



RESEARCH AT CSULB

Workshop resources: <http://www.csulb.edu/library/instruction/quicklinks.html>

Get to the Databases: www.csulb.edu/library/

Language of the Library

Abstract- summary of the article

Call Number- location of books and journals in the library

Research Databases- contain citations to books and journal articles

Citation- author, article title, journal title, volume, issue, year

Steps of the research process

1. Start with your topic
2. Get Organized!
3. Create search statements using the connectors And or Or

AND narrows a search.

- Both variables must appear in same citation.
- Terms have different meanings.
- example: learning style **and** academic achievement

OR broadens a search.

- Either term may appear in citation.
- Terms have similar meanings.
- example: hispanic americans **Or** mexicans

Helpful Search Tips

Truncation *

Allows you to include all possible word-endings

e.g. *Female** looks for *females* or *female*

Parenthesis

Can be used to greatly expand or restrict a search
(internet or online) and social interaction

Scholarly vs. Popular Articles

Scholarly information is useful when you are doing college level research

Scholarly articles are reviewed by experts on a topic

Usually contain theories, or primary data from a study

Electronic Resources Page

- Articles (Research Databases)
- Locate Journals
- Books (COAST)
- Scholarly Websites (Research Guides)
- Help with Research

Academic Search Complete

- Contains articles on almost any subject
- If you limit your search to “scholarly peer reviewed” and it will only give you scholarly articles

Review the process for getting journal articles

- Get citations from Research Database
- If its not full text click on SFX
- It will link you to the full text from another company or to the record in COAST to get the print in the library
- Sometimes there is no full text or COAST record so you would need to use interlibrary services to get the article

Citing sources

Style Manuals Page

<http://www.csulb.edu/library/eref/vref/style.html>

[OWL Purdue Writing Guides](#) Google: purdue owl citation styles

This page provides links to a variety of online examples of citing in both MLA and APA styles

How to Get a Library Password

Go to Coast <https://coast.library.csulb.edu/patroninfo>



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Reference Desk Hours

<http://www.csulb.edu/library/guide/serv/ref.html>