and enter the **Title**