

## PsycInfo/PsycArticles

**Description:** PsycINFO contains *citations* and *summaries* of journal articles, book chapters, books, dissertations, and technical reports, all in the field of psychology and the psychological aspects of related disciplines. It has some full-text and is connected to PsycArticles. **PsycArticles** is a database of full-text articles from journals published by the APA. You can search over 28,000 full-text articles from 50+ peer-reviewed journals, and chapters from selected APA books. You can browse journal issues from 1988-present.

Journal coverage for PsycInfo is 1887-present, including international material selected from more than 1,500 periodicals. Over 60,000 references are added annually through weekly updates.

**Access:** Go to the Library's "Databases" web page, and click on "P" for *PsycINFO/PsycARTICLES*.

**Special Terms & Functions:** You can use the *Basic Mode* for quick searches, but for more complex and efficient searches we recommend that you use the *Advanced Mode*. When you log onto PsycInfo, it defaults to the *Advanced Mode*. With the *Advanced Mode* you get these features:

- Automatically advanced mode maps your term to the controlled indexing language of the database for more precise retrieval.
- Displays and retains the results sets from each search you perform.
- Applies limits to a search you have already done.
- Terms can be combined using Boolean logic (AND, OR, NOT).
- Multiple terms are searched as a phrase.
- The truncation symbol for PsycInfo on Ovid is \$ so when you search for parent\$ you find parents, parent, parenting, etc.
- **Help** button: You can use the HELP button to find information on how to search and use the different options that the OVID interface has to offer you. For trouble with login use: vc6501 and password: vabeach.

**Steps to Research:** PsycInfo/PsycArticles automatically defaults to the *Advanced Mode* screen where it **maps** your term to controlled subject headings that correspond to your query. This usually results in higher quality retrieval. BUT, you can un-map your term if you do not get good results by unchecking the "Map Term to Subject Heading" box.

In addition to subject and keyword searches, you may execute an **author** search; or a **title** search to search for a word or phrase contained within a document title. You can also do a **journal** search to look for documents that appeared in a particular journal. You can also explore the **search fields** to search for a word or phrase contained within one or more document fields.

Another search option is to **combine** two or more search statements in your search history. You can apply **Limits** to your query before you click the *Perform Search* button by selecting one or more *Limit* checkboxes. To limit previously created sets (or, search phrases) in the **Search History** window, click the *Limit* icon and follow the instructions that appear on your screen. The *Limit* icon is unavailable until there is a search statement.

You may view the full text of an article by limiting to full text.

**Mark Records** – From the results page you can mark your records, and you can customize your display or reset your display. The *Citation Manager* appears at the end of the *Titles Display* page. It allows you to display, print preview, save, or email citations. Work from left to right to specify the Citation Manager options.

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