Searching PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES – Updated August 2016 (JS)

Enter your search terms in the boxes at the top of the search page. Use the Search Preparation Worksheet to help you. Note that each concept is on a separate line. There is a link to the Search Preparation Worksheet in the course research guide. It is recommended you do a separate Search Preparation Assignment for each article assignment.

Use the limiters, under Limit your results (middle of the page), to help you with your search.

Since you only need a few articles, check the Full Text or Linked Full Text box. This will limit you to articles available online.

Be sure to check the box for Peer Reviewed or Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals to find journal articles.

Note there are also limits for English Language and Publication Year. For Publication Year, you can enter specific years (i.e. 2011-2016) to cut down on the articles you need to review. Refer to your assignment instructions for acceptable years of articles.

The screenshot below is from PsycINFO. Please note that in PsycARTICLES, the limits may be arranged differently. All articles in PsycARTICLES are all English.
Your instructor wants you to find research articles, also called empirical articles.

In addition to entering search terms and using the limits on the previous page, **you must also use the METHODOLOGY limit.**

Under ‘Limit your results’:

- For **METHODOLOGY**, be sure to select **EMPIRICAL STUDY**.

Once you have entered your search terms, used the limiters (such as **Full Text** and **Peer Reviewed**), AND chosen **EMPIRICAL STUDY** for methodology, select **Search** to perform your search.

Then next page describes how to review and access articles.
Accessing Articles in PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES

If you find an article title that looks interesting, select the article title link.

After you select the title link, another page will open with identifying information about the article. Be sure to read the abstract (if there is one), which is a short summary of the article.

If you would like to access the entire article (Full Text) use the Full Text link in the left-hand column. The link will either say PDF Full Text or Get Full Text. NOTE: If the full text link does not work, please do not give up! Contact a librarian for assistance.

If you are unsure if an article is acceptable for your assignment, please check with your instructor.