



## Successful Searching Using: PsycINFO

The Alverno College Library subscribes to a number of databases, all of which have different interfaces and search screens. Some of the databases we have from the company EBSCO include: *PsycINFO*, *ERIC*, *Academic Search Premier* & *CINAHL*

### Path to PsycINFO:

Go to the Library's web page: <http://depts.alverno.edu/library/>  
Find "Finding Information"  
Click on "Databases By Subject"  
Click on the Psychology category; choose PsycINFO

### TO BEGIN:

1. Take a moment to think about your research topic and decide on a few good search terms.
2. Type your search term(s) in the empty search boxes.

For KEYWORD searches – Simply type in your search terms in the spaces provided and click on the "Search" button.

For SUBJECT searches –Select the option from the drop down menu found when you click on "Select a Field (optional)".

You can select a "Search Mode" from the list found under "Search Options."

Remember, EBSCO is the **vendor** while PsycINFO is the **database**

Seeing an address like this is a good reminder that this is NOT a web site, but a database

Searching: **PsycINFO** | Choose Databases >>

sleep deprivation in Select a Field (optional) Search Clear ?

AND college students in Select a Field (optional)

AND in Select a Field (optional) Add Row

Basic Search | Advanced Search | Visual Search | Search History

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Search Options [Reset]

Search modes ?

- Boolean/Phrase
- Find all my search terms
- Find any of my search terms
- SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

**START BY ENTERING IN YOUR SEARCH** This person will do a KEYWORD search on "Sleep Deprivation" AND "College Students."

Refine your search by using the “LIMITERS” found on the bottom of the “search Screen.”

There are many options. You can **LIMIT** by such things as **date**, **language**, **age groups**, and **type of document**. Don't limit too soon.

Our search on “**Sleep Deprivation**” AND “**College Students**” limited to “**Peer Reviewed**” items produced 76 hits. Some items are available as “**PDF**” or “**HTML**” Full Text.

You can also sort by “**Source**,” “**Author**” or “**Relevance**”

Refine your search by selecting options from this list.

PDF Full Text is available for this item

REMEMBER: If you need help, don't hesitate to ask a reference librarian!