



Selected Resources for Research: Behavioral Sciences and Psychology

Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

Biographical Dictionary of Psychology. REF BF 109 .A1B56

Contains basic information and analysis, including descriptions of influences of about 500 individuals (living or deceased) whose work is of significance in psychology.

The Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science. REF BF 31 .E52 2001 vol. 1-4

Its purpose is "to make the current knowledge in psychology and behavioral science available to the community at large".

Dictionary of Concepts in General Psychology. REF BF 31 .P665

Makes accessible brief, authoritative discussions of major concepts in general psychology. Each entry consists of four parts. The first part briefly defines a concept's current meaning(s). The second part locates a concept's origins in the vocabulary of psychology and traces to the present how its various meanings developed. The third part cites fully all references discussed in the preceding part and the fourth part provides sources of additional information for further investigation of the concept.

Encyclopedia of Psychology. REF BF 31 .E52 2000 vol. 1-8

This source gives an in-depth review or introduction of all areas of psychology. It covers theories of personality, biographies, information about certain research studies, and psychological concepts to name a few. Articles include references.

Encyclopedia of Human Behavior. REF BF 31 .E5 vol. 1-4

A standard reference source that covers various aspects of human behavior.

International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences. REF H 41 .I58 vol. 1-26

Also available online - do a title search in the library catalog and click the link for the electronic version. Attempts to describe the state of the art in all the fields encompassed within the social and behavioral sciences.

Locating Books

Select 'Library Catalog' from the Library Home Page. You can search by subject, keyword, author, or title. Most of the time you will want to do a **keyword** search. This means searching for the words pertinent to your topic. For example when looking for books dealing with the relationship between gender and excelling in mathematics you would type in **mathematics and gender** as your keyword search. Be sure to check the availability before going to retrieve the book - it may be checked out. If you need help, please ask at the Reference Desk on the 6th floor..

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The following databases are available via the web, select 'Databases' from the Library Home Page. Select the alphabet of the database you need and finally click on the database.

PsycINFO. Indexes over 1,700 scholarly journals from 1887 to present. Also indexes books and book chapters from 1987 to present. **Contains some full text.**

PsycARTICLES. Indexes full text articles from journals published by the American Psychological Association. Most APA journals go back to Volume 1, Issue 1.

Sociological Abstracts. This database contains information from over 2,500 journals. Covers sociology, anthropology, behavioral science, political science, economics, and related disciplines. 1963-present.

Academic Search Elite. Indexes over 2,790 journals covering the social sciences, humanities, general science, education, multi-cultural studies, and more. **Provides full text** for over 1,530 of these titles. 1984 to present.

WilsonWeb. Covers journals in the field of behavioral science as well as other disciplines. **When in this database select Omni, Readers Guide, and Social Sciences. Provides some full text** 1982 to present.

Locating Periodicals (journals or magazines) after Using Databases

Locating journals or magazines when full text is not available online:

Some databases such as Academic Search Elite, WilsonWeb, and Sociological Abstracts provide the capability for checking further for full text: use the **Find It!** link. If you see a "Full text is available from" link, click the **GO** link to access full text. Otherwise, select the "Check for holdings in Cal Poly Pomona's Library Catalog" option. This will automatically search for the journal title in our library catalog.

If the journal is not available from this library go back to the **Find It!** screen and select the "Request document from Document Delivery" option. This option will obtain articles not owned by us from

another library. The requested items should be available in 2-3 days. For more information, see <http://illiad.library.csupomona.edu/illiad/firsttime.html>

Career Information

Great Jobs for Psychology Majors. REF BF 76. D44

Opportunities in Social Science Careers. REF H 62.5 .U5M37

Careers in Counseling and Human Development REF 637 .C6C325

For more resources see library guide titled 'Career Information Sources', located with the handouts near reference desk.

Web Sites

Research Guides for Selected Areas in the Social Sciences: Psychology

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~ecgibson>

I created this site to help you with research at Cal Poly Pomona. Has links to relevant databases, discusses how to write a term paper, provide links to site dealing with citing references and more. Try it.

For Psychology and other related websites which I and other librarians have reviewed and evaluated, visit our **Websites by Subject** at <http://www.csupomona.edu/~library/websites/> or from the library home page click on 'Websites by Subjects'. Select the A-Z link and click "P" for psychology.

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