



EXPLORING LANGUAGE ANTH 160/LNGS 110

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LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSION I

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CLASS GOALS

- Explore sources for locating books or articles on specific topics
- Identify what and how to search in order to find required resources
 - Understand the difference between keyword and browse searching
 - Use subject controlled vocabulary effectively
- Distinguish between popular and scholarly articles
- “Locate” books and articles in the Libraries’ collections

Setting a context for working together....



- Group volunteer distribute one clicker to each person at your table
- Everyone: Turn the unit on
- As questions appear on the screen, choose your answer and select the letter button that corresponds to your answer
- When we are done, turn them off, group volunteer will collect them and return baskets to front desk



Question 1

Are you a:

- A. Freshman?
- B. Sophomore?
- C. Junior?
- D. Senior?

Question 2

Do you:

- A. Live in the dorms or townhouses?
- B. Live in a student house off-campus?
- C. Commute from home?

Question 3

Do you:

- A. Have a PC?
- B. Have a Mac?
- C. I don't have my own computer.

Question 4

What is your preferred web browser?

- A. Windows Internet Explorer
- B. Mozilla Firefox
- C. Google Chrome
- D. Safari
- E. other

Question 5

What is your preferred Web search engine?

- A. Ask.com
- B. Bing
- C. Google
- D. Yahoo
- E. None of the above

Question 6

Are you or are you planning to be an:

- A. Anthropology major?
- B. English, Communications or Linguistics major?
- C. Psychology major?
- D. Undeclared?
- E. None of the above.

Question 7

When you need to find information, you are most likely to:

- A. Text your friend?
- B. Go to the library?
- C. Search the Web on your computer?
- D. Chat online with a librarian?

“Finding Books”

- Library catalogs provide access to their collections
 - SUNY Potsdam Libraries’ online catalog is BEARCAT
 - Includes a full description of the material as well as information on location, call number and availability
 - WorldCat is a collective catalog of library collections from around the world
 - Along with the description, includes information on where the material is held and allows loan requests – Interlibrary Loan

“Finding Books”

- Online catalogs allow multiple search fields and support a variety of search strategies
 - Basic or Advanced – (advanced = more options)
 - Browse or Keyword
 - Field searching – e.g. author, title, subject

“Finding Articles”

- The best tool for finding an article in a [journal, periodical, magazine] is a periodical database that indexes the content of periodicals.
- Available databases may be general in nature or focused on specific subject areas.
 - When you are searching for articles, choosing the best database is a major factor in determining the success of your search – efficiency is your goal.

Academic Search Complete

- Database vendor is Ebscohost (“Ebsco”)
 - Default Search option is ADVANCED
 - Search template offers Boolean search strategy
 - Options include keyword search, subject term selection from the menu bar option, search specific entry fields
 - Results come with options for narrowing and/or limiting results
 - If the full-text is unavailable within the database, use Article Linker to identify other full-text sources – may be in print, in another database or available through Interlibrary Loan

What is the difference between a “magazine” and a “scholarly journal”?

- Magazines or popular press articles:
 - Written for the general reader
 - Writer is frequently a reporter who may *research* the topic but not carry out *research* on the topic
- Scholarly or peer-reviewed or academic journal articles:
 - Written by “expert” in the field – credentials are clear
 - Writing is directed to other scholars and frequently reports on research or new applications of research

Formatting your answers

- Assistance with citation styles is available on the Libraries' web pages under "GET HELP"
- Many style manuals are available in the Crumb Library Reference Collection
- In-person citation help is available in the Writing Center (or Ask-a-Librarian)
- Citing articles accessed electronically requires unique information including urls, access "locations" and access dates.

Getting Help

- “Ask-a-Librarian” – in person, chat, e-mail or 24/7
- See notes in the Subject Guide for Anthropology under “Courses”