



Finding Articles

Social Sciences Inquiry

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Finding Scholarly Articles in the Social Sciences

1. Finding references to articles
2. Getting the articles
3. Downloading, emailing, printing, etc.



Questions?

any time during the session!

Before you start a new research project...

- Check Library and Research Help Desk Hours
<http://library.mcmaster.ca/>
- time your research so we can help!



The 4 McMaster University Libraries

- **MILLS** -- Humanities and Social Sciences
- **INNIS** -- Business
- **THODE** -- Science and Engineering
- **HEALTH** Sciences

Library Locations

Thode

Mills

Health

Innis

CAMPUS MAP

INDEX - Campus Buildings

University Hall (UH)	1	Whidden Hall	19	Life Sciences Bldg. (LS)
Hamilton Hall (HH)	2	Gilmour Hall (GH)	20	Bates Residence
Refectory	4	Westworth House (WH)	21	H.G. Thode Library of Science
Edwards Hall (EH)	5	General Sciences Bldg. (GSB)	22	Engineering (TL)
Wallingford Hall	6	Chester New Hall (CNH)	23	Communications Research I
President's Residence / Alumni Advancement	7	Ivor Wynn Centre (IWC)	24	Hodden Hall
University Club	8	A.N. Bourns Science Bldg. (ABB)	25	Michael G. DeGroot School of Business (MGD)
Nuclear Research Bldg. (NRB)	9	Mathews Hall	26	Institute for Applied Health Sciences (IAHS)
Mills Memorial Library (MML) (and McMaster Museum of Art)	10	McKay Hall	27	Information Technology Bldg
Burke Science Bldg. (BSB)	11	Commons Bldg. (CB)	28	The Mary E. Keyes Residence
E.T. Clarke Centre (ETC)	12	Togo Salmon Hall (TSH)	29	McMaster University Student Centre (MUSC)
Norman (Pinky) Lewis Field House	13	Biology Greenhouse (BG)	30	Centre for Learning & Design
Nuclear Reactor (NR)	15	Tandem Accelerator Building	32	Building T-Thirteen
John Hodgins Engineering Bldg. (JHE)	16	Applied Dynamics Bldg. (ADB)	33	Building T-Twenty-eight
John Hodgins Engineering Annex	16a	Psychology Bldg. (PB)	34	Building T-Twenty-nine
Divinity College	17	Woodstock Hall	35	
Moulton Hall	18	Brandon Hall	36	
		Health Sciences Centre (HSC)	37	
		Kenneth Taylor Hall (KTH)	38	

LEGEND

- Campus Entrances
- Parking
- Go Transit Stops
- HSR (Local Hamilton Transit)



Article Indexes – What are they?

- most are online **databases**; some are in print only
- locate articles by subject, author, etc.
- “what exists” but not necessarily “what’s in the library”
- some have
 - **full text** of the articles
 - **citations** (references) only
 - **abstracts** (summaries) of articles

Connecting to Databases

- start at the Library home page:
 - <http://library.mcmaster.ca>
 - click on the *Databases* tab > *Databases by Subject* > *Social Sciences* > *Music*
- authentication required?
 - from **library, MacConnect, technology centre, home:**
yes! -- **MAC ID** (or LibAccess)
 - from **residence:** **no!**

Social Sciences Databases

- AgeLine
- America, history and life
- Anthropology plus
- Communication abstracts
- Contemporary women's issues
- EconLit (CSA)
- PsycINFO
- Social sciences abstracts
- Sociological abstracts (CSA)
- Studies on women and gender abstracts
- Worldwide political science abstracts (CSA)





Challenge!

Find articles about

***quality of life of people
on social assistance***

(3 minutes)



Searching Databases Skills & Tips

or,

*“Databases Don’t Work
the Same Way as
Google!”*

Avoid the most common mistake in searching

quality of life of people on social assistance

- search engine tries to find that exact phrase
 - you get 0 results

Tip: Identify Key Words and Phrases

- analyze your search statement:

quality of life of people on *social assistance*

- ...and break your topic into parts:

quality of life, social assistance

Phrases are fine, but...

- not too long, just one idea per phrase,
e.g. **social assistance**
- **MORRIS**
 - have to use “quotation marks” to indicate a phrase
- **most other databases**
 - assume any string of words is a phrase
 - exceptions: **and, or, not**

Truncation, or Wild Card

- an **asterisk *** retrieves **words with different endings**
- **broadens** your search

canad* gets **canada**
canadian
canadians, etc.

Truncation Tips – Be Careful!

- don't truncate too far back:
 - e.g. **can***
 - you'll get words like **candy**
canal, etc.
- don't truncate too close to the end
 - e.g. **canada***
 - you'll miss words like **canadian**

Combining Terms: *AND*

- **narrows** your search by requiring both search terms

quality of life and social assistance

Combining Terms: **OR**

- **broadens** your search
- to include **synonyms, alternate spellings, abbreviations**, etc. in your search
- always enclose the or'd words in **parentheses**:

(social security or social assistance)

(united nations or u.n. or un)

Putting It All Together

*quality of life and
(social security or social assistance)*



Sorting by Relevance

Challenge!

Sort this set of results by Relevance



Peer-Reviewed Journals

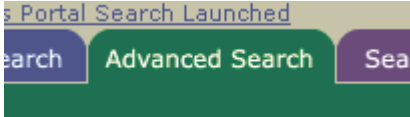
Challenge!

Limit your results to “Peer-Reviewed Journals” Only

The “One Good Article” Strategy

- to **focus** your search
- find **1 good article**
- use language from **descriptors** (or identifiers or subject headings), **authors** to get more


Search Within Fields

- to **focus** your search
- use  green 'advanced search' tab and drop-down menus to search only within the:
 - **titles**
 - **authors**
 - **descriptors**, etc.

Limiting

- to **narrow** your search
- Advanced Search screen
- typical limits:
 - **date**, e.g. 2001-2006
 - **publication type**, e.g. journal article
 - **language**, e.g. English

Do We Have Access to the Article?

- some databases have **hotlinks** to some articles
- if no hotlinks, click  ...to see whether the library has an **online or paper subscription** to the journal
- we may have:
 - one or more online subscriptions
 - one or more paper subscriptions
 - or both
 - or neither

What if Get It! doesn't work?

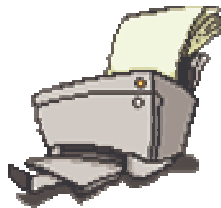
- if Get It! doesn't appear, or doesn't work:
 - open another browser
 - go to [MORRIS](#)
 - and do a **Journal Title** search
- what would you type in the MORRIS search box if you were looking for #1? that way?
- how would you find article #1 on the shelf?



Output



- **saving** or **emailing** your list of references



- **printing** or **photocopying** an article



The Library Printer Network

- printers in Mills, Thode, Innis, Health Sciences
- send from any library computer
- uses library Debit card
- same card, same cost as photocopying (10¢ a page)

Photocopying in The Libraries

- Journals are Non-Circulating
 - (they don't go out)
- Photocopy machines
 - self-service; all libraries; no cash
- Library Debit cards: dispensers or Bookstore
 - \$3 - \$20
 - \$2 for card; then 10¢ or less a page

What if we don't have it?

- RACER
- inter-library loans
- articles: ~~\$5~~ -- now free!
- books: free
- 7-10 day delivery (average)

Ulrichs

- to check if a journal is
 - academic/scholarly
 - peer reviewed/refereed
- how to get it:
 - through the Database tab: type *ulrichs* in the search window

Review: Finding Articles

1. Finding references to articles
 - article index (via **Databases**)
2. Getting the articles
 - **Get It!** or **MORRIS**
3. **download, email, print** or **photocopy** references and articles
 - library debit card, library printer network
4. find articles on the **shelf**:
 - location + call number – MORRIS
 - volume, issue, year, pages, etc. – article database

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...and don't forget –

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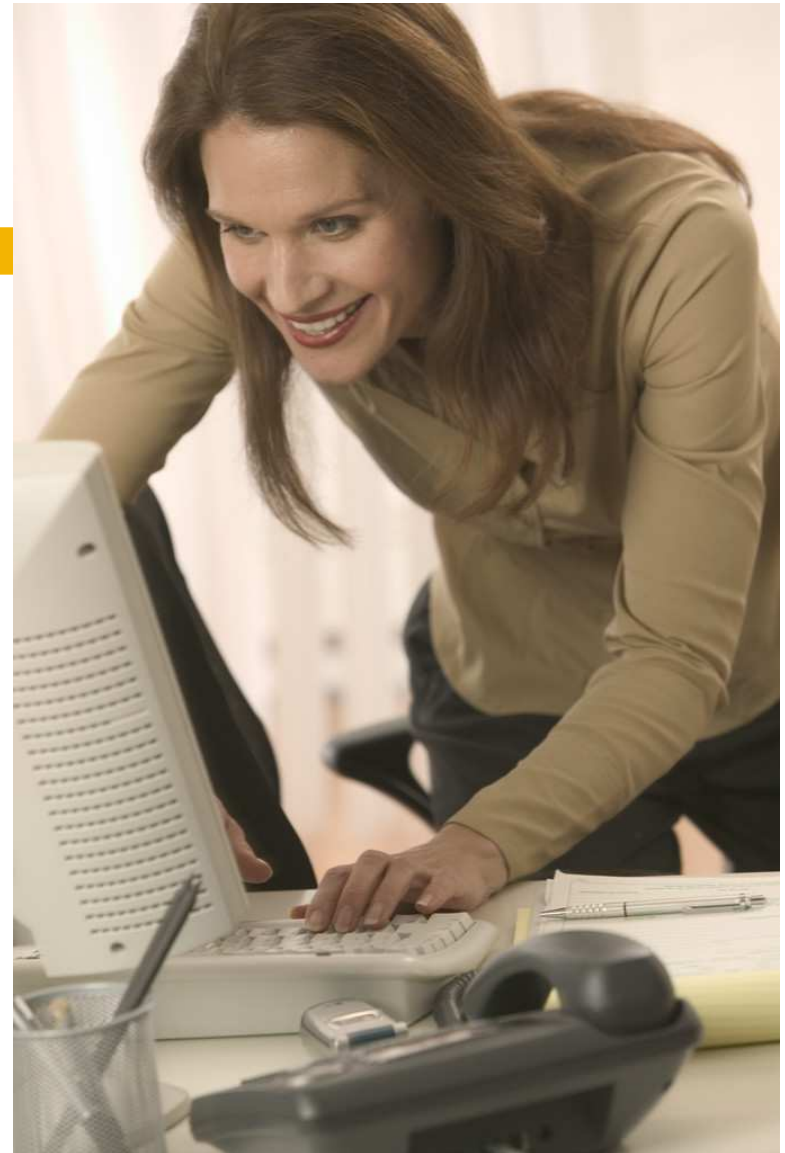
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Good Luck with your Assignments!



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