Quick Guide to the PsycINFO (EBSCO) Database

Accessing PsycINFO.

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UF Libraries has hundreds of databases in many subject areas. You can get quick access to recommended databases from the Psychology Guide (click the Find Articles tab): http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/psychology
PsycINFO is an excellent database to start your psychology research. This is the main search screen:

Start with entering a few simple terms having to do with your topic. Make sure the spelling is correct.

You can select how you would like to search your terms. Keyword searching is a good way to start.

It is a good idea to limit your results to Peer Reviewed by clicking here.
If you are not sure what terms to use, you can search the PsycINFO Thesaurus for standard terminology. You can search the Thesaurus directly from the search page. You can also enter some terms and select “Suggest Subject Terms” before searching.
This is how to search using the Suggest Subject Terms feature:

**Step 1:** Enter one or two terms here and click **Browse**.

**Step 2:** Select one or more terms that interest you. Decide how you would like link the terms (you will probably use **AND** the most). Then, click **Add**.

**Step 3:** The thesaurus terms you selected below are entered here.
Limiting Your Search Results.

61 results were found with this search. You have several options for narrowing your results. Some useful options include **Peer-Reviewed** and narrowing the date range (using the slider). Click **Update** when you are finished.

Now, the search has been narrowed to 32 results. Below are the first two records. Read the record information carefully. Even though these are from peer-reviewed sources, they may not be suitable for your assignment. For instance, record #1 is not in English. Record #2 is an editorial (not a research study).

1. **Persönlichkeits-entwicklung im kindes- und jugendalter.**
   - Subjects: Adolescent Development; Childhood Development; Personality Disorders; Personality Traits; Structured Clinical Interview; Childhood (birth-12 yrs); Adolescence (13-17 yrs)
   - Database: PsycINFO
   - Add to folder  |  Relevancy:  |  Cited References: (30)

2. **Editorial: Precursors and diverse pathways to personality disorder in children and adolescents.**
   - Subjects: Developmental Measures; Pathology; Personality Disorders; Childhood (birth-12 yrs); Adolescence (13-17 yrs)
   - Database: PsycINFO
   - Add to folder  |  Relevancy:  |  Cited References: (25)
Each record will have basic citation information and a link to fill text (if available).

5. **Cumulative prevalence of personality disorders between adolescence and adulthood.**


Subjects: Adolescent Development; Age Differences; Epidemiology; Personality Disorders; Adolescence (13-17 yrs); Adulthood (18 yrs & older)

Database: PsycINFO

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Clicking on the title will give you more information about this record:

**Cumulative prevalence of personality disorders between adolescence and adulthood.**

**Authors:** Johnson, Jeffrey G., Columbia University, New York, NY, US, johnson@alum.columbia.edu  
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Many records contain an abstract, which briefly explains what the article is about.

**Abstract:** Objective: To investigate the cumulative prevalence of personality disorder (PD) among adults in the community, based on prospective longitudinal data from a series of psychiatric interviews. Method: Psychiatric interviews were administered to a regionally representative community-based sample of 588 individuals in 1983 (mean age = 14), 1985-1986 (mean age = 16), 1991-1993 (mean age = 22), and 2001-2004 (mean age 33). Results: The point prevalence of any current DSM-IV PD, including depressive PD and passive-aggressive PD, varied between 12.7% and 14.6% across the four diagnostic assessments. The cumulative prevalence of PD increased at each of the follow-up assessments. At mean age 33, the estimated lifetime prevalence of PD was 28.2%. Conclusion: The cumulative prevalence of PD, based on a series of interviews conducted during adolescence and adulthood, may be substantially higher than the point prevalence of current PD based on a single assessment interview. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2010 APA, all rights reserved)
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Click here to see how this article would look in several major citation formats (See below).

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  - MLA (Modern Language Assoc.)
  - Chicago/Turabian: Author-Date
  - Chicago/Turabian: Humanities

The Cite feature shows you how the record would look in several citation formats:

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References
Locating the full text of an article.

If there is no full text attached to the record, click the Find It @ UF button. The article may be available through UF Libraries in another online database or in print.

3. The development of personality disorders: Perspectives from normal personality development in childhood and adolescence.

Subjects: Coping Behavior; Pathology; Personality Development; Personality Disorders; Childhood (birth-12 yrs); Adolescence (13-17 yrs)

Database: PsycINFO

If online full text is available, the article will appear:
If the article is not available online, you will see a screen like this:

**Search criteria:**

- **Article:** Emotional intelligence and personality pathology of adolescents affected with internalizing symptoms.
- **Author:** Shrivastava, Anupama
- **Journal:** SIS journal of projective psychology & mental health
- **ISSN:** 0971-6610
- **Volume:** 16
- **Date:** 01/01/2009
- **Issue:** 1
- **Page:** 41

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