



Information Skills for Methods of Social Research Module Students

Ten hands-on tutorial sessions were conducted in August for 185 second year Sociology students enrolled in the Methods of Social Research module (SC2101) coordinated by Dr Jennifer Jarman. The two-hour sessions were held at the computer laboratory in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.



The topics covered during the sessions included:

- ♦ purpose of literature review
- ♦ specialized resources e.g. encyclopedias, dictionaries, indexes & abstracts
- ♦ search strategy and search statement with the use of keywords, alternative terms, subject headings, Boolean operators & truncation
- ♦ search LINC & e-resources such as *Sociological Abstracts*, *Social Sciences Citation Index*, *Perind*, *Factiva*
- ♦ evaluating search results
- ♦ citing references using the American Sociological Association Style Guide

The students found the hands-on sessions very useful as they were able to have a first-hand experience searching databases for relevant information as well as retrieving full-text articles from e-journals. They searched a wide range of topics such as social security, Asian values, materialism, singlehood, welfare of the aged, representation of the male body in popular magazines and love on the Internet. The students also felt that the demonstration of the new Library portal was extremely useful in helping them to search more effectively. They were encouraged to construct their own search statements. Most of them gained confidence in keying in relevant keywords using Boolean operators which gave them better search results.

Generally, the students felt that the sessions provided them with a good insight into the wealth of resources available in the Library. As one student put it in the feedback form, "The complex Library system is made easy". Do contact us at askalib@nus.edu.sg if you would like an information skills tutorial for your students.

Hayati Abdul ~ Central Library

Student Advisory Service

Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library is conducting one-on-one student advisory sessions for Bizad Honours students. Bizad students working on their literature searches and who require guidance in the use of library resources, please email hssmlib@nus.edu.sg to make an appointment.

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Accolades for Medical Library



Thank you for speaking at the Foundation in Research Skills seminar held for the Medical Year One students. The students have gained from the knowledge that you have generously shared with them. Your support and commitment is greatly appreciated.

*Assoc Prof Koh Dow Rhooon
Vice Dean, Faculty of Medicine*

Many thanks for the excellent piece of research work. Appreciate the effort.

*Assoc Prof Hooi Shing Chuan
Head, Department of Physiology*

Thanks for all the help I've received all these years, and especially for helping me to find my lost book.

Medical Undergraduate

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Check LINC for the location of the journal and the issue you want. If it shows **CL Current SMC Journals (Loans Desk 4)**, click on **Latest received** to see which issues are kept at Loans Desk 4.

Title	The Singapore architect : Singapore Institute of Architects journal.				
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Title	Far Eastern economic review.		
Imprint	Hongkong : [Review Publishing Co. Ltd., etc.], 1946-		
Click on the following to:			
View the electronic version (full-text) via Review Publishing Company Limited			
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Lim-Yeo Pin Pin ~ Central Library, Reference Services

New E-resources on Statistics

Current Index to Statistics-Extended Database (CIS-ED)

CIS-ED is a bibliographic index to publications in statistics and related fields from 1975 onwards. It indexes journal articles and books in statistics and probability, including theory, methods and applications. It is a joint venture between the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. It covers:

- ◆ entire contents of 'core' statistical journals
- ◆ 'selected articles' journals (those from related fields from which only articles with substantial statistical relevance are indexed)
- ◆ articles in proceedings and edited books
- ◆ books on statistics published since 1975

CIS-ED also includes many pre-1975 journal articles not originally contained in the printed *Current Index to Statistics* volumes with more coverage of the early years of the printed volume, and some electronic abstracts.

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STMA contains all abstracts that have been published in the printed *Statistical Theory & Method Abstracts* publications since 1990. It provides world-wide coverage of published articles on mathematical statistics and probability. The abstracts provide valuable information on new developments in all fields of probability theory, estimation, stochastic processes, linear models, operations research, testing of hypothesis, experimental design and time series analysis.

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