

# Resources for Introduction to Social Work SO 192

## Research Databases

Access each database below from the Library Databases Menu at <http://www.fairfield.edu/x6903.xml>

- Search for databases by title or subject

**Note:** If you are off campus, once you click on your chosen database title, you will be prompted to login. Use your **StagWeb** username and password.

### Literature in the fields of Sociology & Psychology:

#### CQ Researcher

- Contains comprehensive reports on important contemporary topics.
- Noted for its in-depth, objective coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. Reports are published weekly in print and online 44 times a year by CQ Press, a division of Congressional Quarterly Inc.
- Try browsing by topic or checking out *Recent Reports* and *In the News* sections on the home page.

#### Social Services Abstracts

- 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 1,300+ serials publications and includes abstracts of journal articles and dissertations, and citations to book reviews.
- Note tabs for peer-reviewed journals and clickable descriptors for narrowing your search.
- Click "search for full-text" to locate full-text of articles if it's available.
- **Truncation** is \*. Example: communi\* will produce *communication, communicator, community, etc.*

#### Social Sciences Full Text or [ProQuest Social Sciences Journals](#)

- Contains abstracts of articles published in the professional social sciences literature from 1983-present and 1994-present, respectively.
- Abstracts with selected full-text.
- Indexes about 400 or 510 peer-reviewed journals, respectively.
- Useful limits are: date and peer-reviewed
- Use "and" to link words and "or" to find at least one word.
- **Truncation** is \*. Example: patent\* retrieves *patent, patents, patentable, etc.*

#### PsycINFO

- From the American Psychological Association (APA)
- Contains nearly 2.3 million citations and summaries of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, books, and dissertations, all in psychology and related disciplines, dating as far back as the 1800s. 97 percent of the covered material is peer-reviewed.
- Linked full text available.
- Note limiters such as Age Group and Population Group.
- **Truncation** is \*. Example: employ\* will pick up *employee, employment, employers. etc.*  
**Wildcard** is ?. Example: wom?n will search for woman and women.

### More Databases...

- For education-related information, including higher education, try the comprehensive index [ERIC](#).
- For content focused on educational principles, child development and psychology, and best practices in education, try [Educator's Reference Complete](#).
- For a wide-sweeping search, try [Google Scholar](#).

# Getting the Articles

## Journal Locator

<http://www.fairfield.edu/library.xml> (Scroll down to bottom of page)

A tool that assists the researcher in identifying which full-text databases reference specific journals. Use to find a journal in print or online, if available.

## Interlibrary Loan Request

<http://edocs.fairfield.edu/> Request a book or journal article that the DiMenna-Nyselius Library doesn't own. It will take approximately 3-5 business days for an article to be e-mailed to you, and two weeks for a book to be delivered to the library for you. This service costs nothing, so try to start early enough to take full advantage.

# Online Guides

## Best Bets for Starting Your Research in Psychology

[http://www.fairfield.edu/lib\\_bestbetspsychology.html](http://www.fairfield.edu/lib_bestbetspsychology.html)

# Library Catalogs

## DiMenna-Nyselius Library Catalog

<http://sirsi.fairfield.edu>

Find books, media materials, and more available at the library.

## ReQuest

<http://www.fairfield.edu/x7844.html>

Online family of catalogs including most libraries in Connecticut (books and serials are separate).

## WorldCAT

<http://www.fairfield.edu/x7844.html>

OCLC catalog of books, web resources, and other material worldwide.

# APA Style

**Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5th ed.**

Ref. BF 76.7.P83 2001

## APA: Examples of How to Document Sources

[http://www.fairfield.edu/lib\\_APACitations.htm](http://www.fairfield.edu/lib_APACitations.htm)

## RefWorks

database available at <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>

- Includes the Write-N-Cite utility as a free download.
- See also "**Importing & Exporting Records into RefWorks, by Database Provider**"  
directions: <http://www.fairfield.edu/x13835.html><http://www.fairfield.edu/x13835.html>.