

Library Resources for Linguistics 101

UMW Libraries Home Page: <<http://www.umw.edu/library/>>

Libraries Linguistics Web Page: http://www.umw.edu/library/research/by_subject/linguistics.php

(From UMW Libraries home page, see pull-down “Research by Subject” menu under “Do Research”)

Subject Encyclopedias

- Define and narrow your topic; provide background material.
- Provide lists of other significant resources (that is, bibliographies).
- See UMW Libraries Linguistics web page for list of useful titles, which includes:
 - *Compendium of the World's Languages*, 2 vols. (REFB P 371 .C36 2000)
 - *Concise Encyclopedia of Sociolinguistics* (REFB P 40 .C564 2001)
 - *Dictionary of Historical and Comparative Linguistics*, (REFB P 143 .T727 2000)
 - *A Dictionary of Linguistics & Phonetics* (REFB P 29 .C65 2003)
 - *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 14 vols. (REFB P 29 .E48 2006)
 - *Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, 2 vols. (REFB P 29 .E483 2005)
 - *International Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, 4 vols. (REFB P 29 .I58 2003)
 - *Language and Communication* (REFB P 29 .F47 1998)
 - *Linguistics: A Guide to the Reference Literature* (REFB P 121 .D45 2000)
 - *The Linguistics Encyclopedia* (REFB P 29 .L52 2002)

Online Catalog (Books)

- Locates books by author, title, and subject headings (*Basic Search*)
 - Authors: Last name first
 - Titles: Ignore initial articles A, AN, and THE
 - Subject headings: Library of Congress-approved words or phrases that describe the content of a book.
- Allows keyword searching (*Keyword Search*)
 - Keywords: Words or phrases located anywhere in a record.
 - Useful for combining terms or when you are unsure of correct terms.
 - “And” search example: Gun control AND Virginia
 - “Or” search example: Capital punishment OR Death penalty
 - “NOT” search example: Jurassic NOT Park
- Books are shelved by call number: A – L (third floor), M – T (second floor), and U - Z (first floor).
- Reference books are on the first floor near the Reference Desk.
- Many books have lists of sources (such as related books and articles) that the authors consider significant to their research. These are called *bibliographies*. Take advantage of these bibliographies to find significant and highly useful works on your topic!!

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Online Catalog (Periodicals)

- Locates titles of magazines, journals, and newspapers (not titles of individual articles).
- Provides call numbers and periodical formats (bound, microfilm, microfiche, and current).
 - Bound (Library shelves, all floors).
 - Microfilm (gray cabinets, first floor).
 - Microfiche (red cabinets, first floor).
 - Current (Current Periodicals area, first floor).
- *Useful hint!* Consult the “Journal Finder” for online full-text holdings (“Find Articles” → “Journal Finder” from UMW Libraries home page).

Online Periodical Databases

Here are just two of the many databases to which the libraries subscribe. Links to them and other resources that provide abstracts of articles (summaries) and full-text articles are available on the UMW Libraries Linguistics web page. For an alphabetical list of databases, go to the UMW Libraries home page and click on “Find Articles” → “Databases A → Z.” If you need discipline-specific sources, go to “Find Articles” → “Databases by Subject.”

Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (1973 to date)

- Covers topics related to the study of language, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Updated monthly.
- Includes historical, descriptive, comparative, theoretical, and geographical linguistics.
- Provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews from more than 1,500 serials and furnishes abstracts of books, book chapters, and dissertations.
- Contains over 360,000 records, with 14,000 added each year.
- Click on “Locate Journal Article” to see if a periodical cited in *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts* is available in another database or is in the library’s collection.

PsycINFO (1887 to date)

- Indexes and abstracts the professional and academic literature in psychology and such related disciplines as sociology, education, speech, linguistics, psychiatry, and more.
- Offers worldwide coverage in some 2,000 journals in more than 30 languages.
- Provides thousands of citations, abstracts of articles (summaries), and full-text articles.
- Consult the thesaurus to locate subject headings; “clear” screen before each search.
- Click on “Add” to save references to a folder for emailing.
- Click on “Locate Journal Article” to see if a periodical not full text in *PsycINFO* is available in another database or is in the library’s collection.

Citing Your Sources

See UMW Libraries Linguistics web page, or “How Do I . . . ?” → “Cite Sources?” from UMW Libraries home page.

- Provides citation guidelines for print and online resources.
- Covers a variety of specific styles, including APA, MLA, and Turabian / Chicago.