

## **Accessing the Library Home Page**

There are several ways to access the library home page.

Option 1: Go to [www.wou.edu/library](http://www.wou.edu/library)

Option 2: From the Western Oregon University home page ([www.wou.edu](http://www.wou.edu)) click on WOU Students. On the left hand sidebar, click on Hamersly Library

## **Accessing PsychInfo Database**

From the library home page: Click on Articles and Databases under Find Information. Click on PsychInfo from the list of databases listed under Shortcuts to....

## **Identify Appropriate Keywords For Your PsychInfo Search**

At the PsychInfo search screen, click on the Thesaurus tab located at the top of the screen.

Note: There are two search boxes on the Thesaurus screen. The first or top search box will search the PsychInfo database. The second search box will search the Thesaurus.

Enter your term in the Thesaurus search box and click on Browse.

Click on your search term to get a list of Broader, Narrower, and Related Terms.

Note: Not all terms will have Narrower Terms.

## **Locate General Background Information on Your Key Variables**

From the library home page, click on WOU-only Catalog and Type in Psychology.

From the drop down menu, change Search Entire Collection to Reference Collection

Click Submit

This will give you a listing of all Psychology resources available at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Reference section.

To locate the book, simply write down the call number

Go to the appropriate area of the reference section located on the first floor  
Call numbers are posted on the outside of the bookshelves

Locate your book. The call number will also be on the spine of the book itself

When you are done using the book, place it on the return cart near the reference area. A library worker will reshelve the book for you.

## **Search and Obtain Current Journal Articles or Book Chapters Related to Your Topic**

From the PsychInfo Search Screen, enter in your first variable and click search

Delete your first term, enter in your second variable and click search

Click on Search History/Alters located just above the results list

Check your two searches and click Search with AND

Use the sidebar on the right hand of the screen to limit your search to 1994-2010 and click on Update results

At the left hand sidebar, click on Peer Reviewed Journal Articles to limit your results to only journal articles

You have three options for retrieving articles, PDF and Linked Full Text will pull up articles you can read and review immediately.

Check for Full Text with either link you to the article, have you search another database for the article, or have you request the article using Interlibrary Loan. Interlibrary loan takes 2-4 business days and is E-mailed to you as a PDF document.

If you only want PDF and Linked Full Text articles, click on Linked Full Text on the right sidebar and click Update Results.

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