

Tutorial - COMPUTER-BASED LITERATURE SEARCH

Objective: To conduct a search of the PsycINFO electronic database at the UC Davis library

Requirements: computer with a browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer, on-line connection, and a UC Davis login name and password.

Procedure: This tutorial illustrates the search process by using an example. Screen captures show each step, with arrows indicating necessary entries and actions. Once you have gone through it, you can substitute your own search terms.

There are many additional features. This tutorial shows only the essential ones. Experiment with other features as you become more familiar with the program.

Example: You are interested in the psychology of clothing. Perhaps you wonder about its importance to teenagers. You aren't sure where to start. You do remember that someone named Susan Kaiser wrote an article on the topic, but don't have a copy of the paper or the reference. To find out what has been written, and to track down Kaiser, you can use the library's computer database.

The numbers and arrows on the following screen captures illustrate the necessary steps in the search.

To start, go to the UC Davis library homepage at <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/>

STEP 1. Select CDL/MELVYL catalog (web)

STEP 2. Click under "To search:" and scroll down to PsycINFO.

STEP 3. Click the SUBJECT box.

STEP 4. Enter your subject term in the box.

STEP 5. Select subject category radio button - 1st is most general

STEP 6. Check the English language box (unless you want another language)

STEP 7. Select UC Davis (or another library, if you plan to use it).

STEP 8. At the bottom, click on **Submit Search** button.

Here is what you will see on the screen. Note that the exact numbers may be slightly different by the time you check this.

Too many - you need to focus your search.

	Search	Database	Items	Suggested Action
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	keyword clothing [and] language English [and] at UCD	PSYC	1089	Display Find Fewer

Item display: Short 10 per page

STEP 9. Click on Find Fewer (available in 2 places).

Find More Find Fewer Delete Searches Modify Search

Change Database Another Search Create Update

Search Request: keyword **clothing** [and] language **English** [and] at **UCD**
Search Result: 1089 items in the **PsycINFO** database

For **Fewer results** try one or more of the strategies listed below and click Submit Search to modify your search, or select [Another Approach](#) from the bottom of the page.

STRATEGY	YOUR SEARCH
<p>Edit search terms. Check spelling. For a more precise search change from General topic keywords, which is the most general search, to Subject heading words or Exact subject headings, which is the most precise search.</p>	<p>clothing</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> General topic keywords (1887-) <input type="radio"/> Subject heading words (1967-) <input type="radio"/> Exact subject heading (1967-)</p>
<p>Add another concept to restrict your search. Use AND to combine concepts (for example, domes and design); use NOT to exclude the additional concept from your search (for example, acoustics NOT concert hall).</p>	<p>and</p> <p>Subject (1967-)</p> <p>adolescent</p>

This is what you have already entered.

STEP 10. Scroll down to Subject (1967-).

STEP 11. Enter a second term "adolscnt."

STEP 12. Click on Submit Search.

This is a more manageable number.

	Search	Database	Items	Suggested Action
<input type="radio"/>	keyword clothing [and] language English [and] at UCD	PSYC	1089	Display Find Fewer
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	keyword clothing [and] subject (1967-) adolescent [and] language English [and] at UCD	PSYC	11	Display Find More

Item display: Short 10 per page

STEP 13. Let's try to increase the number of citations. Click on **Find More** (either place).

Find More Find Fewer Delete Searches Modify Search

Change Database Another Search Create Update

Using **Keyword** (instead of Subject) will broaden the search.

Search Request: keyword **clothing** [and] subject (1967-) **adolescent** [and] language **English** [and] at **UCD**
Search Result: 11 items in the **PsycINFO** database

For **More results** try one or more of the strategies listed below and click Submit Search to modify your search.

STRATEGY	YOUR SEARCH
Edit search terms. Check spelling. Add # after one or more words to search word stems (e.g., librar#). If multiple search terms were used, consider removing one or more terms.	Concept 1 clothing Type of Search Keywords
Edit search terms. Check spelling or add # after one or more words to search word stems (e.g., librar#).	Concept 2 adolescent Type of Search Keywords <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel concept

STEP 14. Scroll down to keyword.

This is what you have already entered.

STEP 15. Click on **Submit Search**.

The number has increased to 29.

STEP 16. To see the abstracts as well as the citations, use the scroll-down menu.

	Search	Database	Items	Suggested Action
<input type="radio"/>	keyword clothing [and] language English [and] at UCD	PSYC	1089	<input type="button" value="Display"/> Find Fewer
<input type="radio"/>	keyword clothing [and] subject (1967-) adolescent [and] language English [and] at UCD	PSYC	11	<input type="button" value="Display"/> Find More
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	keyword clothing [and] keyword adolescent [and] language English [and] at UCD	PSYC	29	<input type="button" value="Display"/> Find More

Item display: Short with abstracts | 10 per page

STEP 17. Click **Display** to view the citations and abstracts.

Don't panic if you see a large number of articles listed. The most recent articles are listed first, so it may not be necessary to go through the entire list.

STEP 18. Read through the citations and abstracts and click the checkbox to select those you want to save.

Database: **PsycINFO** Personal Profile: **Off** List: [List One](#)
 Saved: **0 items**
 Search: keyword **clothing** [and] keyword **adolescent** [and] language **English** [and] at **UCD** Result: **1-10 of 29 items**
 Saved in all lists: **0 items**

Item Display: Short with abstracts | 10 per page |

STEP 19. Select **Print**.

1. ARTICLE. Kaufman, Al **Clothing-selection habits of teenage girls who are sighted and blind.** Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness. American Foundation for the Blind. US, 2000 Aug. 94 (8): p. 527-531
 Language: English. Pub type: Empirical Study

Abstract: Compared the clothing selection and purchasing habits of blind vs sighted adolescent girls, to determine whether there is a need for special instruction in this area for girls who are blind. Subjects were 15 blind and 15 sighted 13-19 yr olds, who completed a survey. Results indicated that the blind teenagers had slightly different clothing selection habits, with parents playing a larger role in selecting clothing. Blind girls reported wearing less makeup and jewelry, price was a more important factor in buying clothes for sighted girls, and care requirements were more important to blind girls. Blind and sighted girls ranked all media and other influences much lower than was predicted. More research is suggested to determine if fashionably dressed teenagers who are blind are more readily accepted by sighted peers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2000 APA, all rights reserved)
[\[Long Display\]](#)

Locations holdings(PE):

Library	Call Number	Periodical Title/Holdings	Other Information
UCD HealthSci	W1 J0989M	Journal of visual impairment & blindness. v.71-91, 1977-1997.	Cancelled/closed Subscription cancelled.
All, All UC, UCB, UCLA, UCSB, UCSE, NRLF, Non-UC, CSL, CSU, STAN, Greater Bay Area, Greater Los Angeles, Northern California, Central Valley, San Diego/Inland Empire			

2. ARTICLE. Simpson, Linda D.; Douglas, Sara U. **Adolescents' purchasing role structure when shopping by catalog for clothing.** Clothing & Textiles Research Journal. International Textile & Apparel Assn. US, 1998. 16 (2): p. 98-104
 Language: English. Pub type: Empirical Study

STEP 20. Select citations and abstracts (assuming you want both)

STEP 22. Location: Scroll to UC Davs for call numbers & circulation info (unless you will be working at another library).

STEP 23. Click **Format for Printing**. This will bring up the document in your browser.

STEP 24. From the top menu, select **File** and then select **Print**.

STEP 25. Click **BACK** in the browser to see the previous screen. Try mailing it to yourself. Select **Mail**.

STEP 26. Select citations and abstracts (assuming you want both)

STEP 27. Location: Select UC Davs for call numbers & circulation info (unless you will be working at another library).

Email annotation: Adds your note to the e-mail message.

STEP 28. Enter your e-mail address here.

STEP 29. Send it.

STEP 30. Or you can download it to your computer as a text file.

STEP 31. Settings like those shown above. **Download** saves file to your computer as a text file.

SEARCHING BY AUTHOR NAME

What about the paper by Susan Kaiser? Here's how to find her article.

STEP 1. Start a new search, again indicating the PsycINFO database.

To search:

1. [See [More databases](#) below]

STEP 2. Select AUTHOR.

2. Then select a type of search:

<input type="button" value="TITLE"/>	when you know all or part of the title
<input type="button" value="AUTHOR"/>	works by a person or organization
<input type="button" value="SUBJECT"/>	headings and keyword (if available)
<input type="button" value="POWER"/>	all search options
<input type="button" value="HELP"/>	

STEP 3. Type in the author's name (case doesn't matter).

Author Search: PsycINFO database

Author (e.g., niedenthal, paula)
 Person Organization

Options and Limits

Affiliation (1967-) (e.g., u california psychol#)

Another Author (e.g., setterlund, marc)

Journal Title (e.g., american psychologist)

Any words Exact beginning Complete title

Location

STEP 4. Scroll down for the UC Davis library

STEP 5. Submit your search.

Follow the previous steps with regard to either finding fewer or more citations.

View the abstracts and make your choices.

Print, mail, or download, as you wish.