

Library Handout

Database Searching

Information Literacy Assignment: Database Searching

Task:

Submit a statement of your research topic and a list of keywords or search terms you would use to search for information about this topic. Select an appropriate database(s) from the <u>subject list</u> on the Library home page. Explain the reasons for selecting any particular database. Carry out your searches, and comment on the quality of the results.

Purpose:

- Provides practice in using electronic databases to access information.
- Illustrates the necessity of preparing a search strategy.
- · Teaches the mechanics of searching.
- Provides practice using a bibliographic citation style.

To complete this assignment, it will be helpful to review the following information:

- Constructing a search statement
- Finding articles
- Links to citing resources