

Library Resources for Research Methods in Communication

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Article Indexes & Databases

Communication & Mass Media Complete - Database of full text/abstracts of articles published in the professional literature of the communication(s) field.

- Indexes about 500 Journals, with over 200 full-text.
- Accessible from anywhere on campus and off campus.
- Use "and" to link words; "or" to find at least one word.
- Truncation is *. **Example: communi*** will produce *communication, communicator, community, etc.*

Google Scholar – <http://scholar.google.com/> - Internet search engine specifically designed to search scholarly material.

- World's largest index of the "Deep Web" or content that is only available to entitled users
- Using the Scholar Preferences link, add Fairfield University as one of your libraries. This allows you to "Find it @ Fairfield"
- "AND" is assumed. Use "OR" to find at least one word.
- Use ~ to include all results that include this search term and its synonyms
- Use site:edu for example to return only results with domain name ending edu

EBSCOHost Electronic Journals Service - Database with access to over 300 full-text journals, and abstracts for the full collection of EBSCO Online journal titles.

Alternative Fields of Study Literature

- For newspaper articles and current event information use the News part of **LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe**.
- For psychology articles use **PsycARTICLES** for full-text articles and **PsycINFO** for a more comprehensive index.
- For advertising and other business topics, use **ABI/Inform Global** and **Business and Company Resource Center** for many full-text articles.
- For sociology articles, including cross-cultural studies, try **Sociological Abstracts** or **Social Science Full-Text**.
- For education related information, including higher education, try the comprehensive index **ERIC** or **Education Full-Text**.
- To search all the databases at once, try **MultiSearch**.

Finding the Article

Journal Locator – Available from Library Page <http://www.fairfield.edu/library.xml>
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 -Registered Library users can fill out Interlibrary Loan requests online at <https://libdb.fairfield.edu/login> via StagWeb.

APA Style

RefWorks – Available at Library database page -<http://www.fairfield.edu/x6903.htm>.
With **RefWorks** you can automatically format your papers and bibliographies in seconds and import references from Library databases.

RefWorks username : _____

RefWorks Password: _____

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association - Full, accurate, and up-to-date APA style information.
BF76.7 .P83 2001 -- One copy is behind Reference Desk, one copy is on Permanent Reserve, two copies are in the Circulating collection.

Style Manual for Communication Studies- Updated Printing with 2002 APA Guidelines.
P96.A68 S89 2002 in Reference Collection

The links below are quick web guides and do not contain all relevant APA style information. *They are not a substitution for the Publication Manual of the APA.*

1. *DiMenna-Nyselius Library APA Citation Style Guide* - http://www.fairfield.edu/lib_APACitations.htm
2. *How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography* by Cornell University Library <http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/skill28.htm>
3. *Style Tips from APA* - <http://www.apastyle.org/styletips.html>