Sociology 1A06: Finding Academic Sources and Newspaper Articles

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Need Help? Just Ask!

Your Assignment

Q1. You've found a reference to an article in Sociological Abstracts -- How do you get the full text of the article?

a) the full text is all there in Sociological Abstracts
b) you have to look up the article in the library catalogue
c) click the "Get It!" button to find out if we have access to the full text online or on the shelf

Q2. Which search will retrieve articles about the effect of television violence on children in a database like Sociological abstracts?

a. the effect of television violence on children
b. television and violence and children
c. television, violence, children
d. television + violence + children
Q3. Which of these wildcard searches will retrieve: *child, children, child's* and *children's*, but not *chillblains*?

a. chil*

b. child*

c. childr*

d. children*

By the end of this session, you will be able to…

◆ Find Academic Sources
  ◆ journal articles
  ◆ books
  ◆ Find Newspaper Articles

Finding Articles

Where are articles published?

• scholarly sources
  – journals
  – scholarly edited books
• non-scholarly sources
  – newspapers
  – magazines
Sociological Abstracts

- the major database of academic journal articles for sociology
- 1952 to the present
- over 898,000 abstracts of journal articles from over 1,800 publications
- has books and book chapters too

To get to Sociological Abstracts…

1. go to the library home page
   http://library.mcmaster.ca/

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

Sociological Abstracts
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

5 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
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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 with piercings?
  a. piercings*
  b. piercing*
  c. pierc*
  d. pier*
5 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
Journal Articles

Where on the screen can you limit your results to “Journals” only?

Other Formats

✔ Journals 6137  ✔ Peer-Reviewed Journals 5644  ✔ Conferences 11  ✔ Books 15

✔ Chapters/Essays 27  ✔ Book Reviews 125  ✔ Working Papers 3  ✔ Dissertations 530

Sorting by Relevance

where on the screen can you sort this set of results by Relevance?
Now “get” the Article

- Look for [Pdf Text PDF (241)] to get the article online

OR

- Click the green button
  - to get links to our online subscription(s) if available, or
  - to the library catalogue for a print version, if available
Title: Punk, Porn and Resistance: Carnivalization and The Body in Popular Culture
Source: Current sociology [0011-3921] Langman yr:2008 vol.56 iss.4 pg.657 -677

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Body art, deviance, and American college students
Koehl, Jerome R; Roberts, Aiden E; Armstrong, Myrna L; Owen, Donna P.
This research examines the relationship between body art (tattoos and piercings) and deviance. With the increasing mainstream presence of visible tattoos and piercings among entertainers, ...

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Other strategies

- check out more of the left ‘refine your search’ options:
  - date
  - location
  - format
  - subject
  - language, etc.
What does it all mean?

- title
- author(s) or editor(s)
- place, publisher & year of publication

Library location    call number     in/out status

Is it out?

- Checked in: it’s on the shelf
- Checked out or In Storage: click the link to request it; you’ll get an email when it arrives

Now how do I find the book?

- where is it shelved?
  - which library?
  - where in the library?
  - use Book Locator to find the right floor
  - http://library.mcmaster.ca/find/locator.pdf
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• over 350 full text newspapers, e.g.
  – New York Times (1980-)
  – Times (London) / Sunday Times (1985-)
  – Hamilton Spectator (1991-)
  – Globe & Mail (1977-)
  – Toronto Star (1985-)
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**Coverage:** Coverage by date varies by publication. Some sources date back as far as the 1970s, but the majority of sources are indexed from the early 1990s to the present.

**Note:** NOTE: A new interface for LexisNexis Academic was introduced in Canada on July 1, 2010. See this [post](#) for a summary of the changes.

1. exclamation mark replaces ending (one or more letters, unlimited)
2. asterisk replaces one letter (or none)
Major World Publications

- full-text news sources from around the world
- held in high esteem for their content reliability
- includes the world's major newspapers, magazines and trade publications
- e.g. The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Times (London), The Globe and Mail (Canada)
Results

1. Dancing to the beat of their own tattoo; No longer taboo for women, tattoos are the new cover-up
   The Toronto Star, October 9, 2010 Saturday, INSIGHT; Pg. IN1; 1699 words

2. UP FRONT TATTOO ARTISTS MAKE THEIR MARK
   The Globe and Mail (Canada), June 16, 1999, Wednesday, Edition 1, 818 words, Michelle Shephard

3. ILLUSTRATED MAN
   The Globe and Mail (Canada), October 3, 1981 Saturday, 1490 words, DALE ANN FREED; GAM

4. The college prof who was fascinated by tattoos
   The Globe and Mail (Canada), November 3, 2007 Saturday, WEEKEND REVIEW; GALLERY GOING: VISUAL ART: REVIEWS; Pg. R18, 1110 words, GARY MICHAEL DAULT

5. Ecological body art all the rage, tattooers say
   The Toronto Star, January 18, 1992, Saturday, SATURDAY SECOND EDITION, INSIGHT; Pg. D6, 494 words, CP

6. MIDDLE KINGDOM How tattoos can be made to fade away SKIN-DEEP ART / A new laser technique has come to the aid of people who are having second thoughts about their cutaneous illustrations.
   The Globe and Mail (Canada), March 31, 1995 Friday, 1062 words, WALLACE IMMEN; GAM

7. Tattoo me bad: University study says the more inked you are, the more prone you are...