Learning goals

Students will practice using library resources for Psychology, specifically PsycINFO and/or PubMed. They will work on developing strategic search habits, which means having a goal and regularly reflecting on progress.

Objectives

At the end of this workshop, each group should have:
1) a list of potential variables
2) at least two articles (or, significant progress toward finding them)

A. INDIVIDUAL WORK

1. Search

Go to the Psychology Research Guide (go/psycguide/) and search PsycINFO

   a. Look for 2 articles on the topic your group has selected for today
   b. Update your partners as you search: share your search terms and filters, ask for feedback and suggestions
   c. Pick 2 articles
   d. Send the articles to yourself with APA-formatted citations

2. Read, reflect and record

   Skim the Methods and Results sections of your articles and take notes on the following:

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How were they measured? (e.g. 10 question survey, distance ran in 1 minute).

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B. GROUP WORK

1. Take turns sharing what you found with your group members:
   
a. Which variables were used in your two articles? How were they measured?
   
b. Would it be [easy, challenging, or impossible] to do a similar study here? Why?

2. Discuss:
   
a. Which variables are most viable or useful for your research project? List them here:
   
   i. Also note how the variables were measured (e.g., name of the scale/questionnaire/instrument), in case you want to search for that measure later on
   
   b. Which articles use these variables? List at least two of them here:

3. Decide:
   
a. Will you continue to pursue this topic?
   
b. What will you do next?