Resources for EDUA 312: "Alternative Pedagogies"
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FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), from the Institute of Education Sciences, the research
arm of the U.S. Department of Education
Besides indexing journal articles and books, *ERIC* includes (often with full text) research reports,
surveys, curriculum and teaching guides, and other instructional materials.

Education Research Complete
Indexes articles from 2,000 academic journals, over half of which are available full text. Also
includes books, conference papers, and reports.

Education Full Text
Indexes articles from books and 800 journals, nearly half of which are available full text.

Depending on your topic and interests, the databases listed below may also prove useful.

Academic Search Complete (multidisciplinary)	*Gender Studies Database*
Alternative Press Index (leftist, alternative views)	*PAIS International* (public policy)
America: History and Life (history and culture)	*PsycINFO* (psychology)
Biography Reference Bank (individual people)	*SocINDEX* (sociology)
Black Studies Center	*Urban Studies Abstracts*

☞ *To determine if the library has a particular journal,* Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" when available in research
databases*, or select the **Journal Finder** tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu*

SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio,
video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text databases, and digital repositories from colleges,
universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don't lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably *do* have access

ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL REFORM

Alternative Schooling and School Choice, 2012. e-book.

Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent. 2010. e-book

ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON THEORY, PHILOSOPHY, CURRICULUM

Encyclopedia of Curriculum Studies. 2010. e-book

Encyclopedia of Educational Theory and Philosophy, 2014. e-book.

Encyclopedia of the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education. 2008. e-book

ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON CLASSROOMS, PSYCHOLOGY, TEACHING

Encyclopedia of Cross-cultural School Psychology. 2008. e-book

Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology. 2008. e-book

Psychology of Classroom Learning: An Encyclopedia. 2009. e-book

T*he SAGE Encyclopedia of Classroom Management*. 2015. e-book

The SAGE Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Education. 2016. e-book

ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education. 2012. e-book

Gender and Education: An Encyclopedia. 2007. e-book, Main Reference LC213 .G425 2007

Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education. 2nd ed., 2004. Main Reference LC1099.3 .H35 2004

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES

   Search in the Biography Reference Bank database, and consult these reference works:

A Critical Pedagogy of Resistance: 34 Pedagogues We Need to Know. *2013*. e-book

Fifty Major Thinkers on Education: from Confucius to Dewey. 2002. e-book, Main Library LB17 .F56 2001

Fifty Modern Thinkers on Education: from Piaget to the Present Day. 2002. e-book

The Greatest Educators Ever. 2006. e-book

Paulo Freire Encyclopedia. 2012. Main Reference LB880.F732 P3745 2012

Pioneers of Early Childhood Education: A Bio-bibliographical Guide. 1998. e-book, Main Library
    LB1139.23 .P45 1998

Sourcebook of Experiential Education: Key Thinkers and their Contributions. 2011. Main Library
    LB1027.23 .S596 2011

Women Educators in the United States, 1820-1993: A Bio-bibliographical Sourcebook. 1994.
    Main Reference LA2311.W65 1994

WEB SITES ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLING

Alternative Education Resource Organization.
    http://www.educationrevolution.org/
    AERO serves educators and families interested in learner-centered education and alternatives to
    traditional teaching models.

Center for Research and Reform in Education. Maintained by Johns Hopkins University School of
    Education.
    http://education.jhu.edu/research/crre/
    A research center that aims to improve the quality of education in pre-K to 12 schools through high-
    quality research and evaluation studies, and the dissemination of evidence-based research.

Engaging Schools.
> http://engagingschools.org
> A school reform non-profit that develops resources and programs to help educators create learning communities that integrate academic, social, and emotional development.

The Forum for Education and Democracy.
> http://forumforeducation.org
> An Ohio-based national think tank committed to strong public schools, equity of educational resources, and developing an informed, involved citizenry.

Rethinking Schools.
> http://www.rethinkingschools.org
> An activist, volunteer-directed non-profit that creates materials for educators emphasizing issues – particularly those related to race, social and environmental justice, and equity – faced by urban public schools.

WEB SITES FOR FINDING LESSON PLANS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Note: There are *many* web sites that offer sample lesson plans, online communities for educators, and other educational resources. This list highlights several non-profit and foundation sponsored sites.

OER Commons: Open Educational Resources. Maintained by ISKME (Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education).
> http://www.oercommons.org
> A portal with free, openly licensed educational resources for teachers and instructors; materials are classified by subject area, grade level, and material type.

Curriki: Free Learning Resources for the World. Maintained by Curriki.
> http://welcome.curriki.org/
> Provides an online global community for K-12 teachers, students, and parents to create, share, and find free learning resources.

Edutopia. Maintained by the George Lucas Educational Foundation.
> http://www.edutopia.org/
> Provides blogs, discussion groups, and teacher training tools for teachers, administrators, and parents interested in improving education.

CITING YOUR SOURCES *for info, choose "For Students" (under "Services" on library home page), then "Citation Help*

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. 6th ed. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2010.
> Main Reference BF76.7 .P83 2010

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.
> https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
> See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING RESEARCH STUDIES

- Research articles generally include:
  - summary or abstract
  - statement of hypothesis, question, or assumption to be tested

- o   literature review
- o   methodology section with description of subjects, procedures, and tools used
- o   findings/results section, with analysis of results, significance, and/or explanation of conclusions
- o   suggestions for further research or discussion of what the results *don't* reveal
- Limit results to academic, scholarly, or peer reviewed journals; although limiting provides a preliminary filter, not all articles in a scholarly journal report on evidence-based or empirical research (e.g., letters to the editor, editorials, book reviews, commentaries, etc.), so you need to evaluate each article individually. In ERIC, filter out "ED" documents, select Publication Type, then choose Reports–Research.
- Look for key words and phrases: study, measure, metric, subjects, cohort, data, survey, interview, focus group, control group, case study, field research, ethnography, pre-test/post-test, textual analysis, content analysis, qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, etc.
- Look for statistics, charts, and tables, as well concepts such as qualitative, longitudinal, correlation, data, etc.

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

***Get drop-in help* at the Research Help Desk**—just stop by and tell us what you need

Monday–Thursday:	10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
Friday:	10am–noon & 1–5pm
Weekend:	Saturday: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

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