Triangulation and Qualitative (or Mixed-Methods) Research Articles

A lot of people struggle with locating resources that include triangulation. Below are some Librarian Tips for locating these articles.

Tip #1: U-Search vs Specific Databases

For this type of research, you might have better success using a specific database rather than U-Search. We recommend starting with databases in the subject of Education: Education Source, ERIC, and PsycINFO are good places to start. NOTE: *if you do not know how to find these databases, let us know and we will be happy to show you.*

Library Databases for Authorized ASU Students, Faculty & Staff

Education

- Education Source
- Educational Administration Abstracts
- ERIC (via EBSCOhost)
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Physical Education Index
- Professional Development Collection
- PsycINFO®
- Teacher Reference Center

Tip #2: Use Appropriate Keywords in the Search Boxes

One of the easier ways to accomplish this is to use both *qualitative research* and *triangulation* <u>as</u> <u>keywords in your search string</u>.

<u>Start with the following:</u>

Your research interest *Note: use specific keyword(s) like bullying, college preparedness, assessment*

AND qualitative research or qualitative study *Example of using synonyms*

AND triangul* *Note: using the truncated word **triangul*** searches for word ending variations*
  Note: in the Select a Field (optional) box, select TX All Text Fields

Librarian Tips:

- use <u>synonyms</u> to expand your search results (i.e. High School or Secondary School or 11th Grade)
- use <u>OR</u> to expand your search results (i.e. Qualitative or mixed-methods or mixed methods)
- use <u>AND</u> to narrow your search (i.e. counseling and FERPA)
- use <u>NOT</u> to eliminate unwanted results (i.e. counseling not FERPA)
- use the truncation symbol (an asterisk * in many databases) to search multiple endings for a word (i.e. counsel* will search for counsel, counselor, counselors, counseling, etc.)
- use the TX All Text Fields option to search within the text of the documents

Tip #3: When the Word "Triangulation" Does Not Show Up

There is no guarantee that the study will contain the word triangulation even though the author(s) used triangulation of data in the study. When you encounter this problem, stop searching for the word triangulation and search for specific methods of data collection used in qualitative research. For example: focus groups or observations or interviews or field notes or action research
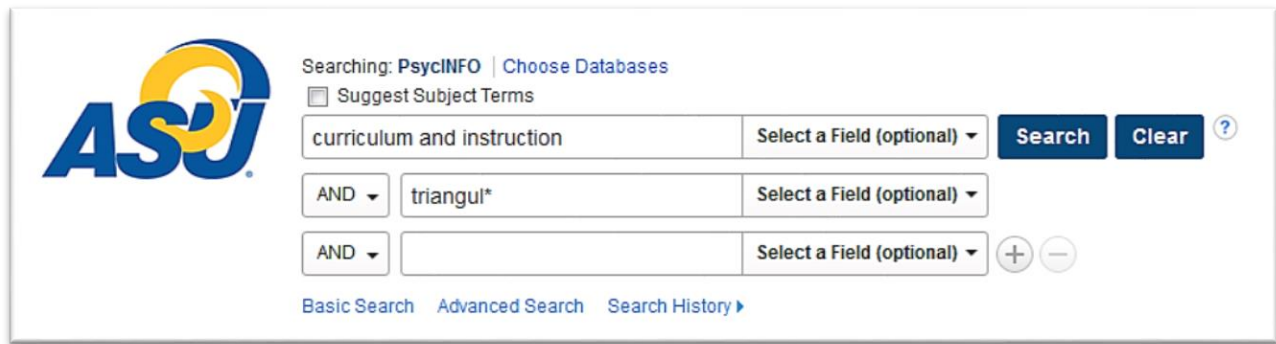
Tip #4: Use Methodologies Limiters Found in Some Databases
In **PsycINFO**

Start with the following:

Your research interest   *Note: use specific keyword(s) like bullying, college preparedness, assessment*

AND triangul*   *Note: using the truncated word **triangul*** broadens the search*

Librarian Tips:

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Then look for the **Methodologies** limiter in one of two locations:

Look in the left column for "Methodology" and click. Find "qualitative study" and put a check in the box. (if needed, click on "show more" then select "qualitative study").

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All
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All
Human
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Intended Audience
All
General Public
Juvenile
Psychology: Professional & Research

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Classic Book
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2140 History & Systems
2200 Psychometrics & Statistics & Methodology

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Once you have found an article of interest. Analyze it to make sure it meets the requirements for your assignment. Be sure to read the abstract and the methods sections.

Ask a librarian for assistance in finding resources.

Ask you professor if you have questions about whether a specific article meets the requirements for the assignment.