

Course: CRIM 220
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Activity 1

Part 1 Developing your search terms

1. Choose ONE research topic:

- a) **The interactions between Indigenous people and the Canadian criminal justice system**
- b) **The role racism plays in mass incarceration in the United States**
- c) **Organized crime in Canadian correctional facilities**

2. Please identify the main concepts for your topic, and provide at least two synonyms or related terms for each.

Concept 1:	Concept 2:	Concept 3:
Synonyms:	Synonyms:	Synonyms:

Part 2 Searching PsycINFO + Criminal Justice Abstracts

3. Imagine that these boxes are the search lines in a database. Please fill them out as if you were conducting a search on this same topic. Use **“OR”** in one of these lines to indicate the proper use of synonyms. **See my example on the screen**

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Activity 2

Part 1: How to get to PsycINFO

1. Navigate to the SFU Library website and click on the HELP tab
2. Click on find materials by subject + course under research assistance
3. Scroll down and click on Criminology
4. Scroll down and click on CRIM 220: Research Methods in Criminology
5. On left hand screen, click on Books + articles
6. Under journals articles click on PsycINFO
7. Click Connect

Part 2: How to use PsycINFO + Criminal Justice Abstracts

1. Once you're on PsycINFO, click on Choose Databases at the top of your screen.
2. Navigate to the Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text and click the box beside it
3. Scroll down and click OK. Now you will be able to search within PsycINFO and Criminal Justice Abstracts!
4. Conduct a keyword search using the keywords that you crafted (remember you can use OR!)
5. On the left hand of your screen, limit your results to only peer reviewed sources
6. Narrow down your results to only articles published within the last 5 years (then reset)
7. Look at only results marked as being an empirical study (then reset)
8. Change the population and age group that best fits your research question (then reset)
9. Choose one of the articles that looks interesting to you. Look at the full record for the article (noting source, author, abstract, methodology, etc.)
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