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ACCESS THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

- MLK Library’s Academic Gateway is a great way to get started on your research.
- Contact The Student Computing Center (808-2470) for help with account information or accessing the databases.

GET A LIBRARY CARD

- Starting your 1st semester, bring your SJSU Tower Card to the Circulation Desk (No online application required).
- Use your card to check out any library resources and to access online library account information, journal databases and eBooks.
- Contact the Circulation Desk (808-2000), if you have any questions about how to get a card.

Be green & save money!
Use our scanners instead of photocopying
Located in the lower levels

CREATE A LIBRARY PIN NUMBER

- Create a pin by logging into located at the top of the website. Then select “Modify your PIN”.
- Use the default pin (last 4 digits of your phone number) to log in.
- Required for checking material out or access online resources.
- Contact the Circulation Desk Staff (408)808-2000 if you have any questions.
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FIND A GOOD PLACE TO STUDY

- 36 rooms for groups of 2-12 people. Reserve a room by going to the website and clicking on the Services button.
- For conversations at normal level head to the 4th Floor.
- Cultural Heritage Center on the 5th Floor.
- Studying with minimal conversation is on the 6th & 8th Floor.
- Silent Studying is on the 7th Floor.

Visit the library's Special Collections (5th flr.), the 8th floor to find a studying spot with a view & the 'On Fourth' Cafe (1st flr.).

CHECK-OUT A DESKTOP, A LAPTOP OR TRY OUR WIRELESS

- Desktops are located on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th floors. You can either reserve or walk-up to a desktop computer terminal. Wireless is accessible throughout the library. Use your SJSUOne Account (http://www.sjsu.edu/sjsuone/).
- Laptops may be checked out from the Lower Level (basement).
- Bring in a flash drive to download articles and documents for your classes.
- Printing: Use your SJSU Towercard or you may purchase a card to print.

VISIT A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Students can:

- Make one-on-one appointments with librarians.
- Drop-in during open hours at the 2nd Floor Reference Desk, 5th Floor Cultural Heritage Center or at the Library Outpost in Clark Hall (1st Flr.).
- Or contact librarians online or by phone.
- For more information go to the website & click on “Ask a Librarian” on the left side bar.
1. Some learning objectives for this Library session:
   - Learn about services & resources in King Library
   - Learn how to connect to scholarly & professional resources for health professions.
   - Learn how to construct, use, & evaluate search strategies for finding articles on specific topics.
   - Learn how to retrieve the full text of research articles and review papers
   - Learn where & when to ask for assistance

3. Need technical help with off-campus connection?
   SJSU Library Student Computer Service   408-808-2470

4. Need help with search strategies & finding good articles?
   Tina Peterson, Librarian for Occupational Therapy
   (408) 808-2099       Tina.Peterson@sjsu.edu

5. Your own search: finding professional & scholarly articles on your subject
   Use the databases for your major listed under “Your SJSU Major” on the Academic Gateway.  http://sjlibrary.org/gateways/academic/

Database: PubMed SJSU. Topic: What are the health effects of high fructose corn syrup in the diet?

- Combine topics to form a specific search, using AND
- Limit by date range.
- Limit to Human
- Limit to English
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PubMed Search results

- Note that author’s workplace is given
- Click on Authors’ names to find more publications
- Click on the RELATED ARTICLES link to find more articles.
- Use the SJSU GetText link to find out how to get the full article
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Database: CINAHL. Topic: Complementary Medicine

- To narrow down your search, add more ideas in the search boxes OR
- Click on one of the Subjects in the lefthand green sidebar.
- Limit to Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals.
- Click on the title of an article to find out more about it.
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One abstract in CINAHL

- Click on Authors to find more of their publications. Note that you can email authors.
- Click on Subjects to get more articles
- Click on Similar Results to find more articles (blue sidebar)
- Click on SetText to find out how to read the full article
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Database: Web of Science. Topic: Current methods in stem cell research

- Combine your search ideas, one idea to a search box. Change the search field to TOPIC.
- Limit to very recent articles: 2006-2008
- Use truncation (*) to find all words with the root: method, e.g. methods, methodology
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Results of search in Web of Science: several articles

- Use SUBJECT AREAS (left sidebar) to limit your search further
- Limit Document Types to article and/or review
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One reference in Web of Science

- Authors’ names are clickable to find more articles.
- Authors’ email & work addresses are given
- Click on Times Cited to find related articles
- Click on References to find the articles used by this author
- Click on Related Records (blue sidebar on right) to find even more.
- Use the Get Text to see how you can get the full article.
Justice Studies 100W
Library Exercise

You will be divided into two groups. Each group will have about 15 minutes to complete these tasks, discuss the results, and prepare a 5-minute presentation of the search process to the entire class. If you have questions while you are working, please ask for help.

**Group 1**

1. In the database *Criminal Justice Abstracts*, in the Advanced Search mode, locate and enable the feature that allows you to add another database to your search. Select the database *Sociological Abstracts*.

2. Repeat the search below that was just demonstrated. Limit to “English” and “Journal Articles.” You will be searching two databases at the same time.

   police (as a descriptor)
   and
   recruitment (as a keyword)

3. Review the results and discuss: How are the results organized (i.e. by date or relevance)? Might you want to change this? How might you further narrow your results?

4. Note a few citations that seem especially relevant to your class. After reviewing their abstracts, email the citations to yourself (be careful with the email form).

5. Pick a presenter from your group who will repeat your search process for the whole class.

**Group 2**

1. You will be using the *Electronic Journals Index* on the library web page to browse journals related to justice studies. Begin by navigating to the Academic Gateway (SJSU Students and Faculty) and selecting the “E-Journals” link.

2. Use the “Browse Journals by Subject” drop-down menu and select “Social Sciences.”

3. Explore the results for subjects relevant to your class. Click on the link for “Criminology, Penology & Juvenile Delinquency.”

4. Scroll through the list of journal titles and identify one that looks particularly interesting or useful for your assignment. Choose one of the provided links to directly access your selected journal. If you need more information, try using the “Title details” links.

5. Use your remaining time to browse through your selected journal and discuss the advantages/disadvantages of using the *Electronic Journals Index* for your research.

6. Pick a presenter from your group who will repeat your search process for the whole class.

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