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Library Research Resources for Public Health Issues

Getting Started

- [Research Strategies: A Five-Step Guide](#) -- tips for how to get started, find sources, write, and cite
- [Research Project Calculator](#) -- create a timeline for completing your assignment

Accessing Library Resources from Off Campus

As a CSUN student you can access most databases from off campus, anywhere around the world. You just need to make sure you have your PORTAL username and password. When you click on a database from off campus, you'll see the following screen. When you've entered the ID and password information, you'll be redirected to the database.

Books

- Course Textbook: [Essentials of public health](#) (RA445 .T87 2007) [Reserve Room and Reserve Desk]
- [Library Catalog](#) -- search the library catalog for books, journal titles, media and other materials

Periodical Articles

Search the library's databases to find journal, magazine and newspaper articles.

News, Current Events, General Information

- [Academic Search Elite](#) -- a general/multi-subject database useful for finding general, non-scientific articles
- [Gale Health Reference Center](#) -- search over 900 health and allied health journals with full text articles in 686 journals
- [Los Angeles Times](#) (1985-present)

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Finding Books and Journals in the Library Catalog

Use the Catalog search box located in the center of the library's [homepage](#) to search for books. To search for books on your topic, use the default Keyword search option and enter your search terms in the For box.



The screenshot shows the Library Catalog search interface. At the top, there are tabs for Books, Articles, Journals, Reserves, and Digital Archives. Below the tabs, the text reads "Find books, videos, CDs and more in the Library Catalog". The search form includes a "Search:" dropdown menu set to "Keyword", a "For:" text input field, and a "Limits:" dropdown menu set to "None". A "Search" button is located to the right of the Limits dropdown. Below the search form, there is a link that says "Find more in [Advanced Catalog Search](#)".

If you have a specific book or author in mind, before you enter your search terms in the For box, change the Search type from *Keyword* to:

- *Title* - to look for a specific book.
- *Author* - to look for books by a specific author.

To look for ebooks only, select *Ebooks* in the Limits field.

Finding Articles in Magazines, Journals, and Newspapers

Pick a database recommended for your subject from [Databases by Subject](#) and then search using keywords.

To locate the full text of an article:

- If full-text is available in the database, click on the link to full text (HTML or PDF).

- [LexisNexis](#) -- full-text news database
- [MedlinePlus Health News](#) -- up-to-date health information from the National Institutes of Health
- [ProQuest Newspapers](#) -- over 500 US and international newspapers full-text
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) -- responsible for providing leadership on global health matters within the United Nations

Scholarly Journals and Scientific Information

- [CINAHL Plus](#) -- scholarly journals from nursing, medicine, and consumer health
- [GoogleScholar](#) -- scholarly materials such as peer-reviewed articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and reports across many disciplines
- [PubMed](#) -- scholarly and research journal articles in biochemistry, medicine and related fields
- [ScienceDirect](#) -- search full-text journals published by Elsevier
- [Wiley Online Library](#) -- search full-text journals published by Wiley
- [CQ Researcher](#) -- explores in depth hot issues in the news
- [Information Sources: Health Sciences - SimpleSearch](#) allows you to search up to 10 databases, and offers you an electronic shelf to save records from diverse databases.

Government Publications

- Official California Legislative Information gives status and history of bills at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>
- [Legislative WWW sites](#) can lead you to congressmen's websites <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/legsite.html>
Redesigned California legislation website is <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

<http://www.ncsl.org/about-us/ncslservice/state-legislative-websites-directory.aspx>

- [CSUN Find Resources: Government Publications](#)

Citing Sources

- [Publication manual of the American Psychological Association](#) (Reference Room and 2nd floor - BF76.7 .P83 2010)
- [APA Online Resources](#)
- [Plagiarism](#)

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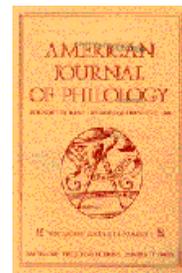
How to Cite Articles

- Determine which citation style to use; the two most commonly used at CSUN are MLA and APA. If your professor didn't specify, pick one and use it consistently.
- Check the sample style sheets ([MLA](#) or [APA](#)) to see what information the article citation should contain and how it should be formatted.
- Be sure to indicate where material you quoted directly or paraphrased came from.

For more information, see [Citing Your Sources - Plagiarism](#).

Scholarly Journals (Peer-reviewed/Referreed)

- Authors are authorities in their fields.
- Authors cite their sources in endnotes, footnotes, or bibliographies.
- Individual issues have little or no advertising.
- Articles must go through a [peer-review](#) or refereed process.
- Articles are usually reports on scholarly research.
- Illustrations usually take the form of charts and graphs.
- Articles use jargon of the discipline.





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