Higher Education Research Guide

Find Articles in an UMSL Library Database

Online resources are available on campus and remotely with a UMSL SSO ID and password.

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<td><strong>ERIC and Education Full Text</strong></td>
<td>ERIC and Education Full Text are the primary database for education articles. ERIC indexes both journals and ERIC documents.</td>
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<td><strong>LexisNexis Academic</strong></td>
<td>This database provides access to education law and court cases. Search by case name: Guckenberger v. Boston University</td>
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<td><strong>PsycINFO</strong></td>
<td>PsycINFO is an excellent database covering psychology, psychiatry, counseling and testing. It is an additional source for education articles.</td>
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<td><strong>SUMMON</strong></td>
<td>Summon is a Google-like search engine that indexes most of the UMSL Libraries' print and online resources. To view only scholarly articles, use one of the search limits on the left of the results screen.</td>
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<td><strong>Academic Search Complete</strong></td>
<td>Multidisciplinary database</td>
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Tips for searching in an UMSL Library Database

- Often the most efficient search is by **KEYWORD**: higher education – law - access university - persistence – financial
- Adding one of the following keywords to a search may help to focus your results: higher education, college*, universit*, community college*, or postsecondary education
- Use the truncation or wildcard symbol (*) to search variant word endings: persis* = persist, persis* = persisting
- Combine unlike search terms with **AND** to narrow search results. Each article retrieved should contain all major concepts. universit* and persist* and financ*
- Limit your results by: Date, Education Level, etc.
- **DO NOT LIMIT** your search to Full text in any UMSL database - Use ARTIC LINKER or Find Full-Text to see if full text is available
Find Books

- Begin at the UMSL Library Catalog
- Search the most important concepts as KEYWORDS. Adding the keywords higher education, college*, university* or community college* to a search may help to limit your results.
- Remember to use the truncation symbol (*) at the end of a word to pick up variant endings and combine search terms with AND. Example:
  - higher education* and policy
  - universit* and affirmative action
- Books on school law can be found in the stacks of the library in the KF call number area.
- Many books are now in eBook format. For information click on the Using eBooks link.
- When a book is unavailable from the UMSL Libraries or you are not finding enough books, you can search the MOBIUS Union Catalog.
- When requesting items through MOBIUS remember UMSL students are in the MERLIN cluster.

Higher Education Law

Database / Library Catalog Search Tips for Higher Education court cases, laws and legislation

- Search the ERIC database for general articles on higher education law
- Search the LexisNexis Academic database for records of state and federal court cases.
- Search the UMSL Library Catalog for books
- Search for a court case or law by name:
  Guckenberger v. Boston University
  Guckenberger and Boston University
  Rehabilitation Act 1973 (Section 504)
- When you don't know a case name, the most efficient search is by KEYWORD:
  learning disabilit* and court and higher education
- KEYWORDS that may help to focus your search results:
  - court*, court litigation, court decisions, court cases, law*, legislation, affirmative action
  - higher education, college*, universit*
## Useful Books for Higher Education

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<td>Encyclopedia of law and higher education (2010)</td>
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<td>Handbook on measurement, assessment, and evaluation in higher education</td>
<td>TJ Level 4 LB2331.62 .H36 2012</td>
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<td>Higher Education: handbook of theory and research (2014)</td>
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<td>West’s Education Law Digest - (v.1 - present) Indexes and abstracts all current education cases decided in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals, United States District Courts and State Appellate Courts.</td>
<td>TJ REF LAW Level 3 KF4110.A2 W48x</td>
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<td>West's Education Law Reporter  (1982- present)</td>
<td>TJ REF LAW Level 3 KF4110.A2 W47 (Current year)</td>
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### Internet Resources

- **American Association for Higher Education & Accreditation** - The mission of AAHEA is to promote research to improve postsecondary education.
- **Association for the Study of Higher Education** - ASHE
- **Is School Funding Fair?** - A National Report Card : January 2014
- **Measuring Up the National Report Card on Higher Education (2008)**
- **Missouri Department of Higher Education** - Provides information for students, parents, teachers and school counselors on higher education in Missouri.
- **National Center for Education Statistics** - Postsecondary
- **Higher Education Resource Hub** links to all types of resource in higher education.

If you need additional help, please ask at the Reference Desk or call us at 314-516-5060. You can also request a **Research Consultation** from the libraries’ homepage.

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