



Accessing & Searching PsycINFO

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Introduction

PsycINFO is an abstract database of psychological literature from the 1800s to the present. It contains bibliographic citations, abstracts, cited references, and descriptive information for a wide range of scholarly publications in the behavioural and social sciences.

The database is available both on and off-campus.

If you are unable to find what you are looking for or need help searching the database, please ask a member of Library Staff for help.

1. Accessing PsycINFO

Off-Campus:

Step 1: From the Faculty Library CamTools site or from your Library Course CamTools site select [Databases](#)

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Welcome to the Faculty of Education Library!

Click on a course title on the left menu for information & resources specific to your studies. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help in locating material, either in the Library or electronically.

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Select **Databases**

Step 2: Select [PsycINFO](#) from the list and follow the links through to the database

Below is a list of the most useful databases covering education (you will need your Raven username and password to access these resources off-campus):

Database	Information	Guides
Scopus	Scopus is international in coverage and indexes 16,500 peer-reviewed journals plus book series and conference papers in the fields of Scientific, Technical, Medical and Social Sciences including Arts & Humanities.	Accessing & Searching Scopus
British Education Index	The British Education Index is a specialised database focusing on journals in the field of education published in the UK.	Accessing & Searching BREI
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) is an American English-language database relating to education. ERIC indexes over 650 journals, plus books, research syntheses, conference papers, technical reports and policy papers.	ERIC search guide
Web of Knowledge	WOK provides access to current and retrospective bibliographic information and cited references found in nearly 1,130 of the world's leading arts, humanities and social science journals.	WOK search guide
Psycinfo	Psychological literature from the 1800s to the present.	
Index to Theses	The Index to Theses is a comprehensive listing of theses with abstracts accepted for higher degrees by universities in Great Britain and Ireland.	Accessing & Searching the

Select **PsycINFO**

Step 3: Click on the database title

The screenshot shows the Cambridge University Library website. The search results page displays 'eresources@cambridge' and 'Resources with titles containing 'psycinfo''. A search box contains 'psycinfo' and a 'Find resources' button is visible. Below the search box, there is a table with one row of results:

Title	Identifier	Access Route
PsycINFO (off campus)		sam domain/Raven password

A large white arrow points from the text 'Click on the database title' to the link 'PsycINFO (off campus)' in the table.

Step 4: From the Shibboleth Login page, select UK Higher Education from the list

The screenshot shows the Shibboleth Login page. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of regions and groups. 'UK Higher Education' is highlighted in blue. The list includes:

- Select your region or group
- Portugal Foundation for the National Scientific Computation
- Czech academic identity federation eduID.cz
- Senicio de Identidad de RedRIS
- Swiss Higher Education
- Swedish Id Federation for HigherEd
- US Higher Education
- UK Higher Education**
- Netherlands Higher Education
- EBSCO Publishing
- German Higher Education and Research
- French Universities and Grandes Ecoles
- View All Institutions

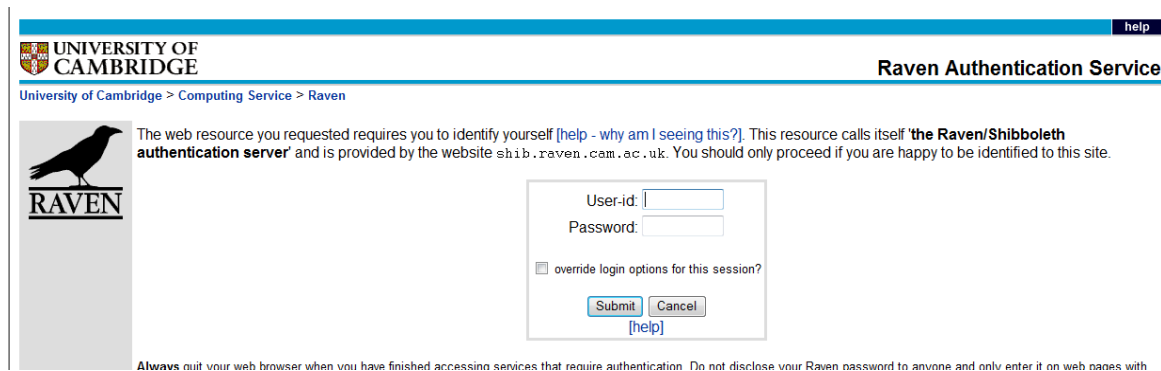
The page also features the EBSCO logo and a 'Learn more about EBSCO Publishing's Product & Services' link.

Step 5: Select University of Cambridge from the list

The screenshot shows a list of institutions. A large white arrow points from the text 'Select University of Cambridge' to the link 'University of Cambridge' in the list. The list includes:

- [Roehampton University](#)
- [Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama](#)
- [Ruskin College](#)
- [School of Oriental and African Studies](#)
- [Sheffield Hallam University](#)
- [Southampton Solent University](#)
- [St George's University of London](#)
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- [Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Teesside University](#)
- [Thames Valley University](#)
- [The Manchester College](#)
- [The Open University](#)
- [The Robert Gordon University](#)
- [Truro and Penwith College](#)
- [UCL \(University College London\)](#)
- [UHL Millennium Institute](#)
- [University College Plymouth St Mark & St John](#)
- [University of Aberdeen](#)
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- [University of Bath](#)
- [University of Bedfordshire](#)
- [University of Birmingham](#)
- [University of Brighton](#)
- [University of Bristol](#)
- [University of Cambridge](#)
- [University of Chichester \(Shibboleth\)](#)
- [University of Cumbria](#)

Step 6: Enter your Raven Username & Password and you will be redirected to the database



On-Campus

For on-campus access, follow steps 1-3 and you will enter the database automatically.

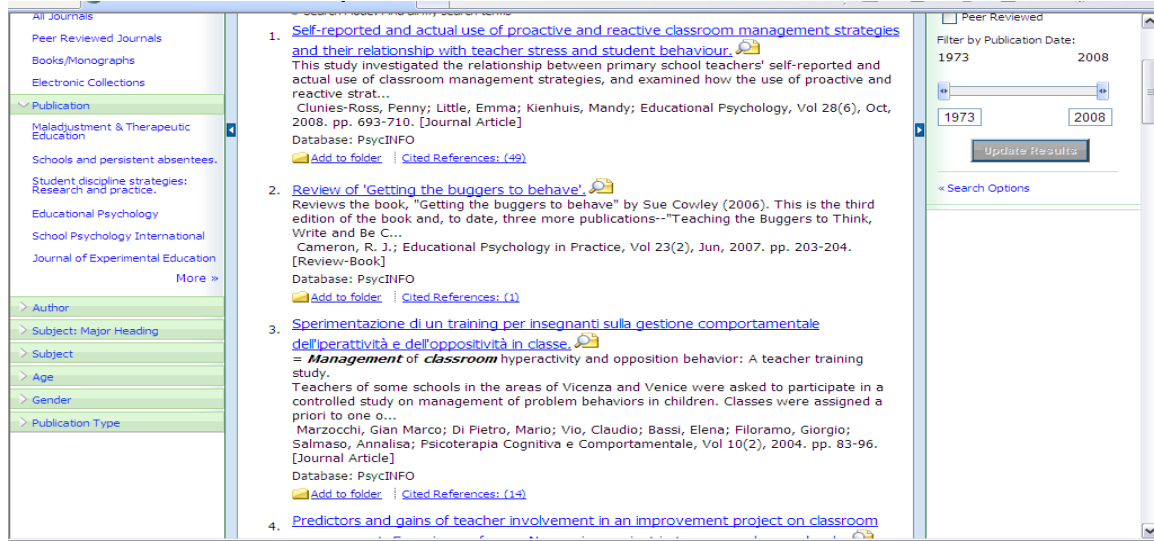
2. Searching the Database

- To carry out a subject search, use the [Advanced Search](#) and enter your search terms in the boxes at the top of the page.
- From the drop-down menus to the right of the search boxes, choose [TX All text](#).
- Finally, in the Search Options section, select [Find all my search terms](#) and click on [Search](#).

The screenshot displays the PsycINFO search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'New Search', 'Thesaurus', 'Cited References', and 'Indexes'. The search area contains the text 'classroom management' and 'disruptive pupils' in separate boxes, with 'and' between them. To the right of each box is a dropdown menu set to 'TX All Text'. A 'Search' button is located to the right of the second dropdown. A callout arrow points to the search boxes with the text 'Enter search terms'. Another callout arrow points to the 'TX All Text' dropdowns with the text 'Select All Text'. A third callout arrow points to the 'Search' button with the text 'Click search'. Below the search area is the 'Search Options' section. Under 'Search modes', the radio button for 'Find all my search terms' is selected. A callout arrow points to this option with the text 'Select Find all my search terms'. The 'Limit your results' section includes options for 'Linked Full Text', 'Publication Name', 'Published Date from', 'Publication Type', 'References Available', 'Publication Year from', 'Peer Reviewed', 'Publisher', 'English', and 'Language'. A 'Reset' button is located at the top right of the 'Search Options' section.

3. Your Results

Your list of results will provide brief details of the publication, together with the first two lines of the abstract. To view the whole abstract, move the cursor onto the magnifying glass icon beside the title. For full details of the publication, click on the title.



4. Expanding your search

If you find that your initial search results in only a small number of items, you can expand it by clicking on Apply related words in the Search options section of the search page.

Alternatively, you can select SmartText Searching from the Search options. Here you can use your original search terms, or you can enter as much text for your search as you want - a phrase, a sentence, paragraph, or even whole pages – and the database will use the most relevant terms to conduct the search.

5. Limiting your search

If your search has resulted in too many hits, you can narrow down your list of references in various ways. To the left of the list of results is a range of links that you can use to limit the number of references, for example, by publication type, age, subject etc.

Click on the appropriate link and the database will accordingly provide a more limited list of references.

6. E-mailing your search results

- From the results list, click on [Add to folder](#) at the end of each item.
- To see the list of items you have selected, click on the Folder link at the top of the webpage.
- Tick the boxes beside the items you would like to e-mail.
- Choose the envelope icon at the top of the list and follow the instructions.

You can also print or save your chosen references by selecting the appropriate icon.

7. Help

Select the Help link at the top of the page for more detailed instructions on how to get the best results from searching this database.

8. Locating the journal articles

When you have searched the British Education Index and have a list of references, you will need to check the journal availability in Cambridge. To do this, follow our 2-step guide below:

Step 1: Check if a journal title is available electronically:

- Search the University Library's index [ejournals@cambridge](#)

If you cannot find the journal title on this list then either the University does not have a subscription to the electronic version or the journal is not available in electronic format. If this is the case, follow step 2.

Step 2: Check if a journal is available in printed format:

- From the [Newton Library catalogue](#), click on Universal Catalogue at the bottom of the list. Enter the name of the journal in the search box. Make sure you have selected **Journal Title** on the right hand side and click on **Search**.

If you cannot trace the journal anywhere in Cambridge and the article is more than 10 pages long, please contact the Library as we may be able to request the article through the Inter-Library Loan service.

Don't forget, if you need any help with accessing or searching the databases, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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