

Bibliotips

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PsycINFO, based on the American Psychological Association's (APA) database, abstracts psychology-related literature dating from the 1800's, including journal articles, English-language books and book chapters, technical reports, dissertations, and book reviews from *PsycCRITIQUES* and other review sources. Journal coverage includes more than 2,100 journals in over 25 languages. Linked full text is provided for approximately 350 journals (dates of coverage vary). Updated monthly.

STARTING PsycINFO

From the library's World Wide Web homepage (<http://www.uhcl.edu/library>), click on **Databases A-Z**. Select the tab **Databases by Name**, click **P**, and then click on the **PsycINFO** hyperlink.

HOW TO SEARCH

Choices of search methods are available as tabs across the top of the screen:

- **Basic Search** – allows keyword, truncation, and Boolean (**AND**, **OR**, **NOT**) searching with selected limiters.
- **Advanced Search** – default search method; allows the greatest flexibility; see sample search form below:

The screenshot shows the EBSCO PsycINFO search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Visual Search', and 'Choose Databases'. Below these are search method tabs: 'New Search', 'Keyword', 'Thesaurus', 'Cited References', and 'Indexes'. A search bar contains the text 'major depression' and 'wechsler'. A dropdown menu for 'in:' is set to 'PsycINFO'. The interface includes a 'Search' button and a 'Clear' button. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Refine Search', 'Search History/Alerts', and 'Results'. The 'Refine Search' section is expanded, showing various limiters such as 'Linked Full Text', 'References Available', 'Publication Name', 'Publication Year from', 'Published Date from', 'Peer Reviewed', 'Publisher', 'Publication Type', 'English', 'Language', and 'Age Groups'. Annotations with arrows point to specific features: 'Enter search term(s) here.' points to the search bar; 'Select a Boolean operator (AND, OR, NOT) to connect multiple search terms.' points to the 'and' dropdown; 'When ready, click Search.' points to the 'Search' button; 'If desired, select a field (Title, Author, Subjects, Word in Major Subject Heading, Journal Title, Tests & Measures, etc.) from the drop-down list.' points to the 'in:' dropdown; 'Click here for database help, including examples of citation styles (APA, MLA, etc.).' points to a help icon; 'You may enter a beginning date, ending date, or a specific date range.' points to the 'Published Date from' fields; 'Additional publication type limiters include Authored Book, Edited Book, Encyclopedia, Dissertation Abstract, and Electronic Collections (the latter retrieves records of book reviews from PsycCRITIQUES).' points to the 'Publication Type' dropdown; and 'Narrow your search results by using one or more of these limiters. Scroll down the search screen to find additional limiters, including Population Group (human, animal, male, female, inpatient, or outpatient) and Methodology (clinical case study, empirical study, follow-up study, longitudinal study, qualitative study, quantitative study, literature review, treatment outcome/clinical trial, etc.).' points to the 'Refine Search' section.

OTHER SEARCH OPTIONS

Special search links are available near the top of the search screen:

[Thesaurus](#) | [Cited References](#) | [Indexes](#)

- Use **Thesaurus** to identify and search official APA subject terms, which should improve your search results.
- When you already have a good article on your topic, search **Cited References** to find other articles that have cited it.
- Use **Indexes** to browse entries for and search specific fields (*author, all subjects, major subjects, journal title, book series, population location, tests and measures*, etc.)

ADVANCED SEARCHING TIPS

Enter Boolean operators, proximity operators, truncation symbols, or field codes directly into the search box:

and	mania and drug therapy	finds records containing both <i>mania</i> and <i>drug therapy</i>
or	craving or addiction	finds records containing either or both terms
wn	cloning w5 human	finds <i>cloning</i> within 5 words of <i>human</i> , e.g., <i>cloning of a human embryo</i>
*	Pavlov*	finds <i>Pavlov</i> , <i>Pavlov's</i> , <i>Pavlovian</i> , etc.
so	so psychological bulletin	finds records from source journal <i>Psychological Bulletin</i>
mj	mj bulimia	finds <i>bulimia</i> as a major (not minor) subject heading

VIEWING AND MARKING RECORDS

If desired, click **Preferences** at the top right of the screen to customize the results list.

Click the title of the source document to see a full description and abstract.

Folder has items.

Focus your search results by selecting a publication type or a related subject heading.

Click **Add** to put records in a folder. Click **Folder has items** when ready to view, print, email, or download the contents.

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When full text is not provided, follow the *Article Linker* hyperlinks to check whether full text is available from another source. See also **Article & Book Requests** on the library homepage for document delivery options.

Click **Cited References** (if provided) to see the bibliography that the source document contained. Click **Times Cited...** (if provided) to see records that have cited the source document.

Annotations point to various elements on the search results page, including filters (All Journals, Peer Reviewed Journals, Books/Monographs, Dissertation), subject filters (Major Depression, Antidepressant Drugs, Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, Side Effects (Drug), Bipolar Disorder, Treatment Outcomes, Treatment Effectiveness Evaluation), and record details (1. Co-occurring substance dependence and depression next questions, McKay, James R.; Addiction, 1757. [Editorial, Original Journal Article] Cited References (23) Notes: This title is held locally; 2. Efficacy of Antidepressants in the Treatment of Depression: A Meta-Analysis, Deborah R.; [Original Journal Article] Cited References PDF Full Text; 3. Update on Drug-Induced Tardive Dyskinesia, Maurice, Adson, D. (AJGP), Vol 3(4), Dec 2005, pp. 200-200. [Original Journal Article] Cited References (99)).

PRINTING, SAVING, OR E-MAILING RECORDS

- For individual records, click on the title hyperlink in the results list. At the full citation record screen, click on your preferred output link at the top of the record, and follow onscreen instructions.
- **To print, e-mail, or download linked full text, first follow the links directly to the full text.** Then click on your preferred output link, and follow onscreen instructions. **To print or download PDF format,** follow the links to the full image, and use the Adobe Acrobat printer or diskette icons at the top of the document. **To e-mail PDF format,** follow the links to the full citation record screen that contains the PDF link, click the e-mail output link, follow onscreen instructions, and select the option to send the PDF as a separate attachment. For more information about outputting linked full text, see online help.
- When saving records to an external storage device, be sure to select **Save as**, change the *Save as* type to **.txt**, and direct the download to an appropriate drive for a diskette, CD, or flash/jump drive before clicking **Save**.

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