Library Research

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Today we will learn about...

Database searching techniques
Research is an Iterative Process

defining something again and again, usually to improve it

(Cambridge Dictionary, n.d.)

Define and explore the topic

Background research

Create research question

Analyze the information

Find sources

Research Question

What is the relationship between sentencing and race in Canada?

- criminal justice administration
- ethnicity
- judicial process
- racism
Boolean Operators

race OR ethnicity

race

ethnicity

= race OR ethnicity

798,949

sentencing AND (race OR ethnicity)

race OR ethnicity

sentencing

= 8,968

search results
Boolean Search Strings

(race OR ethnicity) AND sentencing AND Canada = 2,025

OneSearch: Find books, articles, and more...

race OR ethnicity

AND

sentencing

AND

Canada
Keyword Searching Tips

• Use uppercase letters for Boolean operators
• Use quotation marks for terms that should be searched as a connected phrase
Filtering Results Tips

• Filter results by limiting to “Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals”

• Enter a publication date range (5>years is common)
Tips for Investigating Results

• Look at **Subjects** and titles of results. The words that are bolded are keywords you used.

• What do the other subject terms suggest? Are there different keywords you could try? Are there more specific research topics you could investigate?
Previewing Abstract Tip

• Click on the preview symbol to view the abstract, which is a concise overview of the source.

Abstract: Many university instructors (76% of our survey) have a mobile phone policy in their classrooms, due to the distractions of unregulated use. Yet only about half of those who ask students to put down their phones report that these policies are effective. Given that students want to and will use their phones, are instructors taking the opportunity to integrate these mobile devices as a part of media literacy or other pedagogy? We conducted a nationwide survey of more than 150 college instructors to explicate what policies are used, and where they come from; how they are enforced (e.g. rewards and punishments); and for those instructors who use mobile phones in instruction, whether and how the technology is...

Database: Education Research Complete
Saving Sources: Folder Tips

• Click on the folder icon to save the sources you want to use for research OR
• Save the PDF to a Cloud account like Google Drive
Saving Sources: Folder Tips

• Click on **Folder View** to view the sources you saved.
Saving Sources: Email Tips

• Click on the **Email** icon to send the folder of sources to your email so you can use them for your research.

**Articles**

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1. **Mobile phones in the classroom: Policies and potential pedagogy.**

By: Morris, Pamela; Sarapin, Susan. Journal of Media Literacy Education. 2020, Vol. 12 Issue 1, p57-69. DOI: 10.23860/JMLE-2020-12-1-5. Database: Education Research Complete

**Subjects:** Media literacy; College teachers; Teaching; Classroom activities; Classrooms; Cell phones

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Saving Sources: Email Tips

- Enter your email address and select the APA citation format and click Send

Make sure you email the folder before your search session expires or you close your window!
Find Scholarly Sources: OneSearch

• Go to library.norquest.ca
• Scroll down to OneSearch
• Click on Advanced Search
Summary

• Use limited keywords and phrases
• Use Boolean operators, brackets, and “quotation marks”
• Filter results by limiting to “Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals”
• Enter a recent publication date range (usually 5>years)
• Look at Subjects and titles of results for keywords and topic refinement
• Preview the abstract
• Save the sources you might use and email them to yourself before ending your session
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