Using Online Databases for Public Administration Research

Use Boolean operators AND, OR NOT

- public attitudes AND politics
- Search for theoretical literature on your topic
- social control AND theory

Examine references cited in the literature

Search for names of prominent individuals

Consider using the term “history”

Consider using “definition” as a keyword

Consider using “literature review” or “review”

Consider using an exact phrase match

- “government bureaucracy”

Use truncation or wildcards *, !

- vot! (retrieves vote, voters, voting)

Tips for Searching Political Science Information

Need More Help?

The Pearson library staff, based in the Office of Information Systems and Services (ISS) is here to support you and your students. The following departments can be reached for specialized assistance:

Information Commons
Phone: 805.493.3255
E-mail: CLUlibrary@clunet.edu

Access Services/Circulation Department
Phone: 805.493.3937

Interlibrary Loan
Phone: 805.493.3120
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Computer Help Line
Phone: 805.493.3698

Writing Center
Phone: 805.493.3257
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The Pearson Library: Your Gateway to Public Administration Information

The Pearson Library offers many valuable information resources ranging from books and journals to electronic databases to help you research material for your Political science paper. This handout will provide you with an overview of key databases and information resources available through CLUnet and provide you with general tips for selecting the right database for your research needs.

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Searching the CLU Social Science Databases

Step 1: Sign on the Portal and Navigate to the Pearson Library homepage:

Step 2: Click on 'Electronic Resources by'

Step 3: Open the "Social Science" link to display databases for business research and select the database of your choice:

Databases for Public Administration Issues Research

**CQ Researcher**
Prepare for a debate, or become a quick expert on a topic.

**Euromonitor**
Business intelligence on countries, consumers and industries. 205 countries are researched, with extended coverage of 52.

**JSTOR** - Core scholarly journals in many social sciences.

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

**PAIS International** - Contains abstracts from articles, books, conference proceedings, government documents, book chapters, and statistical directories about public affairs. 2,100+ titles

**Project MUSE** - Provides full-text to over 114 scholarly journals online from Johns Hopkins University Press.

**ProQuest** - Indexes the contents of 3,000 newspapers and periodicals covering most subjects. Most articles in full-text.

**Rand California** - Contains customizable data from RAND, the nation's leading think tank.

**Statistical Universe** - Comprehensive access to statistical information.

Choosing the Right Database

Follow these guidelines to select the best database for your research. If you need more help, check with the Information Commons Desk.

**Peer-Reviewed Literature**
♦ JSTOR
♦ PAIS International
♦ ProQuest
♦ Project MUSE

**Current Events**
♦ CQ Researcher
♦ Opposing Viewpoints

**Cited Reference Searching**
♦ SCOPUS

**Demographic & Global**
♦ California Rand
♦ Country Watch
♦ Euromonitor
♦ Statistical Universe