Introduction to Psychology
Library Research

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Webinar Overview

Navigating the library
- Course Guides
- Assignment help
- Psychology Research Homepage

Finding articles for discussions & assignments
- Scholarly information
- Peer review
- Library databases
Navigating the Walden Library

[Image of library.waldenu.edu interface with arrows pointing to different sections: Subject Resources, Course Guides, Library Skills]
Course Guides

- Textbook – listed in syllabus, contact Walden Bookstore
- Blackboard readings – linked directly in classroom
- **Library readings** – found in **Course Guides** on Library homepage

### Readings

  - Chapter 8: “Hypothesis Testing and Inferential Statistics”


Course Guides: Assignment Help

Assignment help

Library readings
Scholarly Articles
- Published in academic journals
- May report on author’s original research (example: research articles)
- May review or summarize other researchers work (example: literature reviews)

Peer Review
- Journals are ‘peer reviewed’
- Articles published in them are reviewed by experts who evaluate the research presented in the article

Library Databases
- Electronic, searchable collections of journals (and other materials like books, videos, etc.)
- Searches can be limited to full text, peer review, and by date (and other criteria)
- *EBSCO and ProQuest are not databases; they’re companies that license databases to libraries and other organizations*
Searching Library Databases
1. Navigate to the Psychology Research Homepage, and select a psychology database. PsycINFO is a good place to start.
2. Break your topic into **keywords**, and enter one idea/concept per search box.

3. **Limit your search** to full text, peer review, and/or publication date.
4. Click **Search**.

5. Review your results. Do you see articles that will work for your discussion or assignment?

6. **Experiment** with your search by using different keywords and keyword combinations.
7. Get the **full text** article. Look for PDF, HTML, or **Find @ Walden**.
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