

USEFUL DATABASES FOR LOCATING EMPIRICAL STUDIES IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE DATABASES

Database: Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)

Description: A database designed to help identify measurement tests used in health, psychosocial sciences, organizational behavior, and library and information science; provides sources, abstract, and reviewer(s) when applicable.

Coverage: 1985 to present

Content: Abstracts and Indexes

Title: PsycArticles

Description: Contains the full text of articles from over 50 APA journals and selected EPF (Educational Publishing Foundation) journals, most from 1985 to the present. The articles are provided in HTML format for direct viewing and printing with your web browser.

Coverage: 1985 to present

Content: Full text of journal articles, abstracts of dissertations

Title: PsycINFO (1967 - present)

Description: Provides abstracts and citations to the scholarly literature in the behavioral sciences and mental health. Includes material of relevance to psychologists and professionals in psychology and related fields such as psychiatry, management, business, education, social science, neuroscience, law, medicine, and social work. Covers journal articles, book chapters, books, dissertations, and technical reports. Also includes international material selected from more than 1900 periodicals written in over 24 languages. Current chapter and book coverage includes worldwide English-language material. Updated weekly.

Coverage: 1967 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes, some full-text

Title: PsycINFO Historical (1887 - 1966)

Description: Index and abstracts of historical psychological journals, 1872-1966. Contains citations and abstracts from Psychological Abstracts (1927-1966), Psychological Bulletin (1921-1926), American Journal of Psychology (1887;1966), all APA journals back to their first issues, Psychological Index (1894-1935), and Classic Books in Psychology of the 20th Century and Harvard Book List (1840-1971).

Coverage: 1872 to 1966

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: Psychological Index (Nineteenth Century Masterfile)

Description: More than 180,000 citations from books and periodicals of all languages, as well as translations of works in French, German and Italian. This index covers the early development of psychology, and the expansion in psychological research after World War I.

Coverage: 1894 to 1905

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: Psychology and Behavioral Science Collection

Description: Covers emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry and psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods. This database includes nearly 515 full text titles and over 490 peer-reviewed journals.

Coverage: ? to present

Content: Full text

Title: SocIndex

Description: Index, abstracts, and full text for publications in sociology. SocINDEX provides data mined from more than 500 "priority" coverage journals as well as 1,040 "selective" coverage journals.

Coverage: ? to present

Content: Full text, abstracts & indexes

Title: Social Sciences Citation Index (aka: ISI Web of Knowledge)

Description: Multidisciplinary database to articles, book chapters etc covering over 50 social sciences disciplines drawn from over 1725 scholarly journals. Search by subject, author, journal name, and/or author address. Also allows Citation Searching—finding all known articles that cite a specific author or work.

Coverage: 1980 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: Sociological Abstracts

Description: Sociological Abstracts subscription ended June 2005. For more current citations, see SocINDEX.

Coverage: 1963 to June 2005

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: Sociological Collection

Description: Comprehensive database covering information in all areas of sociology, including social behavior, human tendencies, interaction, relationships, community development, culture and social structure. Provides complete full text for more than 500 important journals, including nearly 500 peer-reviewed titles. In addition to full text, indexing and abstracts are provided for all 523 journals in the collection. The majority of full text titles are available in native (searchable) PDF, or scanned-in-color. Full text information in this database dates as far back as 1965.

Coverage: 1965 to present

Content: Full-text, abstracts & indexes

GENERAL DATABASES

Title: Academic Search Complete

Description: This scholarly collection offers full text coverage of information in many areas of academic study including: archaeology, area studies, astronomy, biology, chemistry, civil

engineering, electrical engineering, ethnic and multicultural studies, food science and technology, general science, geography, geology, law, mathematics, mechanical engineering, music, physics, psychology, religion & theology, women's studies, and other fields.

Coverage: 1975 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes, some full text

Title: Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

Description: DOAJ is a service that provides access to quality controlled Open Access Journals.

The Directory aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use an appropriate quality control system and is not limited to particular languages or subject areas. The aim of the Directory is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals thereby promoting their increased usage and impact.

Coverage: ?

Content: Full text

Title: Dissertation Abstracts (Proquest Dissertations and Theses)

Description: Dissertation Abstracts contains more than 2 million entries for doctoral dissertations and master's theses. The database includes citations for materials ranging from the first U.S. dissertation, accepted in 1861, to those accepted as recently as last semester. Since 1997, new publications have been available electronically, and many publications can be ordered through the system for a fee. The database represents the work of authors from over 1,000 North American graduate schools and European universities. The vendor offers over 1.8 million titles for purchase in microfilm or paper formats. More than 600,000 are available in native or image PDF formats for immediate free download.

Coverage: 1861 to present

Content: Abstracts and indexes, some full text

Title: ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

Description: Index and abstracts of articles, books, and documents covering education research and practice.

Coverage: 1966 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: ISI Web of Knowledge (See Social Sciences Citation Index Above)

Description: Delivers access to quality, diversified scholarly information in the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities, as well as search and analysis tools that enhance this content.

Coverage: 1980 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: JSTOR (Electronic Journals)

Description: Provides electronic, full text access to the back files of approximately 670 scholarly periodicals in a variety of disciplines in humanities, arts and sciences, social sciences, and business. Coverage begins with the first issue of each journal. The latest issue available is determined by a "moving wall." The moving wall represents the time period between the last issue available in JSTOR and the most recently published issue of a journal. It is specified by

publishers in their license agreements with JSTOR, and generally ranges from three to five years
Coverage: First issue of a journal to present (some titles have a 3 to 5 year moving embargo)
Content: Full text

Title: PapersFirst

Description: Index of papers from every published congress, symposium, conference, exposition, workshop and meeting received by The British Library Document Supply Centre. Updated semi-monthly.

Coverage: 1993 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: ProceedingsFirst

Description: Index of the printed proceedings of every conference, congress, symposium, exposition, workshop, and meeting received at The British Library Document Centre. ProceedingsFirst covers a wide range of subjects. Updated twice weekly.

Coverage: 1993 to present

Content: Abstracts & indexes

Title: Television News Archive

Description: Contains descriptions and abstracts of 725,000 broadcast news stories from 30,000 individual network evening news broadcasts from the major U.S. national broadcast networks: ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN. Also, more than 9,000 hours of special news-related programming including ABC's Nightline since 1989. Online video is available for CNN news broadcasts from 1999 to the present.

Coverage: Coverage: 1968 to present

Content: Multimedia, images, audio, video, newspaper articles, full text

Title: Berkeley Electronic Press Journals

Description: The Berkeley Electronic Press ("bepress") produces tools to improve scholarly communication. These tools provide effective means of content production and dissemination. Founded by academics in 1999, bepress offers products and services that reduces the costs of, and barriers to, access. There are different pricing models for the various suites of journals. Individual suites are available for the following areas: Economics, usiness, and Marketing; Law; Political Science, Policy, and International Studies; Health and Medicine; Science and Technology. If you subscribe to only one or two suites, you can still search the entire collection at <http://www.bepress.com/journals/>. Note, your results will only be citations to the actual articles and you will have to login either with your password or access the individual journals to which your library subscribes using IP recognition. The Bepress Legal Repository (see below) is actually a better database to use if you have a subscription. It searches all the Bepress law journals as well as misc. working papers and pre-prints.

Coverage: 1999 to present

Content: Full text with a subscription (only citations without a subscription)

Title: WorldCat

Description: A quasi-union of library catalogs containing more than 57 million records describing books and other items owned by libraries around the world. Materials covered are

books, manuscripts, websites and internet resources, maps, computer programs, musical scores, films and slides, newspapers journals and magazines, sound recordings, videotapes. Each record contains information on which libraries own the item. Updated daily. Covers earliest print materials to the present.

Coverage: Earliest print material to present

Content: Bibliographic records

LAW-RELATED DATABASES

Title: Berkeley Electronic Press – Legal Repository

Description: The Bepress Legal Repository offers working papers and pre-prints from scholars and professionals at some of the best law schools in the world. Additionally, the Bepress Legal Repository includes articles from Bepress' roster of peer-reviewed journals: Asian Comparative Law, Global Jurist, International Commentary on Evidence, Issues in Legal Scholarship, Theoretical Inquiries in Law, Journal of Tort Law, Muslim World Journal of Human Rights, and Review of Law & Economics, as well as dissertations from many top law programs.

Coverage: Dates vary depending on the journal. Earliest appears to be 2001 to the present.

Content: Full text

Title: Empirical Legal Studies Bibliography

Description: Compiled by UCLA Law. Currently includes 732 articles from over 80 journals indexed from July 2005 to July 2007. Searchable by author, title, year or subject, alone or in combination. No keyword or full text searching available.

Coverage: July 2005 to July 2007 (To be updated annually. Also plan to add material retrospectively)

Content: Full text

Title: SSRN (Social Science Research Network)

Description: Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research and is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences. Each of SSRN's networks encourages the early distribution of research results by publishing submitted abstracts and by soliciting abstracts of top quality research papers around the world. SSRN has hundreds of journals, publishers, and institutions that provide working papers for distribution through SSRN's eLibrary and abstracts for publication in SSRN's electronic journals. The SSRN eLibrary consists of two parts: an Abstract Database containing abstracts on over 182,536 scholarly working papers and forthcoming papers and an Electronic Paper Collection currently containing over 146,141 downloadable full text documents in Adobe Acrobat pdf format. The collection is searchable by keyword, title, author, and/or journal.

Coverage: 2004? To present

Content: Full text and abstracts

Lexis- For full text law review articles.

Westlaw- For full text law review articles.

HeinOnline's Law Journal Library- For full-text law review articles. Benefit is that these are actual pdf's of the article so the pagination is correct. The drawbacks are Hein's search engine is not as strong as Westlaw's and Lexis's search engines and Hein purposefully runs one year behind in loading journals to its database.

INTERNET SEARCHES

Google Scholar: Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities and other scholarly organizations. Google Scholar helps identify relevant research across the world of scholarly research.

For a review of Google Scholar see: Rita Vine, Google Scholar, 94 J. Med. Libr. Assoc. 97-99 (Jan. 2006), available at <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1324783>

GOVERNMENT PORTALS

USASearch

<http://usasearch.gov/>

USASearch.gov is an easy-to-search, free-access website designed to provide a centralized place to find information from U.S. local, state, and federal government agency websites. As the U.S. government's official web portal, USA.gov makes it easy for the public to get U.S. government information and services on the web. USA.gov also serves as the catalyst for a growing electronic government. USA.gov is an interagency initiative administered by the U.S. General Services Administration's Office of Citizen Services and Communications. Offers both standard search and advanced search modes.

Google U.S. Government Search

<http://www.google.com/ig/usgov>

Google U.S. Government Search offers a single location for searching across U.S. government information, and for keeping up to date on government news. Can choose to search for content located on either U.S. federal, state and local government websites or the entire Web -- from the same search box. Offers the ease of Google searching but limits the search results to government websites.