

## Library Information Session: ED 730 – Doctoral Seminar

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When looking for information, use OU Libraries' Resources to find what you need!

### Where do I start?

- The **ED 730 course page** – this resource contains links to relevant **databases, research organization resources, reference materials, websites**, and other online information that may be helpful
  - **Most useful databases:** ERIC, PsycINFO, JSTOR
  - **Web of Science cited author searching** (and **Google Scholar!**) can tell you what research cites an article
  - **Tests and assessments** in Mental Measurements Yearbook, HaPI, PsycTESTS may be useful
  - **Encyclopedias** can help you find factual information on a topic or idea
  - **Dissertations and Theses** are available for your review, if you're interested

### How can I search for information most effectively?

- Start with a topical phrase or question and identify the most important words
- Identify the **most important words** to your topic or question to focus your search
- Use “ ” to keep phrases together – i.e., “transformative learning ” (but not “learning”!)
- Think of synonyms and alternate terms you can use to broaden/ narrow your search
- Explore an article's references to find related research on a topic or idea
- Go even deeper by using **Google Scholar** or **Web of Science cited author searching** to see what research *cites* a particular article

### When I find information I want, how do I access it?

- Get full-text versions of content by clicking the **GET IT AT OU LIBRARIES** link
  - Most often, you'll get access to a resource **electronically**, but you may have to find something **in print** – in this case, you'll have to use the library catalog
  - If we don't have access to a book or article, you can use **Interlibrary Loan** through **MeLCat** (books) or **ILLiad** (articles)

### What if I don't find what I need?

- Try **Library OneSearch** – this tool looks across many of OU Libraries' resources, including databases and the library catalog, and can also be used to find specific resources by title, author, or other identifying information
- Use the **Find Books** links to search the Libraries' catalog, including eBooks
- Use the **Find Articles** link to find and search within a specific journal title
- Contact us! Use **Ask a Librarian** 24 hours a day to get help via phone, email, and chat

How can I save the information I find, access it later, and cite it in my work?

- Use **RefWorks**! Through this tool, you can organize and access your research in one spot
  - Look for **Export** or **Save to RefWorks** to save what you find
  - Generate the skeleton of an APA Reference List with RefWorks
- Use **BrowZine** to stay up-to-date on relevant scholarship – available for your tablet / smartphone

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 And, just for fun, a little grad school levity:

