

Finding Journal Articles

To search for journal articles related to Communication studies, from the library's home page choose:

Resources by Subject → Communication Studies

The best place to search is:

[Communication Source](#) – Large collection of communication and mass media studies journals.
[Indexes Communication Yearbook from 1977 to present.](#)

Consider adding additional databases to your search:



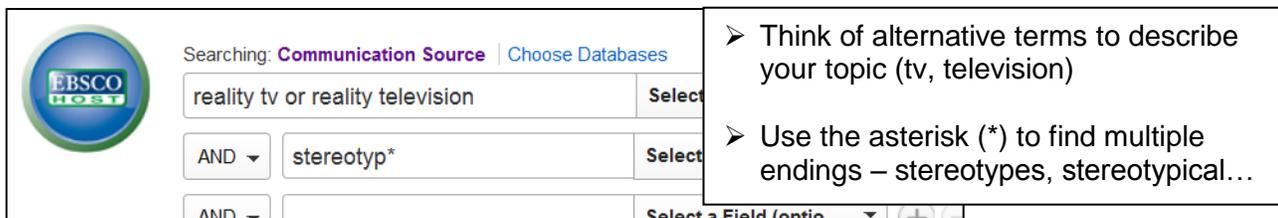
The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface. The search bar contains the text "Searching: Communication Source" and a link "Choose Databases" which is circled in red. To the right of the search bar are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search bar are three rows of search criteria, each with an "AND" dropdown and a "Select a Field (optio..." dropdown. At the bottom left are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History". A callout box on the right points to the "Choose Databases" link with the text "Select Choose Databases."

From the list of Ebsco databases, choose any of these, depending on your topic:

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| Psychology / human behavior | PsycINFO |
| Sociology | SocINDEX with Full Text , Social Sciences Abstracts |
| Education / children's behavior | ERIC , Education Full Text |
| Organizational behavior | Business Source Premier |
| Sports | SportDiscus |
| Health communication | Medline , CINAHL , Health Source Nursing/Academic |

Also, consider checking out relevant [Resources by Subject guides](#).

Effective Searching Tips:



The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface with the search terms "reality tv or reality television" and "stereotyp*" entered. A callout box on the right provides two tips: "Think of alternative terms to describe your topic (tv, television)" and "Use the asterisk (*) to find multiple endings – stereotypes, stereotypical...".

Improve your search by using the options on the sidebar to the left of your search results.

Narrow your search:

- Choose **Peer Reviewed**
- Do not check **Full Text** (you will miss articles that are available online with just one mouse click)
- Date Range (limit your search to current articles)

Select **Show More>>** to see other limit options (Language, Age Group, etc.)

Choose **Subject** to see the terms that best describe your topic; you can select terms to focus your search, or try a new search using the suggested terms.

Joining the research conversation:

Found a good article? Get into its “chain of research” to find more articles like it:

- Examine the reference list
- When searching an individual database, you might see “Times Cited in this Database,” e.g.

9. The Relationship of Interpersonal Communication Variables to Academic Success and Persistence in College.



Academic Journal

By: Hawken, Leila; Duran, Robert L.; Kelly, Lynne. **Communication Quarterly**. Fall1991, Vol. 39 Issue 4, p297-308. 12p. 2 Charts.

[Times Cited in this Database: \(3\)](#)

[PDF Full Text \(853KB\)](#)

- Google Scholar will give you similar “cited by” link to citing articles. Use the library’s link to see Full text @ UP connections, or install the LibX plugin make the connections appear by reloading the page.

[The relationship of interpersonal communication variables to academic success and persistence in college](#)

[Full text @ UP](#)

L Hawken, RL Duran, L Kelly - **Communication Quarterly**, 1991 - Taylor & Francis

Recent research has considered a number of **communication variables** (eg, **communication competence and communication apprehension**) in **academic performance and college retention issues**. This study extends this line of research by examining **the influence of ...**

[Cited by 44](#) [Related articles](#) [All 3 versions](#) [Cite](#) [Save](#)

Finding background information

Communication studies handbooks provide literature overviews in many areas of communication studies; these are a few available in Clark Library.

Advertising	International and intercultural communication
Children and media	Mobile communication
Communication and social interaction skills	Nonverbal communication
Conflict communication	Organizational communication
Divorce and relationship dissolution	Personal relationships
Family communication	Political communication
Health communication	Sports and media
Interpersonal communication	Visual communication

To find more handbooks, search [UP Library Search](#):

In UP Library Search, search for “communication handbook” + your topic

In UP Library Search, you’ll see results from

- **University of Portland** – Locate the book on the shelf, or request to have it brought to the Clark Library service desk.
- **Summit** -- Request books, DVDs, CDs from 37 academic libraries in Oregon, Washington, & Idaho; items arrive at UP in 2-3 days.
- (If you choose the **WorldCat** scope) – UP, Summit, and hundreds of academic and public libraries; books can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

More topic selection tools:

<p>Library: Communication Studies</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Starting Points More Resources Finding Books Dictionaries & Encyclopedias Web Sites Get Help </div> <p>Start with these resources:</p> <p>Encyclopedia of Communication and Information</p> <p>Encyclopedia of New Media: An Essential Reference to Communication and Technology</p> <p>Encyclopedia of Rhetoric</p> <p>International Encyclopedia of Communication</p> <p>For further resources:</p> <p>Browse additional Communication Studies reference books in the Library Catalog</p> <p>Search Credo Reference or Reference Universe to find reference books that cover your topic.</p>	<p>On the Communication Studies subject guide, go to the Dictionaries & Encyclopedias tab to locate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected web-based comm. studies encyclopedias • Credo Reference -- online reference books • Reference Universe – search the indexes and tables of contents for many reference books.
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Starting Points

More Resources

Finding Books

Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Web Sites

Get Help

Explore Communication Studies

Explore contemporary Communication Studies subject areas and search UP WorldCat via this interactive research tool.

For topic ideas, go to the [Finding Books](#) tab of the Communication Studies subject guide and choose [Explore Communication Studies](#).

This interactive tool helps you to explore areas of research within communication studies.