

# Research Tips for Graduate Students of Communication

## 1. Google Scholar – An excellent place to start

- Tweak your “Scholar Preferences” to enable full-text linking from Purdue.
- “Cited by” and “Related articles” lead you to more.

[Investigating the effects of marriage and relationship education on couples' communication skills: A meta-analytic study.](#)

[Full Text at Purdue](#)

VL Blanchard, AJ Hawkins, SA Baldwin... - Journal of Family ..., 2009 - psycnet.apa.org  
... of couples from India living in the United States (Doctoral dissertation, Oregon State University, 1997). Dissertation Abstracts International, 58, 1605A. Wampler, KS, & Sprenkle, DH (1980).  
The Minnesota Couple Communication Program: A follow-up study. Journal of Marriage ...

[Cited by 21](#) - [Related articles](#) - [All 5 versions](#)

## 2. Relevant Research Databases – For more, and for more advanced.

- A few recommendations: ComAbstracts; PsycINFO; Social Sciences Abstracts / Full Text
- Check out Mental Measurements Yearbook for tests and measurements.
- Check out Dissertations and Theses for (just) dissertations and theses from the U.S. and around the world.
- Use Advanced search functions: limit by publication type, publication date, population, etc.
- Set up search alerts and feeds.

## 3. Communication Research Guide – Bookmark it.

- Available at [guides.lib.purdue.edu/communication](http://guides.lib.purdue.edu/communication)

## 4. Organize your research – And citations, too.

- Check out Dropbox for free, remote file storage.
- EndNote Web and Zotero are free citation management software options.
- Go to [guides.lib.purdue.edu/citation](http://guides.lib.purdue.edu/citation) for more information.

## 5. Want help? Have questions?

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