Welcome to the Sullivan Family Library online tutorial on the ERIC Database.
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What Is ERIC?

➢ Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC)

➢ Sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences & U.S. Dept. of Education

➢ Coverage begins with 1966
  • ERIC Documents & Reports
  • Electronic Journal Articles

The Educational Resources Information Center is sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences and the U.S. Department of Education. The ERIC database covers online articles, documents, and reports from 1966 to present.
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To access the ERIC database, start at the Library’s website. Go to the Search for menu and click Databases by Subject.

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Click the Education link to view the Library's education databases.
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If you want to search more than one education database at one time, you can click on the Education link. To go to ERIC directly, click the ERIC link.

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This is the Basic Search screen for ERIC. You can easily limit your search results to Full Text and Peer Reviewed by checking the boxes. If you have a complex topic, you may want to use the Advanced Search screen by clicking the link.

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The Advanced Search screen provides additional search cells and drop-down menus to limit the search term to specific fields. If you need help coming up with search terms, you can use the database Thesaurus.

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For example, let’s look for other terms for Quantitative by typing in the term and clicking Browse. Slide 8
We can see quantitative does not have its own heading in the Thesaurus, however, there are a few phrases that lead us to established headings. For example, we should use Statistical Analysis for the phrase Quantitative Research.

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After clicking on Statistical Analysis, the entry provides a Scope Note about how the term or phrase is used within the database, and a list of broader and narrower terms. These terms can be added to your search by checking the box and clicking Add.

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Looking at a results screen, we can see several ways to access articles in ERIC. The PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text links provide access to online versions of an article. Clicking Full Text from ERIC will take you to the ERIC website to access the PDF file.

To find out more about an article, click on the article title. Let's look at The Catholic University in the Modern World.

Some articles are not available online, but the Library may have the print version. Using the Check A-to-Z list, you can check print availability in the Library's holdings.

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This is the citation page and it provides full source information for the article. The icons at the top allow you to Print, Email, Save, or automatically generate a Citation for this article. Reviewing the Descriptors may be useful in discovering related terms to your topic. ERIC documents that are not available at our library or online can be accessed at UH Manoa's microfiche collection.

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This concludes the ERIC tutorial. Please view the Finding Journal Articles, A-to-Z Journal Title List, and Search Strategies tutorials for more research tips. If you need additional assistance, please call us at 808.739.4660 or email library@chaminade.edu.

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