

Political Science 2701 - Introduction to Political Methodology and Research
FINDING BOOKS in Reese Library

Use [GIL](#), the library catalog, for finding books in Reese Library. A link to the catalog (GIL) is available on the [Reese Library Home Page](#).

Search by [subject headings](#) to find sources on a subject:

- *Public Opinion* as a broad subject term
- *Public Opinion* as a subject, combined with Elections as a keyword, to be more specific
- Or *Voting Behavior* as a Keyword (Title/Subject)

Library collection locations:

- [Library collection locations by floorplan](#).
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Electronic Indexes/Abstracts for Education (all resources listed here are part of the database offerings in GALILEO, Georgia's Virtual Library):

- [ABI/INFORM Complete](#) provides full text for over 1,461 U.S. and international journals covering all aspect of business and management. In addition to the full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for 759 journals. ABI/INFORM Complete is a complete database comprised of ABI/INFORM Global, Dateline, and Trade & Industry sub-sets. Direct access to specific company information via Hoover's Company Capsules and Profiles can be found within full-text articles in ABI Inform Complete and ABI Inform Dateline. Links are indicated with an information icon followed by a company name.
- [Academic Search Premier](#) (Ebsco) provides abstracts and indexing for over 3,800, as well as full text for over 3,200 scholarly journals and general magazines. [Research Library](#) provides abstracts and indexing for over 2,600, as well as full text for over 1,700 scholarly journals and general magazines. Both of these databases are linked directly from the GALILEO home page.
- [Census Data \(U.S. Census Bureau\)](#) offers the most comprehensive demographic data for the United States. The site includes information and statistics on the nation's population, housing, business and manufacturing activity, international trade, farming, and state and local governments.
- The [ERIC](#) (Educational Resources Information Center) database covers all aspects of education and educational research, includes both abstracts of published and unpublished sources on thousands of educational topics. It corresponds to the printed indexes of RIE (Resources in Education) and CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education). This database is produced by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI), U.S. Department of Education. The EbscoHOST, Cambridge Scientific, and AskERIC versions of the ERIC database include the searchable Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors. Coverage: 1962 to the present Updates: Monthly.
 - Click on [GALILEO databases](#) and select the "Social Sciences" tab, then the "Education" subject area.
 - Then click ERIC, (at EBSCOHost with some full text articles and documents) or at Cambridge Scientific (no full text)) to search the database.
 - The free AskERIC version of the database is also available at [ERICWeb Portal](#). This version of the database offers a robust search interface, and will link to ERIC documents that are available in full text, but no full text journal articles.
- [GeorgiaNet](#) is the online connection to the State of Georgia. It provides a way to stay in touch with what is happening throughout the state and to access information on the many services and

programs available in Georgia. In addition to legislative and government agency information, there are links to resources for children, travel information about the state, and the Governor's office.

Updates: Ongoing

- [Lexis-Nexis' Academic Universe](#) contains approximately 5,000 publications, virtually all including full text. Many types of publications are included, but there is a strong emphasis on legal information, including case law, legal news and law reviews. Other types of publications include newspapers (in English and many other languages), general interest magazines, medical journals, trade publications, company financial information, transcripts, wire service reports, government publications (such as the federal case law, U.S. Code, Code of Federal Regulations, Congressional Testimony, etc.), and reference works (such as the Forbes Annual Directory, the Official Guide/American Marketplace and the US Global Trade Outlook). Coverage: Dates of coverage varies with the publication Updates: Varies with the publication (hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, annually). Click on [GALILEO](#) and search for "lexis" to connect to the database. If you are working off-campus, be sure to use the [off-campus link to Lexis-Nexis](#)
- [PsycINFO](#) (at Ebsco) contains more than one million citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, dissertations and technical reports, all in the field of psychology. Journal coverage, which spans from 1887 to present, includes international material selected from more than 1,700 periodicals in over 35 languages. More than 60,000 records are added each year. It also includes information about the psychological aspects of related disciplines such as medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business and law.
- Printed Index: *Psychological Abstracts* contains summaries of psychology and psychology-related English-language journal articles, technical reports, book chapters, and books; organized by subject area for easy browsing. Cumulative author and subject indexes are published annually. Found in the reference stacks in the Reference Room on the first floor of Reese Library (REF BF1 .P65).
- [Sociological Abstracts](#) (from Cambridge) is a primary resource for accessing research in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. International in scope, over 2,600 journals and other serials publications, plus conference papers, books, and dissertations are covered. Records added after 1974 contain nonevaluative abstracts of journal articles. Also available in print in the Reference Room. Ref. HM1 .S67, 1953 to present.

Suggested GALILEO databases for research on topics of general interest (all resources listed here are part of the database offerings in GALILEO, Georgia's Virtual Library):

- [Current Contents](#) is a multidisciplinary database that covers approximately 7,000 scholarly journals in the sciences, the social sciences, and the arts and humanities. The database provides article citations, many with abstracts, from 1992 to the present. Updates: Weekly. A [GALILEO database](#)
- [Dissertation Abstracts Online](#) covers dissertations accepted at accredited U.S. institutions since 1861. It selectively covers masters theses, Canadian dissertations, and British and other European dissertations. Abstracts are included for dissertations beginning July 1980 and for masters theses beginning spring 1988. (NOTE: For dissertations and theses completed prior to those dates, references are given to the print edition of Dissertation Abstracts, American Doctorial Dissertations and Master Abstracts. Abstracts may be consulted in those publications. Check with your librarian for further information.) Coverage: 1861-Present. Updates: Monthly. A [GALILEO database](#) (produced by UMI)
- [Wilson OmniFile: Full Text Mega Edition](#) is a multi-disciplinary database providing indexing, abstracts, and full text - from six of Wilson's databases: Education Full Text, General Science Full Text, Humanities Full Text, Readers' Guide Full Text, Social Sciences Full Text, Wilson Business Full Text. Abstracts and indexing from five additional periodical databases are included; when available, full-text articles are also included: Applied Science & Technology Full Text, Art Full Text, Biological & Agricultural Index, Index to Legal Periodicals & Books, Library Literature & Information Science Full Text.
- [WorldCat](#) - The world's most comprehensive bibliographic database, with records representing information spanning 4,000 years of knowledge. Coverage: Approx. 1000 A.D. to the present. Search

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OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

- [National Election Studies](#) is primarily a data collection and distribution effort. Its mission is to produce high quality data on voting, public opinion, and political participation that serve the research needs of social scientists, teachers, students, policy makers and journalists concerned with the theoretical and empirical foundations of mass politics in a democratic society.
- In GALILEO, there is a new service called [SKS WebSelect](#), which is an online database of Internet resources providing access to quality Web sites on almost any subject. Utilizing time-tested techniques, SIRS editors evaluate sites originating from around the globe for credibility and relevance to researchers' needs. WebSelect is continually updated to include new sites and dynamically changing data. Summaries provide a concise overview of site content and authority. Keyword, Subject Heading and Topic Browse searches can be performed. Topics are assigned based on site content and mission. To use the service, you may either search for your own subjects by subject heading or keyword, or use the preselected categories listed on the front page of the SKS site. For example, you may search for 'multiculturalism' as a subject heading, or for Latino Americans as a keyword phrase.
- Some search engines also provide directories as part of their services; look at [SKS WebSelect](#) and the [Librarian's Index to the Internet](#) for some examples of how directories work.
- Use search engines for finding information on the Internet e.g., Google (<http://www.google.com>). Not sure which is the best search engine for your search? Try this helpful chart on [Getting Started](#).
- Be sure to [evaluate all sources you use](#), especially those you retrieve using web search engines. There is no peer review on the web. It will be up to you to determine the validity and credibility of any sites that you use in your research.

On Internet Sources:

[Use search engines for finding information on the Internet](#), e.g., <http://www.google.com>

Some search engines also provide directories as part of their services; take a look at [SKS WebSelect](#) and the [Librarian's Index to the Internet](#) for some examples of how subject directories to the web work.

Be sure to [evaluate all your sources](#) carefully, especially those you retrieve yourself by searching the web.

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- Document your work. For additional information and guidance on good documentation practices, the following sites may be useful:

[Avoiding Plagiarism](#) - a series of pages from the Online Writing Lab at Purdue University. Defines what plagiarism is in the context of academic writing, and presents steps during the writing process to help steer clear of plagiarizing.

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Identifying Articles in Periodicals

Resources on GALILEO:

You may access [GALILEO](#) from the Reese Library Home Page, or by typing the URL (<http://galileo.usg.edu/>) in the Location bar of your web browser from any computer on the campus network.

NOTE : GALILEO requires a *password* for all ASU users who are not on campus. You may get the password from [GIL](#).

Under "Access my GIL account to:" click on "Get GALILEO password"

- Click on the down arrow next to "Patron Barcode"
- Choose either the barcode number from your ASU ID. card or your Social Security number, and enter it in the box (no spaces, no punctuation).
- Enter your complete last name on the third line, and click on Logon
- Click on OK on the next screen to request GALILEO password. The password will be near the top of the form that appears on the next screen.

Locating the Articles

For articles without full text you will find just a reference to an article; then you will need to check [GIL](#) or the list of [E-Journals](#) to find out how to retrieve the article. Further information is available in the handout on [locating journal articles](#).

Note: In GIL, a current subscription is indicated by a hyphen at the end of the year or volume. Magazines and Journals to which the Library subscribes are located on the 2nd floor, shelved alphabetically by title.

Interlibrary Loan - For articles or books which are not in the Library's collections in either print or electronic form, you will need to request each item you need. If you only need to request a book, you may use GIL Express, from the [GIL Universal Catalog](#), to order it from another library in the University System of Georgia that has a copy of the book available. For books and articles not available through GIL Express, from the [Reese Library](#) Home Page, click on [ILLiad](#) to register for this service and fill out an Interlibrary Loan form for a book or an article not available in the Reese Library's collections.

Steps for beginning a literature review:

Once you have selected a database, how do you begin a search? One way is to search by whatever words you know. Another way is to use the words the database developers use to describe the contents of the article. These "subject headings" are sometimes called DESCRIPTORS in the research databases.

- Write down your topic and select important keywords to search for. Include synonyms for each keyword..
- Select the best database to begin your search in. If your topic is based more on pupils and teachers or school settings, begin in *ERIC* and/or *Education Full Text*; if it leans more toward clinical psychology, begin in *PsycINFO*. In either case, be prepared to use both databases, as each has unique and important content.
- Use the 'advanced search' interface wherever possible. It will give you more intuitive ways to combine concepts, and easier ways to find research studies.
- If your database of choice has a controlled vocabulary (both *ERIC* and *PsycINFO* do), use it. Subject headings or descriptors that describe a useful study will give you good terms to use to redefine or expand a search .
- Generally speaking, the more terms you combine in a database search, the more precise -- and narrow -- your results will be. If you retrieve too few items, try dropping some terms from your search strategy.
- Scan the first 10-20 records of the results. If they don't match what you want, try a different combination. PERSEVERE!
- Look at the reference lists of the sources you're using. If the same studies are cited over and over, no matter how old they are, be sure to look up those studies too, whether they appear in your list of database results or not.

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