

Education Resources in General in CCOL and Online

These are general education resources. For resources specific to your SOE degree program area, please see the other handouts on

http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/ccol_research.cfm

Only use the Internet Explorer or Safari browsers. Other browsers may not work in CCOL.

Journal, document, book, and periodicals in CCOL

On the CCOL HOME page, the *Search here for Education* search box will search these databases:

- Academic Search Premier
- Wilson OmniFile Select Full Text Edition
- Education Research Complete
- ERIC
- PsycArticles
- PsycBooks
- PsycExtra
- PsycInfo
- Research Starters in Education
- SocIndex with Full Text
- Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition
- Ebrary
- CINAHL in Full-Text

Research Starters in Education

“Research Starters are study and research guides...They consist of comprehensive, yet concise topic summary articles of about 3,000 words in length written by researchers, scholars and other subject matter experts.” Use the Research Starters to explore topics and get your research started.

- On the CCOL HOME page, click *Direct to Databases*
- Click *EBSCOHost*
- Click *Databases A-Z*
- Scroll down and click on the title *Research Starters in Education*
- Put a term in the search box and click Search. For example:
 - There are 31 articles on “education reform”
 - There are 190 articles on “educational leadership”
 - There are 42 articles on “multicultural education”

Ebrary Electronic Books in CCOL

To search for education books in the Ebrary Electronic Books collection:

- From the CCOL HOME page, click *Direct to Databases*
- Click *Ebrary Electronic Books*
- Click *Advanced* (to the right of the “Search Ebrary” box)

- Use the drop-down menu of the “Search in” box to search by subject (or title, author, etc.)
- For example, a *Search in SUBJECT for Education* yields more than 1983 books including
 - 20 books on the education of African-Americans
 - 91 books on special education
 - 1201 books with “Teaching” as the Subject including
 - 95 books on methods for elementary teaching in all subject areas (for books on teaching, run a Title search for “Teaching”)

Research Guides in CCOL

The E-Global Research Guides will help you develop a search strategy and then find your way among the best books, periodicals, associations, government resources, and Internet sites on your topic. To see the Research Guides:

- Click *Research Starters by Subject* from the CCOL HOME page
- Click *e-global Research Guides*
- Click Social Sciences and see the Research Guides for
 - *Education Administration*
 - *Technology in Education*
 - *Adult Learning*
 - Subject areas such as *African-American Studies* and *Hispano American/Latino Studies*

Tutorials on how to do education research

Policy Maker’s Primer on Education Research: How to Understand, Evaluate, and Use It
<http://www.ecs.org/html/educationissues/research/primer/aboutprimer.asp>

Education Research Methods Tutorial <http://library.albany.edu/subject/tutorials/education/>

Basic Research Methods – Free course online
<http://www.itrainonline.org/itrainonline/mmtk/research.shtml>

Teacher Research and Action Research Resources <http://gse.gmu.edu/research/tr/>

Action Research Websites http://www2.alliance.brown.edu/dnd/ar_websites.shtml

Research Methods in the Social and Natural Sciences
http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/proj/res_meth/index.html

How to do statistical research tutorial
<http://www.library.american.edu/Help/tutorials/stats/index.html>

Statistics tutorials <http://www.rossmanchance.com/applets/>

Recommended Websites

Although not from scholarly journals, useful information can be found on the web. Most of these sites come highly recommended from a national survey of reference librarians.

Websites can change and disappear at any time! If the URL doesn't work, try putting the name of the site into Google.

Multimedia Resources for Learning and Teaching <http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>

Great websites (unfortunately, all the other tabs are not free online materials)

<http://libguides.gvsu.edu/content.php?pid=2146&sid=188761>

<http://libguides.gvsu.edu/content.php?pid=2146&sid=10459>

Free online tools <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/>

Journalist's Toolbox on Education <http://www.journaliststoolbox.org/archive/education/>

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators is a categorized list of sites useful for enhancing curriculum and professional growth. It is updated often to include the best sites for teaching and learning. <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/index.html>

Gateway to 21st Century Skills <http://www.thegateway.org/>

Internet Scout Report advanced search page: put your search term in

<http://scout.wisc.edu/Archives/SPT--Advanced.php>

These sites offer help specifically for teachers in their first or second years.

<http://www.teachingdegree.org/2009/06/21/100-helpful-websites-for-new-teachers/>

Teacher Planet best websites for teachers <http://www.websites4teachers.com/>

Glossaries

Education Dictionary <http://dictionary.babylon.com/socialscience/education/>

Glossaries by subject area

http://www.alphadictionary.com/directory/Specialty_Dictionaries/Education/

Special education dictionary <http://www.parentpals.com/2.0dictionary/dictnewsindex.html>

Education Encyclopedia <http://education.stateuniversity.com/>

Legal information

Education Law <http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Education>

Public school teachers' legal rights info

<http://www.nrtw.org/about-your-legal-rights-public-school-teacher-or-college-professor>

Education Law Association <http://educationlaw.org/index.php>

National School Boards Assn on School Law <http://www.nsba.org/SchoolLaw>

US Dept of Education on Legislation <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/edpicks.jhtml>

Special Education and law <http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

Center for Education and Employment Law <http://www.ceelonline.com/ceel/default.asp>

Academic Standards by State

Academic standards by state <http://www.jesandco.net/asn/viewer/>

Statistics and demographics

National Center for Education Statistics <http://nces.ed.gov>

Great statistics websites <http://libguides.gvsu.edu/content.php?pid=9883>

State and county departments of education website, such as Massachusetts Department of Education at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/>

U.S. Census Bureau/American Factfinder
<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

Education Week's annual report on state-level efforts to improve public education
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/qc/index.html>

Associations

National Education Association <http://www.nea.org/>

American Federation of Teachers <http://www.aft.org/>

Need Opinions or Interview or Survey Respondents?

<http://education-forums.com/>

<http://chronicle.com/forums/>

Video and Audio Podcasts

PBS Teacher's resources

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>

www.itunes.com has video and audio podcasts, including college lectures in iTunes U.

www.youtube.com has many results for "Teaching" but put in a more specific term such as "Classroom management" or "cooperative learning"

Do You Need Books to Expand Your Research?

Google Books at <http://books.google.com> is amazing!

- Be sure to search it for your subject area!
- Click "Advanced Book Search" and check "Full View Only" to limit the search to full-text results
- "PartialView" can also provide plenty of full-text

<http://www.amazon.com> or <http://www.bn.com> Use these easy search engine to get lists of books on your topic and to read excerpts, but try to get the books from your local library or buy from your local independent bookstore. Or, buy a less expensive used copy from an online independent bookstore at <http://www.bookfinder.com>

If you can't find what you need or you need more, ask yourself:

Who would care about this topic?

Where would they publish what they know?