Introduction to Basic Searching and Interpersonal Communications

Communication Studies 121
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Library Basic Information

- **Library Hours** - found on [library home page](#)
- **About the Library** - Frequently Asked Questions
- **Logging in to computers** - instructions on workstations in the library lab.
- **Books** - check out time is 2 weeks. Student ID required to check out materials.
- **Reference Books** - cannot be checked out.
- **Reserve Books** - can be viewed for 2 hours in the library and cannot be checked out.
- **Periodicals** - print magazines & journals
  2 day checkout. Databases are free for students - contain many full-text articles.
Today We Will Review...

- Identifying a research topic.
- Formulating a thesis statement.
- Using the library catalog and databases.
- Identifying key concepts and developing a search strategy.
- Locating and retrieving information relevant to your thesis using the library catalog and databases.
- How to cite your sources in MLA, APA or Chicago style.
Analysis Paper - To Do List:

- Focus on your Research Paper Requirements
- 4-6 pages typed and double spaced
- Bibliography / Works Cited page required
- Minimum of 3 sources required (magazines, newspapers, texts, video tapes, books, journals or interviews)
- Footnotes not required but reference your source within body of paper or use APA style
Identifying Your Research Topic

For your research paper, choose a topic from the next slide. Select a family relationship and focus on one of the relational concepts to enhance the effectiveness of your interpersonal communication.
Select Your Research Topic

Choose one of the following:

- Perception
- Emotions
- Self-Concept
- Listening
- Nonverbal Communication
- Language
- Self-Disclosure
- Relationships
- Conflict
Your Communication Concept

**Description**
- Describe the relationship
- Provide a rationale for the concept

**Analysis**
- Analyze the relational functions
- Provide real-life examples

**Evaluation**
- The effective or ineffective functionality
- The quality of the relationship

**Suggestions**
- How to improve the relationship
- Better productivity. Improving relationships
Thesis

- States a clear position or opinion.
- The central idea or focus of your paper.
- It tells the reader what you will discuss.
  You can combine topics.

**Examples:**

( Climate change and North America),
( Baseball and minorities) -- or --
( Conflict and family members).
How and Where do you Locate and Retrieve Information?

- Don’t rely on Google or Wikipedia. No control – anyone can post anything.
- You want reliable and trusted information. Use academic sources.
- Google Scholar is fine but as students - you now have access to much more!
Welcome to the Big Leagues!
You are no longer in High School. You are now college students. So let’s learn to use and master the tools you need for success!
Reliable Sources

Use the LAHC website

- Library catalog for printed sources.
- Databases for electronic sources.
- Use books, e-books, journals, magazines, newspapers and websites as sources.

**Important**: e-books & e-journals are valid & encouraged for use in your research papers.

**Their benefit**: they are current publications & you can access & download them online.
Thesis
Sources
MLA
Research Proposal

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Important Links

BAXTER LIBRARY

Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Holidays

- Campus Home Page
- Library Home
- About the Library - Frequently Asked Questions
- E-Reserves
- Faculty Support
- Library Catalog
- Off-Campus Link to Catalog
- Library Databases
- Library Workshops
- Newsletter
- Recommended Web Sites
- Video Tutorials
- Welcome Video
- Writing & Research

E-books

Search Library Catalog
Find print books and other items in our catalog.

Search Library Databases
Find Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper articles and more.

Faculty Support
Placing items on reserve, scheduling workshops, and more

Library Workshops & Courses
Workshop notes and credit course information.

New Books
Updates of additions to the collection.

Writing and Research
Get live help, citation style guides and guides to library resources.

Recommended Websites
Search tools, local library catalogs, research paper guides and more.

Ask-A-Librarian
Although Harbor College librarians aren't monitoring right now, you can still chat with a librarian.

Visited Us Lately?
Help Us Improve!
Take Our Reference Survey.
Let’s start with the Library Catalog – used for **printed materials** including:

- books, journals and Dvd’s.

Important: is your search strategy **

Search terms you use **

Examples:

relation / relationships / interpersonal relationships
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Library Catalog

Los Angeles Community College District Library Catalog

Search/Home Reserve Desk My Account

Go Back Help Logout

Catalog  ○ Keyword  ○ Browse

Search for Japan - Japanese - Japanese internment

library: Los Angeles Harbor College Library

words or phrase author title subject series
LAHC Databases

- Let’s explore the library databases – used for electronic resources including: e-books, journals, magazines, newspapers and more.
- Have a search strategy **
- Try different search terms **
- Let’s start with e-books.
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E-book Collections

Daily Life of the Aztecs

Authors: Carrasco, David
Sessions, Scott
Ebooks Corporation

Publication: In The Greenwood Press Daily Life Through
Information: History Series Santa Barbara, Calif :
Greenwood. 2011

Description: eBook 2nd ed.

Subjects: Aztecs

Categories: HISTORY / Latin America / Mexico

Related ISBNs: 9780313377440. 9780313377457.

Accession Number: 401152

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E-book Collections

View Table of Contents and click Expand Tabs (+) (-) to open or close sections.

Turn pages using arrows below.
Use Cite Tool for APA, MLA or Chicago style.
Additional Databases

- Let’s explore additional library databases – these **electronic resources** include: journals, magazines, newspapers and more.
- Have a search strategy **
- Try different search terms **
- Let’s explore several electronic databases you will use.
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LAHC Databases

Examples

EBSCOHOST

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JSTOR

Academic Journals

STUDENT RESOURCES IN CONTEXT

Gale Virtual Reference Library

OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS IN CONTEXT

ProQuest Historical Newspapers

Research Paper

Thesis

Sources

MLA

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Narrow Results

Searching: Academic Search Premier. Show all. Choose Databases

1. Greenpeace and whaling
2. Select a Field (optional)

AND
3. Select a Field (optional)

AND
4. Select a Field (optional)


Search Results: 1 - 10 of 31,707

1. [The Brüstle v. Greenpeace case and the end of pre-implantation embryos discrimination].
   In October 2011 the Court of Justice of the European Union pronounced the sentence in the case B. Brüstle v. Greenpeace. This sentence resolves the preliminary ruling interposed by the Bundesgericht...
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Tools To Use

- Click on either format to read full article
- Read the Abstract for a summary of article
- Use the Cite Tool for MLA, APA, or Chicago Style
Primary Sources

- What are primary sources?
- There are several ways to locate primary sources in both the library catalog and in the library databases.
- **One way**: use key words in the search terms.
- **Another way**: use built-in database tools.
- Let’s look at some examples.
Primary Sources

Library Catalog Examples

Key Words: Narratives - examples:
“war narratives” - or - “Mexico narratives”

Library Databases Examples

Gale Student Resources in Context
Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context

1. Primary Sources Tab – (click tab) – Civil War
2. Government (home page) – Abraham Lincoln
3. Browse Topics – Ancient Greece
4. Opposing Viewpoints – Browse – Iraq Wars
Some databases have Built-In Primary Source Tools. First click on the tab, type your term(s), then enter.

Also view Primary Sources in section below when available.
LAHC Recommended Websites

Examples

1) .edu  
   education

2) .org  
   organization

3) .gov  
   government
MLA, APA, and Chicago Style

- For the document, in-text citations, and Works Cited page.

- **Writing & Research**
  Citation Guides - MLA, APA, & Chicago
  a) check samples
  b) Owl
  c) Hacker Handbooks
MLA, APA, and Chicago Style

Citation Guides
MLA
- MLA Style Samples
- Citing Articles from Library Sources in MLA style
- Guide to Writing Research Papers in the MLA Style
- Sample paper (Hacker Handbooks)

APA
- APA Style Samples

General
- Style Guides for MLA, APA, etc.
- Citing from the Gale Literacy Criticism Series
- Diana Hacker Research and Documentation

Citation Tools
- KnightCite
- Citation Machine

Click on each style for directions to make a Works Cited page, page layout and how to use quotes.

Also view sample Research papers

Use Citation Tools to manually cite items for your Works Cited page.
Citation Tools

- Use **auto built-in cite tools** (previously shown)
  
  Examples:
  
  - Ebsco / CQ Researcher
  - Opposing Viewpoints

- Use **manual citation tools**
  
  - Writing & Research
  
  - Knightcite *
  - Citation Machine *
Focus on your To Do List

1. Know the specific requirements of your paper.
2. Know your Due Dates.
3. How many pages required? Double-spaced?
4. Is MLA, APA or Chicago style required?
5. Works Cited page - how many sources? How many library database sources?
6. Are rough drafts required?
7. Use the built-in Spell Check in Office !!!
8. If you have questions - ask your instructor.
Need Help

- Ask and inquire, write down questions
- Clarify with your Instructor
  - in class, before, after -or- by email
- **Ask-A-Librarian** (24/7 chat online)
- Come to the Learning Resource Center
- Speak with any librarian
- We are all here to help you *Succeed*!
Closing Thoughts

- Begin your research early.
- Last minute work creates stress which often results in poor grades & low quality work.
- Your goal is to learn to locate sources, organize your thoughts & write clear, concise papers.
- Well-written research papers help you advance your college careers and even influence your future success in the job market.
- The time, effort & hard work you put in now... will reap benefits for you in the future.