

Guide to WIU Library Databases:

Education & Social Sciences

Communication & Mass Media Complete (1915-) A research resource of broad scope and depth covering topics in journalism, speech, film, communication studies, broadcasting, media, language, and more. *CMMC* offers cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts for over 300 journals, and selected coverage of over 100 more. Includes full text for more than 200 journals. Updated daily.

Criminal Justice Abstracts (1968-) Provides comprehensive coverage of international journals, books, reports, dissertations, and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines. For each document, an informative summary of the findings, methodology, and conclusions is provided. Topics include crime trends, prevention projects, corrections, juvenile delinquency, police, courts, offenders, victims, and sentencing. Updated quarterly.

Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (1981-) CJPI provides information on criminal justice topics including corrections administration, law enforcement, social work, industrial security, drug rehabilitation, and criminal and family law. 190 relevant U.S. and international journals are indexed, with full text for about 50. Updated weekly.

ERIC (1966-) Indexes and abstracts education-related journal articles, books, conference papers, and more. Also includes curricular guides, project and program descriptions, and ERIC Digests. Most non-journal documents from 1993 onward are full text. Updated monthly.

Gerritsen Collection – Women’s History Online (1543-1945) Offers books and periodicals reflecting the evolution of a feminist consciousness and women's rights. The anti-feminist case is presented as well as the pro-feminist; many other titles present a purely objective record of the condition of women at a given time. Publications from around the world have been digitized, providing page images as they appeared in the original works. Includes 265 periodicals primarily covering 1860-1900, and 4400+ books and pamphlets in English, German, French, and twelve additional languages.

JSTOR (1665-) JSTOR is a growing electronic archive of scholarly journals grouped into eleven collections. WIU Libraries has purchased five collections, giving us access to 450 full-text journals in Arts & Sciences, Music, General Science, and Ecology & Botany. Most journals have a “moving wall” of dates, meaning the journal’s beginning date will remain constant, but newer issues will be added with a lag time of three to five years.

Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (1973-) Covers three main areas: research in linguistics (the nature and structure of speech); research in language (speech sounds, sentence and word structure, meaning in language forms, spelling, phonetics); and research in speech, language, and hearing pathology. Indexes journal articles, books, book chapters, dissertations, and reviews of books and other media. Updated monthly.

NCJRS (1970-) The National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts Database contains summaries of criminal justice publications, including Federal, State, and local government reports; books; research reports; journal articles; and unpublished research. Subject areas include corrections, courts, drugs and crime, law enforcement, juvenile justice, crime statistics, domestic preparedness, and victims of crime. Most documents published by NCJRS sponsoring agencies since 1995 include links to the full text.

Philosopher's Index (1940-) Indexes more than 560 journals covering aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, logic, metaphysics, etc., and philosophy of related interdisciplinary fields such as education, history, law and religion. Contains citations and abstracts for journal articles, books, contributions to anthologies, and book reviews. Updated quarterly.

Primary Search (1985-) Primary Search provides full text for more than 60 popular magazines for elementary school children, in addition to books and pamphlets. Each record is assigned a reading level indicator (Lexile), which allows combining a subject search with a reading level. Includes an image collection. Updated daily.

Professional Development Collection (1965-) Designed for professional educators and researchers, this database provides a highly specialized collection of over 700 journals, many peer-reviewed and many full-text.

PsycINFO (1872-) Indexes professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines such as psychiatry, medicine, sociology, criminology, organizational behavior, and education. Includes references and abstracts to 1300 journals, as well as books, book chapters, and dissertations. Updated weekly.

Social Services Abstracts (1980-) Indexes more than 1400 serials containing theoretical and practical articles on social work, poverty and homelessness, child and family welfare, aging, crisis intervention, substance abuse, and other social and health policies and problems. Includes journal articles, dissertations, and citations to book reviews. Also includes the Register of Clinical Social Workers. Updated monthly.

Sociological Abstracts (1963-) Indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines, covering culture and social structure, social development, social psychology and group interaction, violence and power, women's studies, and much more. Sources include more than 1800 journals as well as books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers. Updated monthly.

