FIND, REVIEW, & EVALUATE ARTICLES

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LEARNING GOALS

1. Locate search tools
2. Build effective searches
3. Refine search results
4. Evaluate what you find
LOCATE SEARCH TOOLS
SOCIOLOGY DATABASES

http://nu.libguides.com/SOC455

Best Bets:
- SocINDEX
- JSTOR
- ProQuest Social Science Journals
• Write your topic down in the form of a question or brief statement
  
  What is the relationship between corporate culture and job satisfaction?

• Highlight the keywords and phrases that are most specific to your topic
  
  What is the relationship between corporate culture and job satisfaction?

• List synonyms or related terms for each keyword
  
  Corporate culture = work environment, organizational behavior
  Job satisfaction = employee morale, employee well-being, work satisfaction
SEARCH TIPS

- Connect ideas
- Connect synonyms
- Find phrase or title
- Find alternate endings
- Create search string

- office AND politics
- team OR work group
- “organizational behavior”
- work* = works, worked, worker, working, workplace, workroom, workshop
- Your Topic AND (research OR study)
SEARCH SCREENS

- Basic
  - For one or two ideas
- Advanced
  - For two or more ideas
  - One idea per line
  - Synonyms on same line
  - Other options
- Choose Databases
  - Business Source Premier
  - Academic Search Premier
  - Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
REFINE RESULTS
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<td>Leadership Style, Job Satisfaction and Organizational Culture in the Greek Banking Organization</td>
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<td>Organizational Role Stress in Dual-Career Couples</td>
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<td>Exploring the Role of Mentoring Structure and Culture between Mentoring Functions and Job Satisfaction: A Study of Indian Call Centre Employees</td>
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**Buttons:**
- **Left = refine search**
  - Peer Review
  - Date
  - Source
  - Subject
- **Middle = results display**
  - Full text links
  - Preview
  - Folder
  - Subjects
  - Share
- **Right – related information**
Find subject terms you can use to search the database

Subject terms are assigned based on what the article is about

Lets you create a targeted search
EVALUATE FINDINGS
SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

• Articles are written for and by experts in their chosen field

• Way for scholars and researchers to share their research and discoveries with other experts in their discipline

• Researcher’s first choice for an in-depth examination of a topic

Source - University of North Florida
Peer Review

- Articles certified by experts in the field before they are accepted for publication
- AKA: refereed or juried
- Use a Serials Directory to see if a journal is peer reviewed
WHAT IS AN ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE?

- Detailed account of an original study written by the researchers who actually did the study
- Describes the researchers hypothesis or research question and the purpose of the study
- Includes information about how the research study was done, what was discovered, and what conclusions were drawn.

Source - University of North Florida
IDENTIFYING ORIGINAL RESEARCH

A QUESTION OF CULTURE: THE IMPACT OF COLLEGE MAJOR AND PERSONALITY ON PURSUITS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMPANY CULTURE.

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          Hatch, Courtney Droma2

         2 Graphs.

Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: *CORPORATE culture
                *RESEARCH
                *JOB satisfaction
                *VOCATIONAL guidance
                *CAREER development
                COLLEGE students
                ATTITUDES

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                      $724310 Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Abstract: What to do with one's future and career is a question which every college-aged student struggles. It is not simply a
matter of finding a "job" that pays the bills, but rather a "career" that they will be happy with for the length of their professional life.
Furthermore, the happiness in their careers consists of many attributes from appropriate pay to satisfaction with their job tasks to the
culture of the company for which they choose to work. This last attribute is possibly the hardest for young adults to define and measure.
The purpose of this study is to understand college-age job
          applicants views on what type of company culture they would like to work in upon graduation. This research examines
          how the student's major and personalities affect their pursuit of a career with a company that has a certain culture.
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Features

- Confirm it’s a scholarly article
- Lengthy and difficult to read
- The author conducted research
- Not a review article
- The word *study* is in the title or the abstract
Look at the article itself

- Authors and Affiliation
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Data
- Methods
- Conclusion
- References
Scholarly Checklist

- Visual clues
- Abstract clues
- Articles clues

http://tinyurl.com/nu-scholarly-checklist
KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER...

- Recommended databases are located on the SOC455 Guide
- Build searches with relevant keywords and synonyms
- Limit search results to articles from scholarly, peer-reviewed journals
- Look for articles written by the researchers who actually did the study
- Contact the library if you need help