Resources for FYSP 040: Making Sense of the Senses  
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REFERENCE SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING THE SENSES

Main Reference BF31 .E52 2010  
website, (connect from OBIS, or go to http://plato.stanford.edu)

WHAT ABOUT WIKIPEDIA? “the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit”

Articles may help you develop or refine your ideas, and the notes and references may help you find additional sources, but keep in mind that the “crowd-sourced” nature of Wikipedia means that while the information may be immensely useful, it’s not necessarily scholarly, authoritative, or the type of source to include in a bibliography for an academic paper.

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online requesting/borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

*For Subject Heading searches – selected useful Library of Congress Subject Headings:*

- Auditory perception  
- Hallucinogenic drugs  
- Sensory stimulation  
- Binocular rivalry  
- Hearing  
- Smell  
- Chemical senses  
- Olfactory sensors  
- Synesthesia  
- Color vision  
- Intersensory effects  
- Taste  
- Echolocation (Physiology)  
- Optical art  
- Touch  
- Flavor  
- Perception  
- Vision  
- Food -- Sensory evaluation  
- Perception (Philosophy)  
- Visual perception  
- Hallucinations and illusions  
- Senses and sensation  

*Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic*  
2. In the OBIS tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: **Taste**  
3. Choose **Taste -- Physiological aspects**

Use **KEYWORD** and **ADVANCED** searches to search for words or phrases:  
- examples: sensory substitution, taste aversion, (tactile or touch) and (visual or vision)
USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY, ACADEMIC JOURNALS

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

Multidisciplinary: Academic Search Complete
Art: Art Full Text
Medicine, health: MEDLINE (EBSCO version)
Philosophy: Philosopher’s Index

Popular culture: Communication & Mass Media Complete
Popular magazines: MasterFILE Premier
Psychology: PsycINFO
Sciences (all of ‘em): Web of Science

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

Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the “by subject” drop-down search option, choose Any Subject
3. Find and select Academic Search Complete
4. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept, each connected by “or,” and click Search
5. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, and click Search
6. Refine results by choosing “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals”
7. Refine results by choosing 2005-2006 for “Publication Date”
8. In box 3 enter search terms for a third concept

SUMMON – first tab on library home page search box

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

Exercise for searching with Summon for additional articles relevant to your topic
2. Choose the Summon tab; in the Search box, type: human ecolocation
3. Under Refine Your Search, select “Scholarly & Peer-Review”
4. Refine again with the Discipline category “psychology”

CITING YOUR SOURCES for more help, choose “For Students” (under “Services” on library home page), then “Citation Help

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.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK/SearchOhio
• how it works: over 300 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
☞ does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL
• to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
• Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
• how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
• loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

**Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)**
- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

**HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY**

*Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:*
  ✓ Help focus and define research topics
  ✓ Find information for papers and projects
  ✓ Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials
  ✓ Develop effective search strategies for online databases
  ✓ Identify useful web sites and internet resources
  ✓ Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources
  ✓ Track down facts and statistical data
  ✓ Learn how to use the library and its resources

*Drop-in help at the Research Desk.* Just stop by and tell us what you need
- Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
- Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
- Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

*IM.* Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

*Phone.* 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

*Email.* reference@oberlin.edu – any time

*Research appointment.* Sign up online from the library home page

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