

Sociology 3381. Research Methods.  
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:

- *Health Care* as a broad term
- Or *Rural Health Services*, to be a bit more specific.
- Or, try *health care rural Peru* as a Keyword (Title/Subject) combination

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):

- [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.
- [ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts](#) is an indexing and abstracting tool covering health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations and education. Updated monthly, ASSIA provides a comprehensive source of social science and health information for the practical and academic professional. (11) CSA databases may be searched together or separately, just as with the Ebsco products.
- [HighWire Press](#) is a division of the Stanford University Libraries, which produces the online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly content. Recipient of the 2003 ALPSP Award for "Service to Not-for-Profit Publishing", HighWire partners with influential scholarly societies, university presses and publishers to create a collection of the finest, fully searchable research and clinical literature online. The search engine is not particularly flexible or sophisticated, but it may lead you to articles you don't find elsewhere, and all of them will be in full electronic text.
- [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](#)
- [MEDLINE with Full Text \(at EBSCOhost\)](#) combines the National Library of Medicine's bibliographic database with links to the complete text of articles from leading medical journals. The database offers information related to the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and preclinical sciences. MEDLINE with Full Text provides full text for nearly 1,200

journals indexed in MEDLINE. Of those, more than 1,000 have cover-to-cover indexing in MEDLINE.

- [MedicaLatina](#) provides access to full text for more than 140 peer-reviewed medical journals in native Spanish. The database provides access to a collection of medical research and investigative journals published by Latin American medical publishers. The majority of full-text titles are available in native (searchable) PDF or scanned-in-color. A wide range of topics are covered including neuroscience, cardiology, nephrology, biomedicine, clinical research, pediatrics, human reproduction, clinical pathology, cancer research, and hematology.
- [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).
- *PsycInfo and Psychological Abstracts*. There are several different versions of the psychological database/print index produced by the American Psychological Association. The subject terminology of all of the print or electronic versions is governed by the Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms 7th ed. (1994), found in the Reference Room.
- [SocINDEX with Full Text](#) with Full Text features more than 1,300,000 records with subject headings from a 15,600 term sociology-specific thesaurus designed by expert lexicographers. This database also contains abstracts for more than 620 "core" coverage journals dating back to 1895. Indexing for books, monographs, conference papers, and other sources is also included. Searchable cited references are also provided. SocINDEX with Full Text offers coverage from all subdisciplines of sociology, including abortion, anthropology, criminology, criminal justice, cultural sociology, demography, economic development, ethnic & racial studies, gender studies, marriage & family, politics, religion, rural sociology, social psychology, social structure, social work, sociological theory, sociology of education, substance abuse, urban studies, violence, welfare, and many others.
- [Social Services Abstracts](#) (from Cambridge Scientific) provides references and abstracts of research on social work, human services, and related areas, including social welfare, social policy, gerontology, and community development.
- [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.
- [Sociological Collection](#) is a database with more than 475 full-text titles. It provides information on all areas of sociology, including social behavior, human tendencies, interaction, relationships, community development, culture and social structure. The content of the database is drawn from the full-text journals available in Academic Search.
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More than one database can be searched simultaneously using the following method:

- EBSCOhost is a multidisciplinary resource that includes numerous databases which may be useful for Psychology research, including PsycINFO, ERIC, Academic Search Premier, Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection, MEDLINE, and others. These databases may be searched simultaneously or individually.
  - From GALILEO, click on "Academic Search Premier", then choose the tab "Choose Databases".

This will bring up the full list of Ebsco databases available through GALILEO. You may choose as many relevant databases as you wish for your search, but keep in mind when combining resources that your search results may become unwieldy if your terminology is not precise.

#### OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

- [Census 2000](#) - From the U.S. Census Bureau, this web site contains many statistics on demographics as well as information on business, education, news and geography.
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- [Guide to MOST REQUESTED STATISTICS BY U.S. AGENCY](#) - A finding aid for the most requested statistics by U. S. government agency. This Cornell University guide is designed to assist the novice searcher and the advanced researcher. It is organized by agency and further broken up into topical subheadings.
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- [Statistical Abstract of the United States](#) - The standard source for statistics, from population, vital statistics, labor force and income, to international statistics.
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- [Social Science Information Gateway \(SOSIG\)](#) A comprehensive site of authoritative links for education, economics, politics, law, psychology, and all social sciences fields of interest. Part of the GALILEO collection.

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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[Citation Guidelines for GALILEO Resources](#) - Guidelines for citing materials that you retrieve from any of the GALILEO databases. Examples are given for MLA, APA and Turabian styles.

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 i.d. 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.

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### 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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