Finding Psychology Articles
in Magazines and Scholarly Journals

Get started

• Go to the class LibGuide: [libguides.pima.edu/psy101]
• Click this tab: Articles via EBSCO
• Open this database: Psychology and Behavioral Sciences
  If you are OFF-CAMPUS, you will need your PCC photo ID card.

Search for an article on a psychological topic

• Click Advanced Search (below the search box).
• Think of a topic, and do a keyword search. The database looks for keywords in the article title, the abstract, and the subject descriptors.

  This keyword search... finds any record that contains...

  o happiness ...this word
  o happiness memory ...BOTH words (in any order)
  o “emotional intelligence” ...these words together as a PHRASE
  o emotion* ...any word that begins with this STEM

  emotion emotions emotional emotionally etc.

• Skim your results. Check the number of records that were found (top of the left column).
• Optional: Focus your search by adding a keyword to another search box.

Limit to Magazines

• Scroll down in the left column to SOURCE TYPE.
• Checkmark the box for MAGAZINES.
• Click UPDATE.

Magazines, such as Psychology Today, are aimed at a popular (non-expert) audience. They are interesting to read, and don’t require special training in psychology. So, they are a great place to explore topics. Once you find a magazine article on a desired topic, you can search for the same topic covered in an academic (scholarly) journal. Academic journals are often peer reviewed, meaning that no article is published before experts in the same field have recommended it based on careful review.

Given a magazine article, find a scholarly journal article on a similar topic.

• Method A: Limit your existing search to ACADEMIC JOURNALS.
  • Follow directions “Limit to Magazines” above, but instead choose ACADEMIC JOURNALS. You may need to first click SHOW MORE.
• Method B: Let the database search for articles similar to yours.
  • Open the record for your article.
  • In the left column, click Find Similar Results.
  • Limit the results to ACADEMIC JOURNALS, and look for records that match your topic.

Email articles to yourself, with APA citations

• In the record, Click Email (at right, or at top). Then follow directions.
• REMEMBER: For Citation Format, select APA from the dropdown menu