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1. Off campus access to databases. You can get the list of Hunter databases from <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases>. To get into a database from off campus simply click on the name of the database. You'll then be prompted for your Hunter email user name and password. For more information about Hunter email see <https://cfml.hunter.cuny.edu/emaillook>.

2. Scholarly or refereed journals.

3. Identifying keywords and putting a search together. Pick out the keywords in the examples below. (Imagine that you'll be entering these words in an education database like ERIC.) How would you construct a search using these words? (For a tutorial on strategies for searching in a database see <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/tdoyle>. Choose General Searching Strategies.)

- How does television affect children's play?
- What effects might gender stereotyping have on children's play?
- How can effective classroom design improve children's academic performance?

4. Databases that we will be looking at. All are available at <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases>.  
 Academic Search Premier (EBSCO): offers scholarly and non-scholarly literature across disciplines; a majority of articles are full text. For a tutorial on ASP see <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/tdoyle>.  
 Education Full Text (Wilson): indexes scholarly and non-scholarly education literature; has some full text.  
 ERIC (EBSCO): indexes scholarly and professional literature in education as well as ERIC documents; has some full text. Note: The journals in ERIC haven't been updated since November 2003.  
 PsycINFO (EBSCO): indexes scholarly and professional literature in psychology; has some full text.

5. Choose the second link called [ERIC - Education](#). This is the EBSCO version of ERIC.

6. Suppose you're interested in finding articles on the effects of technology in early childhood classrooms. In the first box type *technology*. In the second box type *early childhood*.

Find:  in


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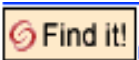
7. Limiting to journal articles. Beneath your search box ERIC enables you to limit your results to journal articles. Beside **Journal or Document** choose **Journal Articles**. This will eliminate ERIC documents from your results.

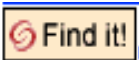
Journal or Document

8. Looking at results. The results are listed (sorted) chronologically, with the most recent first. To see the full text, when available, you can click on [Linked full text](#). (See below for how to find the full text when it's not available from the database.)

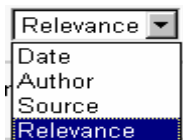
5. [Comparison of Two Instructional Strategies for Acquiring Form and Sound of Hebrew Letters by Students with Mild Mental Retardation](#). Hetzroni, Orit E.; Shavit, Pnina; Education and Training in *Mental Retardation* and Developmental Disabilities, v37 n3 p273-82 Sep 2002 (EJ652141)  
[Search CUNY Union Catalog for this Journal](#)

6. [Increasing the Problem-Solving Skills of Students with Developmental Disabilities Participating in General Education](#). Agran, Martin; Blanchard, Caryl; Wehmeyer, Michael; Hughes, Carolyn; Remedial and Special Education, v23 n5 p279-88 Sep-Oct 2002 (EJ655438)  
 [Linked Full Text](#)

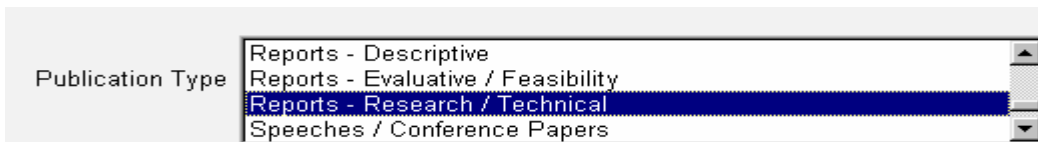
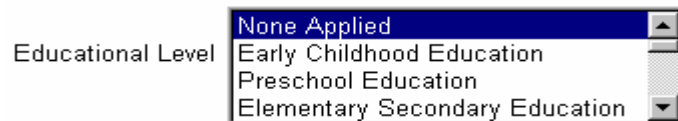


9. . Where citations don't link to the full text, they will feature this link. This will help you determine whether or not Hunter subscribes to the journal in print. If Hunter owns the journal in print, Find it! will take you into the catalog under the journal's name. (See below for full information about determining whether Hunter owns the print or microfilm version of a journal.)


10. Sorting by relevance. By default ERIC sorts, or lists, results by date. You can alter this by choosing **Relevance** from the drop down in the upper right hand corner of your citation list.



11. Other limits: ERIC also enables you to limit by level of education or by publication type, among others:



12. Using the thesaurus. A more sophisticated way to search ERIC (or PsycINFO) is to use the thesaurus. Most databases have indexers who apply subject terms or phrases (descriptors) to each article from an established list. Knowing these terms can greatly help you track down the results you want.

13. First choose  from the menu towards the top of your screen. Suppose you're look for articles on the effects of ergonomically designed classrooms on children's academic performance. In the **Browse for** box type *ergonomics*.



14. ERIC will then indicate that *human factors engineering* is the phrase that ERIC uses for *ergonomics*. To get more information about your thesaurus term click on it twice.

Ergonomics Use [Human Factors Engineering](#)

15. Combining ERIC, PsycINFO, and Academic Search Premier. Since all three databases are EBSCO products, the searching software for PsycINFO and Academic Search Premier is almost identical to ERIC's. It's possible to search all of them at once. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases> choose [EBSCO](#).

16. This will present you with a menu of databases from EBSCO. Scroll down and check the boxes next to all three databases. Next, click **Continue**.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b><a href="#">Academic Search Premier</a></b> The world's largest academic multi-disciplinary database, <i>Academic Search Premier</i> provides full text for nearly 4,600 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study and offers information dating as far back as 1975. This database is updated on a daily basis via EBSCOhost. <a href="#">Title List</a> <a href="#">More Information</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b><a href="#">ERIC</a></b> <i>ERIC</i> , the Educational Resource Information Center contains more than 2,200 digests along with references for additional information and citations and abstracts from over 980 educational and education-related journals. <a href="#">More Information</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b><a href="#">PsycINFO</a></b> <i>PsycINFO</i> contains nearly two million citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books and dissertations in the field of psychology. Journal coverage, which dates back to the 1800s, includes international material selected from nearly 2,000 periodicals in over 35 languages. More than 60,000 records are added each year. <a href="#">More Information</a>

17. Once in, EBSCO will indicate which databases you're now searching.

**Database: Academic Search Premier; ERIC; PsycINFO**

18. Limiting search: Notice, if you scroll down, that you have to limit for each database separately.

19. [Education Full Text](#) Although not nearly as comprehensive as ERIC, Education Full Text indexes both peer-reviewed journals and non-peer-reviewed journals, a good many of which are in full text. Education Full Text includes some sources not indexed in ERIC. Moreover, unlike ERIC, it is updated regularly.

20. Searching: Once in type *asperger*. Limit your search to peer reviewed journals (lower right of screen).

Search For:	<input type="text"/>	as:	<input type="text" value="All - Smart Search"/>
<input type="text" value="and"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="All - Smart Search"/>	<input type="text" value="All - Smart Search"/>
<input type="text" value="and"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="All - Smart Search"/>	<input type="text" value="All - Smart Search"/>
Sort By:	<input type="radio"/> Date	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Relevance	<input type="radio"/> Custom: <input type="text" value="Title"/>
			<input type="button" value="Start"/>
Limit Dates to:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Any Year		
	<input type="radio"/> Within last 12 months		
	<input type="radio"/> From Year: <input type="text"/>		
	To Year: <input type="text"/>		
		Limit to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Text
			<input type="checkbox"/> Page Image
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peer Reviewed

21. Tracking down electronic journals. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu>, click on **Electronic Journals** on the left side of your screen. Type in the name of the magazine or journal you're seeking. If Hunter owns it electronically, you will find information about holdings and links to the full text.

**Scientific American** is available from 01/01/1995 to present in [Academic Search Premier](#), [Business Source Premier](#) and [Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition](#).

22. Finding articles not available electronically. Not everything is available electronically. When you don't find what you need in Electronic Journals, you have to go into CUNY+ and do a title search under the name of the journal. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> (the Hunter Library Homepage) choose **CUNY+**.



23. Once in type select **Title begins with . . .** from the drop down and type in the journal or magazine name in the second box.

**Select search type:**  
 Title begins with...  
 Keyword anywhere  
 Title begins with...

**Search for:**  
 sierra

Search

Example(s): **sun also rises**

24. Click on the second entry

1 [Sierra](#)

25. Note **Format** field. *Serial* indicates magazine, newspaper, or journal. Click on **Hunter-Main** to get information about dates that Hunter has and where the journal is kept.

#	Author	Title	Year	Format	Holdings
1	Sierra Club.	<a href="#">Sierra</a>	1977	Serial	<a href="#">Hunter-Main</a>

26. Finding books. Books are sometimes a good place to start your research, both for what they contain and in virtue of their bibliographies.

27. Finding books in CUNY+. Bear in mind that a scholarly book is itself a kind of database, since it contains a bibliography.

28. Finding Books. Getting in to the catalog (CUNY+): Go to <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> and choose **CUNY+ (Catalog)**. Suppose you're interested in finding recent books on children and literacy. In the keyword(s) box type *children and literacy*. This should get you 117 titles.

**Select search type:**  
 Keyword anywhere

**Search for:**  
 children and literacy

Search

29. To determine the call number click on **Hunter-Main**.

#	Author	Title	Year	Format	H
1	Calvin, William H.,	<a href="#">A brain for all seasons : human evolution and abrupt climate change /</a>	2002	Book	<a href="#">Hunter-Main</a>

30. This will give you a list of books on the topic. On the right look for **Hunter-Main**. Click on this link to get the call number and to determine whether or not the book is in.

	Library	Location	Call number	Description	Item status	Due date	Due hour
<a href="#">expand</a>	Hunter Main	Library Stacks	GN281.4 .C293 2002		Regular Loan	On Shelf	

31. Asking reference questions remotely. We will answer your reference questions remotely. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> click on Ask a Librarian (bottom left of screen).

32. Interlibrary Loan. Please note that if Hunter doesn't own the journal or the issue that you're seeking you can order it on interlibrary loan. You can get ILL forms at the reference desk (fourth floor) or place your orders through email at [illhc@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:illhc@hunter.cuny.edu) (one item per email, please).