Locating APA Journals

Handy for your Journal Article assignment, if you want to use the list of suggested journal titles in the syllabus.

The Short Way/Targeted Search-friendly:
While you’re in an EBSCO search page, e.g. in Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection, look for the Publication field (yellow) and type in the journal name.

Keep in mind that you will get similar matches to the journal name in addition to exact matches if the exact title is not available. If you find yourself getting “No results found,” follow the steps detailed in “The Long Way” to check if we have a database with that title at all, and if so, where to find it.

The Long Way/Browsing-friendly:
This explains how to use the A to Z title look-up, which is only good if you know a specific publication title you want to find. For general subject research, you’ll click on a topic (like Social Sciences), select a specific database, and then start searching within it.

1. Starting from the LSCS Research Databases page...
2. Click the A to Z logo (bottom middle, highlighted yellow), you’ll get this screen:

![Image of A to Z logo with search bar]

If you want to search just one specific title that interests you, just type it in the search bar here and click “Search.” Skip to step 5 in this guide.

3. Since we’re looking for “APA journals,” (many if not all the journal titles listed on the syllabus are) what we’ll do is click on Advanced Search (highlighted yellow).

4. Type in the search box: American Psychological Association, then change the “within” option to Publisher Name.

![Image of search screen with American Psychological Association entered]

5. You should get 17 results of journals published by the APA. The titles of the journals (circled in red, below) come first in bold purple text. Below them (highlighted in yellow, below) will be a list of the databases that contain that title.
The ones pictured here only have 1 database each, but others will have more. If given a choice, note things like the range of dates available to help you select one. If there’s not really a difference, go with what you’re familiar (or at random).

6. Click the database link and it will take you to the journal’s page in the database:

7. Click “Search within this publication” – highlighted in yellow above. This will take you to the search page. There should already be text in the search field: this is what will limit the search to within that one journal. Don’t erase it!
8. Click on Advanced Search (yellow, below).

9. This will take you to the Advanced Search page, and give you more space to write in your own search terms.

Be sure to check the “Full text” box and the “Scholarly box.”

Enter your search terms in the second and third search fields at the top (also in yellow). If you need more, just hit the plus sign button next to the last search field, and it will give you more. You’ll want to use this if you’re searching for something specific, e.g. not just “PTSD/post-traumatic stress disorder” but “PTSD AND veterans AND families.”

You may find that you don’t get any results within a particular title. If so, just try another.

10. From there, it’s just like accessing articles from a normal search.