

Info Lit Tip – Identifying Relevant Periodicals

With thanks to Professor James Horn in our Cambridge College Ed.D. program for the idea, here's an exercise that will teach students how to identify and evaluate periodicals related to their research topic or career plans.

There are two places in CCOL that provide lists of recommended periodicals in about 100 subject areas. These are “*e-global Program Resources*” and “*e-global Research Guides*.” It looks like this:



These resource guides are organized by type of program. Click on the appropriate link to find Internet resources and more for the program topic that you are studying.

[Allied Health](#)

Includes all health-related programs, including Medical Assisting, Medical Administration, Pharmacy Tech, Dental Assisting, and more.

[Business & Law](#)

Includes all business-related and law-related programs, including Business Administration, Business Communication, Criminal Justice, Paralegal Studies, and more.

[Science & Technology](#)

The study of the physical world, both living and nonliving, and its processes and systems. Just a few of these resources are Biology, Chemistry, Cable Television, Computer Sciences, Health Sciences, and Physics.

[Arts](#)

Includes a wide variety of arts programs, including Graphic Design, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Photography, Film, and more.

[Industrial](#)

These resources cover methods of using tools and machinery in the areas of Automotive, Trucking, and Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R).

[Social Sciences](#)

The social sciences are devoted to the study of human social behavior. Includes Anthropology, Archaeology, Geography, History, Psychology, Law, Political Science, and much more.

Before the class, instructors should follow the instructions below to find the most likely resources for their students. If a subject area is not covered, ask students to choose another subject area for the exercise.

Or, instructors can provide their own lists of recommended periodicals with websites. Try <http://journalseek.net/> to search 95,000 scholarly journals by subject area. Try to list those in full-text in CCOL or available in a local traditional library open to the public.

Introduction to the exercise: You might say *“if we met with a reference librarian who specialized in our subject area, s/he would recommend the most highly-regarded journals and magazines in the field. In this exercise, you will look at that list and pick the best one for your research or career plans. CCOL has a place with lists by subject area. But please understand that these are just lists. This is not where you can see the full-text. You can find the full-text of many of these periodicals in the CCOL databases or in a local traditional library.”*

- From the CCOL HOME page, click *Research Starters by Subject*
- Click *e-global Program Resources*
- Click the most relevant subject area, such as *Social Sciences*, or *Business & Law*
- Click the most relevant topic, such as *Psychology* or *Alternative Medicine*
- If you don't find a relevant *e-global Program Resource*

1. go back to CCOL HOME page
 2. click *Research Starters by Subject*
 3. click *e-global Research Guides*
 4. Click the most relevant subject area (*Humanities, Social Sciences, Science & Technology, or Business*)
 5. Click the most relevant Research Guide topic, such as *Psychology* or *Business Management*
- Click *Periodicals*

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Research Guide
 New to this Topic? Trying to figure out where to go and how to get started? This research guide will help you develop a search strategy and then find your way among the best books and Internet sites on your topic.

- [Search Strategy](#)
- [Books](#)
- [Periodicals](#)
- [Associations](#)

- [Government Resources](#)

Internet Resources
 Check here if you just want to go immediately to the best Internet-based resources on your topic. You will find gateways, reference sites, comprehensive overviews, many full-text Internet.

- [Gateways](#)
- [Reference](#)
- [General](#)
- [Mental Health](#)

- [Psychology Subdisciplines and Special Topics](#)

- Read the brief descriptions of the periodicals listed, and choose one that appears most relevant to your research or career plans
- Click to the periodical's website to answer these questions:
 1. Who is the intended audience? Do you fit the profile?
 2. From the Table of Contents of the current issue, is there an article you want to read? How is it relevant to your topic or career plans?
 3. Is this journal in full-text in the CCOL or a local traditional library to which you have access? (For instructions see the *How to Use Cambridge College Online Library Handbook*)

NOTE to instructors: I have two fears about this assignment:

- Some of the periodicals listed will not be in full-text in our CCOL. Please be prepared with a list of full-text periodicals that are in CCOL. This list should also be on your syllabus
- Make sure the students understand that to find the full-text of articles in current and past issues they must search in the CCOL databases, not the websites provided in the *e-global Program Resources* and *e-global Research Guides*

This method can also be used to find recommended books, internet resources, professional associations, and government documents!