UIC LIBRARY RESEARCH TIP SHEET: EDUCATION

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For help by chat: Use box on the bottom any library website page

FINDING ARTICLES
Find education and psychology research tools such as PsycINFO, ERIC, Education Research Complete and Google Scholar under Databases on the library website (http://library.uic.edu). You can also search entire collections; Proquest Databases includes PsycINFO, ERIC, PAIS International and more, and EBSCOHost includes ERIC, Education Research Complete, Academic Search Complete and more.

EDUCATION SUBJECT GUIDE
The Education Subject Guide offers a comprehensive list of education-related search tools (http://researchguides.uic.edu/education)

SINGLE DATABASE VS. MULTI-DATABASE SEARCHING
Searching a single database such as ERIC or PsycINFO allows you to use certain features of the database more effectively, such as doing a focused subject search using the database’s preferred subject terms or applying certain limits and filters (e.g. the methodology or age filters in PsycINFO). While you can search the Proquest Databases collection in its entirety or select multiple databases from a menu, be aware that you may be sacrificing some of the functionality offered by individual databases in order to cover more ground with your search.

FIND IT@UIC: CONNECTING TO FULL-TEXT AND ORDERING ARTICLES VIA INTERLIBRARY LOAN
When viewing an article record, many articles include a link to the PDF for immediate access to the article. If the PDF is not included, click Find It@UIC to access full-text from another collection or to order the article through Interlibrary Loan/ILLiad. Set up an account by clicking on First Time Users. You will enter your library number from your UIC i-Card, a 14-digit number beginning with 28198.

DATABASE SEARCHING USING BOOLEAN LOGIC AND WILDCARDS
With the exception of Google Scholar, most article databases allow you to incorporate and combine multiple keywords into a search using Boolean search logic.

“social inequality” AND education = results include both social inequality and education (“social inequality” OR “social injustice”) AND (schools OR education) = results include articles focusing on either “social inequality” OR “social injustice” combined with either schools OR education

Use truncation to get more results by searching for alternate word endings:
school* = school, schools, or schooling
TOOLS FOR TAKING YOUR SEARCH A STEP FURTHER (AKA, WHO’S CITED THIS?)

Once you’ve begun to identify relevant articles, you can expand your search by finding out who’s cited those articles. This can connect you to more recent research, and give you some indication of the impact of an article.

Try entering the article title in Google Scholar to begin with. The record will connect you to other publications that the article was cited by, and often to the number of times the article was cited in Web of Science, another library database. The number of “cited references” in Web of Science will always be lower than the Cited By number in Google Scholar since Web of Science only tracks journals that are considered “high impact,” while Google Scholar is less restrictive and includes duplicate references. Scopus (also listed under Databases) is another tool you can use to check where an article has been.

Web of Science and Scopus are great tools for researchers who are seeking information on the publication history and impact of individual scholars as well as journal impact metrics.

SAVING CITATIONS TO REFWORKS OR OTHER CITATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

RefWorks and other citation managers allow you to create a personal database of your citations and organize them into folders. You can also use these tools to create bibliographies in different citation styles and insert in-text citations into your MS Word or Google Docs documents. To get started with RefWorks, connect to RefWorks (New) under Databases and create an account using your UIC email address as your login.

Most databases and search tools allow you to send/export results to a citation manager. To export results, look for options to Save, Export or Cite (databases use different labels for this feature). Find more information about RefWorks at https://researchguides.uic.edu/refworks

FINDING BOOKS

You can use the Library Search on the homepage to search for print books and e-books by doing a keyword or title search. In addition, you can use the UIC catalog directly by clicking on “Use the Library Search” and then “UIC library catalog”.

LOCATING BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Use the call number to locate the book in the library. Call numbers are located on the following floors: Most education books are located on the 4th floor south in the L call number range.

ORDERING BOOKS VIA I-SHARE

If the UIC library does not have a book, or it is checked out, you can order the book from I-Share. I-Share is a group of other academic libraries in Illinois that have reciprocal borrowing arrangements. Books typically take 3-5 business days to arrive. (You must first create an account using the Library number on your UIC i-Card.)

ORDERING BOOKS VIA INTERLIBRARY LOAN

You can order books that are not available through I-Share through Interlibrary Loan/ILLiad (the same account through which you order articles not available at UIC)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Send suggestions about the education collection to Annie Armstrong (annie@uic.edu)