



How to Search PsycINFO

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From the Social Sciences and Humanities Library webpage (ssh.ucsd.edu) click on Databases A-Z, click on the letter P, and click on PsycINFO.

Advanced Search

You may search by Keywords, Author, Title, Descriptors, etc. For searches on a topic you may search by Keyword or Descriptor.

Advanced Search by Keywords

If your Keyword search retrieves a large number of results, look at the Descriptors of the relevant records. Conduct another search using these Descriptors.

Advanced Search by Descriptors

Descriptor searches are more precise than Keyword searches. To identify Descriptors (subject headings) for your topic, check your terms in the online Thesaurus (link to Thesaurus is located at the bottom of the screen.)

Note: If your topic or terms are not listed as Descriptors, search as Keywords. You can also conduct searches using both Descriptors and Keywords.

The screenshot displays the PsycINFO search interface. At the top, the logo for CSA ILLUMINA is visible, along with the text "Access paid by The UCSD Libraries". Below the logo, there are navigation links: "Logout", "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Search Tools", "Browse", "0 Marked Records", "Search History", and "Alerts". A "Help & Support" link is also present in the top right corner. The main search area features a table with three columns for search criteria, each with a dropdown menu for "and" and "or" operators. A red circle highlights the dropdown menu for the first criterion, which is currently set to "Keywords, KW=". The dropdown menu lists various search criteria: "Anywhere", "Keywords, KW=", "Author, AU=", "Title, TI=", "Descriptors, DE=", "Abstract, AB=", "Age, AE=", "Affiliation, AF=", "Accession Number, AN=", "Author, AU=", "Availability, AV=", "Corporate Author, CA=", "Conference, CF=", "Contact Individual, CI=", "Classification, CL=", "Dissertation Number, DA=", "Descriptors, DE=", "DOI, DO=", and "Email Address, EA=". Below the search criteria, there are buttons for "Search" and "Clear". The "Now Selected" section shows "PsycINFO" is selected. The "Change:" section has a dropdown for "Subject Area" and a link for "Specific Databases". The "Date Range:" section has "Earliest" and "2007" selected. The "Limited to:" section has checkboxes for "Latest Update", "Journal Articles Only", and "English". The "Publication Type:" section has a dropdown menu with "Unlimited", "Abstract Collection", and "Authored Book" selected. The "Language:" section has a dropdown menu.

UC-eLinks

Title: Personality and psychopathology in an impulsive aggressive college sample.
 Source: Aggressive behavior [0096-140X] Helfritz, Laura yr:2006 vol:32 iss:1 pg:28-37

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- Request the item through Interlibrary Loan.

RefWorks [UCSD Only]

RefWorks is a web-based bibliographic service that enables users to collect, create, and manage citations. PsycINFO allows users to easily export their citations into RefWorks. First time users will need to set up an individual account. RefWorks is available from the Databases A-Z list.

The screenshot shows the search results interface for the article 'Effect of Psychopathy on Physical Aggression Toward Gay and Heterosexual Men'. The 'RefWorks' link is highlighted with a red circle. The interface includes search filters, publication type counts (932 total results), and a list of search results with a detailed view of the first result.

For further assistance, ask at the Social Sciences and Humanities Library Reference Desk.