

# Education Research

Selected Resources in the Clemson University Libraries

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## Guides

LB1028 .D64 2004    **Doing Educational Research: a guide to first-time researchers**

Ref.                    **Education: a guide to reference and information sources**

LB15 .B89 2000

## Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

LB15 .G68 2003    **Greenwood Dictionary of Education**

Ref.                    **Encyclopedia of Educational Research**

LB15 .E48 1992

Ref.                    **Encyclopedia of Education**

LB15 .E47 2003

Ref.                    **Encyclopedia of American Education**

LB17 .U54 2001

## Statistics

Ref. Desk            **Statistical Abstract of the United States**

C3.134:

Provides a summary of statistics and serves as a reference to more in-depth statistical publications.

Ref. Desk            **Digest of Education Statistics**

ED1.326:

Statistics about American education from pre-kindergarten through graduate school.

Internet

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/digest02>

Internet

**National Center for Education Statistics**

<http://nces.ed.gov>

## Find Books & Publications in the Library

From the Clemson Libraries Homepage <http://www.lib.clemson.edu>, select "Library Catalog."

### Clemson Library Catalog

Search the Catalog to find out if the Library owns a particular book or journal, or to see what books are available about a subject. Search by Keyword (for books about a topic), Author, or Title (must be exact).

### Kudzu

Broaden your search to 17 southeastern universities (including Clemson).

## Find Articles & Research Publications

The library owns many indexes to help locate citations in journals and other publications. Access via the Libraries home page: <http://www.lib.clemson.edu>. Select "Find Articles & Databases" then follow the subject list to "Education." Although ERIC is the major indexing tool for education research, there are many other indexes that include related topics.

### ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

ERIC is an information system sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education that generates the U.S. national bibliographic database covering the literature of education. The database consists of two files: document citations (ED) and journal article citations (JN) from over 750 professional journals.

### Education Index

**Print:** 1929 - present. Reference Z5813 .E24

Subject and author index to more than 400 major educational periodicals.

### PsycINFO

Major index for locating research publications in psychology and other social sciences.

### Expanded Academic & InfoTrac OneFile

These databases provide access to articles in a broad range of subject areas, and over half of them are full text. Even though many popular magazines and newspapers are included, there is also current indexing for reputable journals in education.

**HINT:** One way to narrow your search and eliminate popular press articles is limit the search to "refereed publications." This will limit your search to peer-reviewed publications. Be aware that not all research journals are considered "refereed."

## Web of Science / Social Sciences Citation Index

SSCI indexes significant articles from 4,500 major social science journals.

*Why the SSCI is Unique:* you can track an earlier article to the present day by following the articles that have cited it. This research technique uses the logic that if an author cites an article, his or her paper will be about a similar topic as the previous one. This is called a **Cited Ref Search**.

## Mental Measurements Yearbook

Contains full text information about and reviews of all English-language standardized tests covering educational skills, personality, vocational aptitude, psychology, and related areas.

## Electronic Journals

Thousands of online journals are available from the E-Journals page: <http://www.lib.clemson.edu/ej>.

Some journal providers, such as Science Direct or JSTOR, allow you to search for subjects among their collection of e-journals. There is no "overall" way to search *all* electronic journals by subject. You will usually be directed to an e-journal from the Library Catalog; the location will be "Internet."

## Tests & Test Reviews

Cooper Library does not have a test collection, but there are books that summarize tests and give publisher information or citations to journal articles that report using them. Here are the basic sources to try when you're looking for a test:

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| Ref.<br>BF176.T45             | <b>Tests in Print</b><br>Listing of all published tests currently in print.   |
| Ref.<br>BF176.M41             | <b>Mental Measurements Yearbook</b><br>Critical reviews of new and revised tests in each volume.  |
| Ref.<br>BF176.T43             | <b>Tests</b><br>Basic information about published tests in psychology, education, & business.   |
| Ref.<br>BF176.T419            | <b>Test Critiques</b><br>Contains psychometric information for the most frequently used psychological, educational, and business-related tests. |
| Ref.<br>LB3051 .E79           | <b>ETS Test Collection Catalog</b>  |
| Ref.<br>LB3051<br>.L4543 2000 | <b>Handbook of Tests &amp; Measurements in Education and the Social Sciences</b>  |

## Dissertations & Theses

### Clemson Theses & Dissertations

Cooper Library keeps copies of all theses and dissertations completed by Clemson students. Vocational/Technical Education theses are shelved on Level 2 at LC1044, or titles can be browsed in the Libraries' Catalog using the keyword search **clemson and theses and education?**

### Dissertation Abstracts

Directory of American doctoral dissertations accepted at accredited institutions. Copies of dissertations can be requested through interlibrary loan, and can also be purchased in various formats from UMI.

### Current Research @ Clemson

Search Clemson University dissertations, 1960-present; full-text available from 1996-present. Available from the Library home page; select "Find Articles & Databases," then "C" in list.

### Master's Theses Directories

Ref. AS30.M45; Library has 1991 – 2003

### Master's Theses Directories. Education / Master's Theses in Education

Ref. Z5816 .I6 M3; Library has 1965 - 1992

## What if the Library doesn't own the book / journal / dissertation / proceedings / etc. you need?

### Interlibrary Loan

You may request books or articles from journals the library does not own by filling out an Interlibrary Loan form. Online forms are available from the home page, or paper forms may be filled out at the Reference Desk. Articles and books are provided free of charge. The length of time it takes to get your article depends on many variables: how many libraries own the material, how busy their (and our) loan offices are at the time, how they send the article, and how detailed and accurate your request card was filled out.

### Ingenta Library Gateway

Ingenta is an index of more than 7 million articles published from 1988 to the present in all academic disciplines. Search by journal title, author, or keyword and to view tables of contents of individual journal issues. Clemson faculty and students may request fax copies of many articles that the Libraries do not own. **To order articles you must create a personal profile.** Be sure to read and print the information provided about setting up your profile BEFORE you access the database.

## Other Library Services

### Document Delivery

Clemson University **faculty and staff** may request delivery of books and photocopies of articles from the Clemson University Libraries. Delivery is free. There is a 10¢ per page fee for photocopies to be billed quarterly to department or individual accounts.

### Recall / Hold

Request a book that is currently checked out.

### In Process Request

When a new item arrives in the library, it is listed as “In Process” in the Library Catalog. Use an online form to request that the item be processed and available for you to check it out.

## Citing Sources

**Using APA Format**      [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_apa.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html)

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