Sociology 1A06: Finding Scholarly Sociology Articles

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Need Help? Just Ask!
By the end of this session, you will be able to…

• find peer-reviewed journal articles on a topic in the field of Sociology
• get the full text of the articles using the Get it! button
• complete the first part of your assignment with ease!
Articles defined

- Articles are published on an ongoing basis, in various sources such as:
  - newspapers (daily)
  - mass media magazines (e.g. weekly)
  - scholarly/academic journals (e.g. monthly, quarterly)
What are academic journals?

- articles in “academic” or “scholarly” journal articles are:
  - written by and for researchers/academics
  - long, in-depth
  - no advertisements
  - include references (a bibliography or “works cited list” at the end of each article)
What does “Peer-Reviewed” mean?

• many, but not all, academic or scholarly journals are “peer-reviewed” (also known as “refereed”)

• articles are evaluated and examined by experts in the same field of study before publication to ensure accuracy/credibility
How do you find articles? – Databases!

• locate articles by subject, author, etc.
• “what exists” but not necessarily “what the library owns”
• some have
  – full text of the articles
  – citations only (what’s that?)
  – abstracts of articles (what’s that?)
Sociological Abstracts

• the major database of academic journal articles for sociology
• 1952 to the present
• **958,000+ abstracts** of journal articles from over 1,800 publications
• also lists **books, book chapters, book reviews, dissertations (what’s that?)**, and **conference papers**
To get to Sociological Abstracts…

1. go to the library home page
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Find books, journal titles, online resources and other materials in all four campus libraries and affiliates.

search for keywords, author, etc.  Search begins with…

Go to: Classic MORRIS | Other Library Catalogues | Center for Research Libraries Catalogue
2. click on the **Articles/Databases** tab
3. Click the "**find articles by subject**" dropdown
4. choose Sociology
5. choose **Sociological Abstracts**
6. click the title to connect
Caution!!!

• once you’re in the database don’t change the Subject Area!
Challenge!

Using Sociological Abstracts, find articles about:

the culture of body modification

Tip:

- Databases aren’t like Google!
- You can’t just type a whole phrase
- You have to combine keywords and phrases using the word *and*
Your query did not find any matching records in this resource type. Records were matched in other resource type(s).

The culture of body modification
Searching Tips & Tricks

Tip #1: Pick out the main concepts of your topic
  • culture
  • body modification

Tip #2: Combine the main ideas with “and”
  • culture and body modification
95 results found for: culture and body modification in Multiple Databases

1. **Metal Music and Mental Health in France**
   Recours, Robin; Aussaguel, Francois; Trujillo, Nick
   *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, vol. 33, no. 3, pp. 473-488, Sep 2009

   ... education, motivation and participation in metal music *culture*. The results indicated that fans of metal music are mainly young adults (median age=22.67, SD=5.29) and tend to be male (87.85 percent). As a whole, metal music fans have levels of ...
Searching Tips & Tricks

Tip #3: Use the asterisk symbol * (wildcard) to retrieve plurals and alternate endings

*modif* will retrieve
modify
modification
modifications, etc.
Try it!

• How would you use the wildcard to get all the possible endings for the word *piercings*?
  1. piercings*
  2. piercing*
  3. pierc*
  4. pier*
Database Searching Tips & Tricks

**Tip #4:** Think of synonyms for your search terms, e.g. for *body modification*:
- tattooing
- piercings

**Tip #5:** Combine synonyms with “or” and enclose in brackets:
- (body modif* or tattoo* or pierc*)

...or use [Advanced Search](#)
Advanced Searching

- easy to combine “ands” and “ors” using the boxes
- can also limit by things like:
  - date
  - publication type
  - language
Advanced Search Example
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Sorting by Relevance

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1. **Anchoring the (Postmodern) Self?** *Body Modification, Fashion, and Identity*
   
   **Sweetman, Paul**
   
   *Body & Society*, vol. 5, no. 2-3, pp. 51-76, June-Sept 1999

   A considerable resurgence in the popularity of *tattooing & piercing* has been dismissed by some as a fashionable trend, while others have argued that the relative permanence of such forms of *body* modification ...

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2. **‘Body Art’ and Social Status: Cutting, Tattooing and Piercing from a Feminist Perspective**
   
   **Jeffreys, Sheila**
   
   *Feminism & Psychology*, vol. 10, no. 4, pp. 409-429, Nov 2000

   This article analyzes the developing industry of *body* modification. in which cutting.
Tip #6: The “One Good Article” Strategy

• to focus your search
• find 1 good article

-College Students, Tattooing, and the Health Belief Model: Extending Social Psychological Perspectives on Youth Culture and Deviance
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Recap: Search Tips

- Pick out the **main concepts**
- Combine words and phrases with “**and**”
- Use the **wildcard** * (in databases only)
- Find **synonyms**
- Combine **synonyms** with Advanced Search
- Find **1 good book or article** and use **descriptors/subjects** to get more like it

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