

Library research


Geography 260

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Structure of Workshop:

- CLUES overview
 - Finding articles
 - Locating maps in the Libraries and on the Web
 - Finding statistics
 - Citation guides
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You can use CLUES to:

- Locate documents available in both Concordia libraries
 - Check your circulation record
 - Renew books
 - Put a hold on an item that is out to another user, in processing, on the other campus (Inter-Campus Delivery)
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You can access CLUES

- In the library
- From a remote computer
- <http://clues.concordia.ca>





Searching CLUES

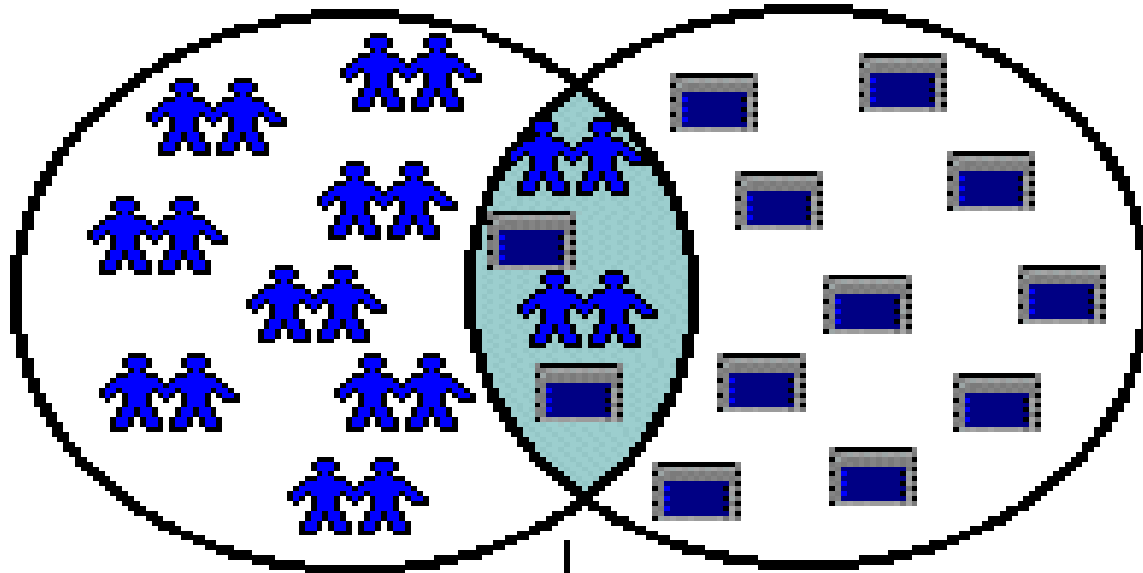
- Searching CLUES is **NOT** like searching Google!
 - The text of the books is not searchable
 - Thus you need:
 - to be precise in your search terms
 - to learn about search operators



Use boolean operators: AND

children

television

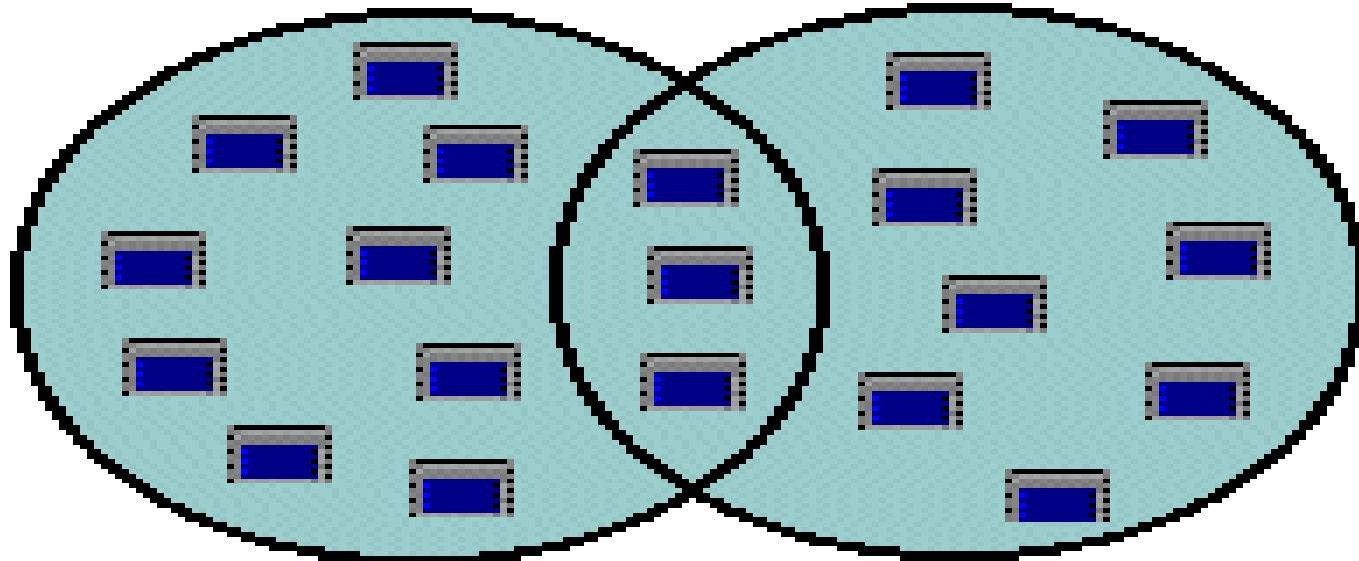


children AND television

Boolean operator: OR

tv


television



tv OR television




Other search features

- **Truncation** (* or ?)
 - Ex.: comput* will retrieve compute, computer, computers, computerized, etc
 - **Phrase searching** (retrieve exact text strings)
 - **Limit by field:** keywords in *subject*, in *title*
 - **Limit features** (date, document type, etc.)
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Finding journal articles

- **Important:** Periodical articles are **not listed in CLUES!**
 - You need to use **databases** to get references to articles on a particular topic.
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Subject coverage of databases

- Some cover a broad range of subjects
 - Ex.: Academic Search Premier
 - Others are very specialized
 - Ex.: First Nations Periodical Index
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Search features

- Searching principles are the same from one database to another but...
 - the way you do the search may differ from one product to another
 - **Help** for a specific database is always available online (look for a Help or Tips button)
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How do I know which database to use?

- From the Database Finder.

Accessible from:

- The home page (choose databases under *Find books, articles...*)
- From the Geography subject page

- Ask at the Reference Desk!





Main databases for geography

GEOBASE

All aspects of geography (human, physical, urban planning, environmental sciences)

Academic Search Complete

Huge multidisciplinary database. Fulltext

GreenFILE

Environmental sciences


Web of Science

Physical geography and environmental sciences






In Library Access

- Computers in reference and Periodicals and Media (use your Netname to login)
 - Laptop computers available from the Circulation desk
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Remote Access

- Available for most databases
 - Restricted to Concordia students, faculty and staff
 - To connect, you will be prompted for your name, barcode and **library PIN**
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Identification screen

CLUES Catalogue - Concordia University Libraries - Windows Internet Explorer

https://mercury.concordia.ca/patroninfo~50

CLUES Library Catalogue CLUES Home

Library Home Start Over Login to MyCLUES Chat with a librarian

Login

Please enter the following information:

Your name:

Your 14-digit Barcode on Concordia ID:

Your Library PIN:

Submit

Please note that access to the library's electronic resources is restricted to Concordia students, faculty and staff. You may not share your right to access with any other person or organization.

You are responsible for complying with the provisions of the Canadian Copyright Act as well as [Concordia University's Policy on Copyright Compliance](#)

Some basic rules are:

- You may use the resources for private study and research only.
- You may not use the resources for any commercial purpose.
- You may not download or print entire issues or volumes of electronic resources.
- You must respect the terms of the license or copyright agreement for each specific

Library PIN

- Creating my PIN
- Modifying my PIN
- I have forgotten my PIN
- Troubleshooting

[What's new with CLUES?](#)

- ▶ Get Research Help
- ▶ Suggest a purchase
- ▶ Send us your comments
- ▶ Looking for journal articles on your topic?

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FINDING MAPS






Maps in the Libraries

- We have a complete collection of topographic maps of Canada
 - The 1:50,000 series is ongoing
 - We have selected Quebec maps (1:20,000)
 - We have some geological maps (A-Series)
 - For more info, see [maps page](#)
 - Don't forget atlases (search CLUES)
 - Other important collections: McGill, UQAM, BANQ
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Online maps

- The handout and the maps page are good starting point
 - Map directories and search engines:
 - Odden's Bookmarks
 - BUBL LINK— Maps, atlases...
 - Infomine—Maps and GIS
 - Google (or Google images) can be useful but be critical!
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A quick introduction to...

FINDING STATISTICS






CANSIM on E-STAT

- CANSIM is the main database from Statistics Canada
 - E-Stat is the educational interface to the database
 - It is freely accessible from the Libraries Database Finder
 - Don't use the CANSIM (\$) version on Stat Can's website!
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E-Stat

- E-Stat allows you to create your own tables
 - It includes a large portion –but not all– of Stat Can data
 - E-Stat also produces charts and maps based on the data
 - [E-Stat demo](#)
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Other statistics sources

Census website

- Most of the data is free
- Most recent data= 2006
- Includes reference and thematic maps

Institut de la Statistique du Québec





CITATION STYLES AND MANUALS






Citation Styles

- Rules governing the way you:
 - Quote excerpts of articles, books, etc
 - Reference citations in your essay
 - Cite works in your reference list
 - Specific rules for citing: books, book chapters, articles, article from databases, web pages, government documents, interviews, and **maps!**
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Citation Styles


- There are many citation styles: APA, MLA, Chicago, Turabian, etc.
 - Which one to use?
 - Department or faculty requirement?
 - Choose one and stick to it!
 - Library's summary guides
 - How to get the complete manuals?
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Citing online maps

- Useful guide:

[Library Of Congress – The Learning Page](#)

- *In doubt, consult the complete manual (MLA or other) or ask a librarian!*
 - *Remember to include as many elements as are available*
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Questions?

- Drop by the reference desk (Webster Library)
 - Use the [Ask a Librarian](#) services
 - Contact me:
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