

PsycINFO includes references to sources in psychology & related fields (1887-pres.)


To use PsycINFO:

- Go to the Library homepage (www.loyola.edu/library).
- Select **Databases by Title** in the center column, then choose "**P**" and choose **PsycINFO**: or choose **Databases by Subject**, choose **Psychology** and **PsycInfo** will be the first database listed.
- Determine appropriate search terms or keywords for your topic and enter these in the search boxes.

Combine keywords using **AND** or **OR**.

- **AND:** use AND to find articles containing both your search terms.
 - Example: To find articles on the long-term effects of taking medication for attention deficit, search for **attention deficit AND medication AND long-term effects**, enter **attention deficit** in the first search box, **medication** in the second box, and **long-term effects** in the third box.
- **OR:** use OR to find articles with either term. Enter both terms in the same search box, connect with "or", and enclose with parentheses. OR is often used for related terms.
 - Example: to find articles on **either** attention deficit OR ADHD, enter **(attention deficit or ADHD)** in one of the search boxes
- **Truncation:** use * to find words with the same root.
 - Example: **effect*** will retrieve effect and effects. Teen* would retrieve teen, teenager and teenagers.
- **Subject searching:** when you find a good article, look at the full record to find the subjects assigned to it. Use these subject terms in your search.
 - Example: Drug therapy is used for medication.

Full-text Articles:

- To view your retrieved citations, click on the linked title. If there is a link to "Linked Full Text," click on it to view the full-text article.
- If there is no direct link to full-text, use  to determine if the article is available online or in print at the library.
- If the article you need is not available at the Library, you can request it using **Interlibrary Loan (ILL)** link on the **ArticleLinker** Page.

Saving Citations:

- Click on the folder icon labeled "Add" next to each citation to collect references into your folder. Click on the folder to see your collected citations and/or full-text articles, then select "Print," "E-mail," or "Save to Disk."

Other Useful Resources:

- [Mental Measurements Yearbook](#)
- [Health and Psychosocial Instruments \(HAPI\)](#)