Psychology 201 – Library Research Lab – Summer 2019

**Part 1 Developing your search terms**

1. Research topic: *Assess the impact of the media on the body image of young women*
2. Please identify the main concepts for your topic, and provide at least two synonyms or related terms for each.

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

1. Go to the THESAURUS (upper left of screen) in PsycINFO, and search for each of these main concepts. Please select the “relevancy ranked” option before searching.
2. Please provide examples of at least one related Subject Headings for each of the three concepts.

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| Concept 1: | Concept 2: | Concept 3: |
| Subject Heading: | Subject Heading: | Subject Heading: |

**Part 2 Searching PsycINFO**

1. 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**

AND AND

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 RESEARCH ASSISTANCE – FIND MATERIALS BY SUBJECT + COURSE
3. Scroll down and click on PSYCHOLOGY
4. On left hand screen of the Psychology research guide, click on BOOKS + ARTICLES
5. Under the JOURNAL ARTICLES - click on PsycINFO
6. Click Connect

# Part 2: How to use PsycINFO

1. Conduct a **keyword** search using the keywords that you crafted (remember you can use OR!)
2. On the left hand of your screen, limit your results to only **academic journals**
3. Narrow down your results to only articles published within the last 10 years (then reset)
4. Using the **methodology** limiter, limit your results to empirical studies only (then reset)
5. Change the **population** and **age group** that best fits your research question (then reset)
6. Choose one of the articles that looks interesting to you. Look at the full record for the article (noting source, author, abstract, methodology, subjects, etc.)
7. **Email** yourself a link to the article in APA format
8. Access the article in **full text pdf**

o Double check to see if the article contains in-text citations, reference list, published by scholarly journal, and the author has an advanced degree and affiliated to a university/college

Activity 3

# Get@SFU

* 1. Find this article in PsycINFO:

Hou, Y., Jiang, T., & Wang, Q. (2017). Socioeconomic status and online shaming: The mediating role of belief in a just world. *Computers in Human Behavior*, *76*, 19–25. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2017.07.003

* 1. We do not appear to have the full text of this article in PsycINFO. Click on the Get@SFU button. What do you find?



**Part 3 – Searching PsycTESTS**

1. Access the PsycTESTS database by searching for it in Library Search.
2. Run a similar search as you did in PsycINFO. Did you receive many results?
3. Search for the test, *Interest in Seeking Health Resources Measure*.
   1. Click on the PDF. What sort of test is provided?
   2. Is there a scoring key?
   3. According to the test record, what is the **construct** being measured?
   4. Is the original article which the test is associated with attached the record? If not, how might you obtain in?
4. Go to the **Index** in PsycTESTS. Choose the index **“construct”** to browse and hit search. Note the range of constructs being measured, as well as the number of records associated with each.
5. Search for “body image” as a construct. How many tests are associated with this? Click on “add” and then run a search to view some of the results, and range of tests included here.