

# PSY/SOWK 302: Assignment II

## How To Find Scholarly Journal Articles

In today's Google world, it's tempting to hop onto the Internet and "google" to try and find what you need. But while Google can be a helpful tool if used wisely, it's not the place to conduct serious research.

That's where the Library's online databases come in! *Academic Search Premier*, *SocINDEX* and many other social work and psychology-related databases are treasure troves of scholarly journal articles! You just have to know how to find them. Below are some helpful tips.

*But starting a research assignment can be so hard! Where do I begin?*

### Keywords !



Start with your keywords! Unlike Google and Ask Jeeves, databases require a structured set of keywords in order to produce viable results. Using a **Concept Map** to help you brainstorm can be a valuable tool for beginning your search. How? By arming yourself with an arsenal of topic-related keywords, you will increase your chances of finding the articles you need!

After completing a Concept Map, you can begin your search in the databases. Just remember to join your words together with the word "and."

For example:           menopause   and   depression

### Databases



*How do I know what databases to use?*

There are several online databases that you should find helpful. Some of them are:

#### **EBSCO Databases**

- *Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection*  
[\(On-Campus Access\)](#)           [\(Remote Access\)](#)
- *SocINDEX*  
[\(On-Campus Access\)](#)           [\(Remote Access\)](#)
- *Academic Search Premier*  
[\(On-Campus Access\)](#)           [\(Remote Access\)](#)

#### **DISCUS Databases**

- *Expanded Academic ASAP*  
[\(On-Campus Access\)](#)           [\(Remote Access\)](#)
- *Health Reference Center Academic*  
[\(On-Campus Access\)](#)           [\(Remote Access\)](#)
- *Academic OneFile*  
[\(On-Campus Access\)](#)           [\(Remote Access\)](#)

Try others that look interesting to you! Also, see the library's "Social Sciences" databases: From our homepage, click on **Find Articles**, then scroll down to **Social Sciences**.

#### **Cool Tips!**

- Search multiple databases at once using the "Choose Databases" (**EBSCO**) or "Change Databases" (**DISCUS**) feature!  

Located just above the search box

Located at very top of screen
- Remember to select **scholarly/peer-reviewed** journals!            scholarly/peer-reviewed
- Adjust your date span! The last 5-10 years is usually acceptable.