

## PsycInfo Guide



### How do I get to PsycInfo?

At <http://library.lakeforest.edu> click on "Articles in Journals and Newspapers," and then click "PsycInfo."  
If you are off-campus: Enter the 14-digit barcode number from the back of your student ID or use the VPN



### Searching: How do I find articles on my topic?

The  **Map Terms to Subject Headings** box will be checked when the PsycInfo page appears.

Option 1  Leave it checked to search by subject headings from PsycInfo's Thesaurus.

Option 2  You can uncheck "Map terms to subject headings" box to search by keywords.

Option 3 Click the Basic Search tab to perform a natural language search like in Google.

Option 4 Click the Find Citation tab to search by author and journal or other citation elements.

Some search techniques (uncheck  Map terms to subject headings):

You type	for example	to tell PsycInfo to
a word	sleep	find all records of articles with records containing the word <i>sleep</i>
\$	sleep\$	expand a search to find records containing any of the words <i>sleep</i> , <i>sleeping</i> , <i>sleepers</i> , <i>sleepiness</i> , <i>sleeplessness</i> , <i>sleepwalking</i> , etc.
or	nightmare or night terror	expand a search to find records with the word <i>nightmare</i> or the phrase <i>night terror</i>
and	dream\$ and analysis	narrow the search to find only records containing any forms of the words <i>dream</i> and the word <i>analysis</i> , requiring that both terms appear in the record of each article
a string of words	dream analysis	only find records of articles containing the phrase <i>dream analysis</i>
not	dream\$ not dreamweaver	narrow the search to find records with the words <i>dream</i> , <i>dreams</i> , <i>dreaming</i> , <i>dreamed</i> , etc. but not with the word <i>DreamWeaver</i>
	dreaming not dissertation abstract.pt	find only records of articles and chapters that contain <i>dreaming</i> but are not of the dissertation abstract publication type (dissertations are generally difficult to obtain)
..ps		show your current search history in a printable format

**How do I combine searches with AND, OR, or NOT?** In the blue Search History box, click the words, "Click to expand."

**Why is my page blank or showing "text not available?"** "Do not use your Web browser's Back and Forward buttons. Unpredictable and undesirable results can occur. Use only the navigational aids provided within the Ovid interface" (PsycInfo).

At the top of the screen, click Main Search Page to go back to your list of search results or continue searching.


### Useful tools

- **Limits:** In the green box, click Limits *or* Additional Limits to narrow the search by English language only, All Journals only, etc.
- **Search Fields:** Click the Search Fields tab, then, for example, check the "md: methodology" box and enter "empirical study."
- **RefWorks:** Export your citations with or without abstracts to RefWorks. Scroll down to Results Manager. Under **Result Format** check **Direct Export**, then under **Actions** check **Save**. In RefWorks click **Bibliography**. Then click **Create Bibliography**.



### Getting Your PsycInfo articles

Some articles will have an **Ovid Full Text** link or a Full Text link.

For all others, click **Find It**  to determine whether the article is at the College in another database, in print, or if it is necessary to interlibrary loan the article.

For passwords or other research assistance, call the Library Reference Desk at x5074 or Nancy Sosna Bohm at x5057, [sosna@lakeforest.edu](mailto:sosna@lakeforest.edu)