

ECONOMICS 150: SELECTED INFORMATION RESOURCES
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1. CSUS PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

CSUS Library Reference Desk 278-5673

CSUS Library Email Reference, <http://library.csus.edu/services/askLibrarian/>

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CSUS Library Computer Systems Problem Line, 278-5656 (for problems connecting to Library Databases)

CSUS University Computing Help Desk 278-7337 (for problems using SacLink or other CSUS computer applications)

2. FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS ON A TOPIC

From the Library Home Page <http://library.csus.edu> click Database & Article Searching

Click on ECONOMICS on the left side of this page

When searching off-campus using a commercial Internet Service Provider (ISP) you will be prompted to supply your SacLink Username and Password before the database opens

Use the following CSUS Library subscription databases to research journal articles and working papers

EconLit

- a comprehensive index to the field of economics created by the American Economics Association, 1969 to current
- indexes 800 journals (>10% in foreign languages), books, chapters in books, dissertations and working papers
- below the search boxes the search can be limited by Publication Type (e.g. "Working Paper") or Geographic Region
- EconLit Subject Descriptors and Classification Codes www.econlit.org/subjects_descriptors.html
- to use these in the search boxes change the "Select a field" setting to SU Subjects or CC Classification Code

EconLit example search on topic: "Immigration policy as it relates to employment or unemployment."

[NOTE: the use of the truncation symbol, *, at the end of a root word searches all variations of the root word]

Immigration or Immigrant*

AND

Employment or Unemployment

AND

Policy or Policies

AND

Mexico or Mexican* (first click on ADD A ROW to create this 4th search box)

Below the search boxes select PUBLICATION TYPE = Journal Article

Click SEARCH; the citations to the journals articles will be listed most recent first.

Click the title of the item; this goes to the "full record" providing a list of subjects about the item and a summary.

See 4. HOW TO FIND JOURNAL ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS CITED IN THE ABOVE DATABASES

to get to the full text of the article.

To cite the item in APA format, click on the yellow "paper" icon in the upper right when in the "full record".

Double-check the accuracy of this "automatic" APA record, since they often include errors, against our APA Guide:

See **5. USING APA STYLE TO PROPERLY CITE YOUR JOURNAL ARTICLES** below

To find **WORKING PAPERS** repeat the above search and set PUBLICATION TYPE = Working Paper

Once the Working Paper is identified, type the title of the working paper into www.Google.com

Most Working Papers will be available online.

3. OTHER USEFUL DATABASES TO JOURNAL ARTICLES

From the Library Home Page <http://library.csus.edu> click Database & Article Searching
Click on ECONOMICS on the left side of this page

Academic Search Premier

- covers a representative sampling of over 8,000 journals, magazines and newspapers in all subject areas
- to limit the search to journal articles only, check the box called: SCHOLARLY (PEER REVIEWED) JOURNALS
- to further limit results, click on relevant SUBJECT and SUBJECT THESAURUS terms in the left frame
- to limit to Economics Journals, use Econom* as a search term, setting "Select a field" to "SO JOURNAL NAME"
- click on the title of the article to read the FULL RECORD and learn more about the article
- to CITE the article, click on the YELLOW ICON at the top of the screen in the FULL RECORD
- Double-check the accuracy of this "automatic" APA record, since they often include errors, against our APA Guide:
- See 5. **USING APA STYLE TO PROPERLY CITE YOUR BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES** below

ABI/Inform Complete

- an excellent index to over 1000 periodicals in business and economics going back to the early 1970's
- click the orange **ADVANCED** Search tab to begin searching
- to CITE the article, click on the CITE THIS link at the top of the screen in the FULL RECORD

Science Direct

- an index to full-text journals from a wide variety of science and social science disciplines
- indexes and provides full-text to over 100 economics and finance journals
- to CITE the article, click on EXPORT CITATION near the top right in the FULL RECORD

JSTOR

- an index to full-text journals from a wide variety of disciplines, EXCLUDING the most recent 5 years
- indexes and provides full-text to over 70 economics journals
- to CITE the article, click on EXPORT THE CITATION near the top right in the FULL RECORD

Project MUSE

- an index to John Hopkins University Press full-text journals from a wide variety of disciplines, for the past few years
- indexes and has full-text to 11 economics journals
- to CITE the article, click on DOWNLOAD/EXPORT CITATION in the right frame in the FULL RECORD

ERIC – find this database under the subject of EDUCATION on the database listings page

- the most comprehensive index to the field of education from the 1960's to current
- indexes over 1,000 journals and thousands of non-journal reports, guides, etc., known as ERIC Documents
- below the search boxes the search can be limited by Documents or Journal Articles, if desired
- ERIC documents (indicated by an ED accession number) are available in full-text for the most recent years
- ERIC documents not available in full-text are on microfiche in the Library's Media Center arranged by ED number
- to CITE the article, click on the YELLOW ICON at the top of the screen in the FULL RECORD

4. HOW TO FIND JOURNAL ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS CITED IN THE ABOVE DATABASES

- Articles that state TEXT or PDF are available full-text in the database and can be emailed, printed or downloaded
- For those lacking full-text, click the FIND IT icon, which will show one or more links to where the article can be found:
If it states "Get Sac State Licensed Full text from ..." click on the GO button to get to the online text of the article
If it states "Check Print Holdings in Eureka" click the Go button to learn what years in print format are shelved alphabetically on the 3rd floor south in the library (recent years to the right and older years to the left of the windows)
Occasionally, EUREKA will provide you an online link to the journal in full-text format
- For **Working Papers**, type the title of the working paper into www.Google.com – most will be available online.

5. USING APA STYLE TO PROPERLY CITE YOUR JOURNAL ARTICLES

Go to the CSUS Library Home Page <http://library.csus.edu/>, click Research Guides, click Writing Guides: APA
Follow the examples for PRINT SOURCES: JOURNAL ARTICLES and ELECTRONIC full text articles

6. HOW TO USE BIBLIOGRAPHIES TO FIND MORE JOURNAL ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS

The working papers and journal articles that you read will contain BIBLIOGRAPHIES to additional working papers, journal articles and websites that relate to your research. The authors of these original works determined that these were important to the subject and CITED them to further extend the knowledge of the reader. Bibliographies can quickly add to your literature review and can also be used to find the origin of a particular statistical data table.

7. HOW TO FIND MORE RECENT ARTICLES THAT CITE YOUR TARGET ARTICLE IN THEIR BIBLIOGRAPHY

Click on ECONOMICS from the Library's Database & Article Searching web page; click on this database:
Social Sciences Citation Index

Click on CITED REFERENCE SEARCH near the top of the screen

Type in the last name of the author of your target article followed by 1st (and 2nd) initial; click SEARCH

Check off the partial citation that represents your target article; click FINISH SEARCH

The more recent article(s) that cited your target article will be displayed; click the FIND IT icon to get to article(s)

8. HOW TO VERIFY IF THE CSUS LIBRARY HAS A JOURNAL ARTICLE CITED IN A BIBLIOGRAPHY

a. For cited web sites, simply input the URL into any browser (this is often used to track down statistical data)

b. For cited journal articles, go to the Library Home Page (<http://library.csus.edu>)

Click on "Journal Titles" (in the grey box at the top of the page) and type the journal name, not the title of the article

If the journal name appears, click on it and then click on the name of the database to get linked to the article

NOTE: if EUREKA is the only link, click on it to learn what years are shelved alphabetically on 3rd floor south

Recent years are to the right and older years are to the left of the windows

Occasionally, EUREKA will provide you an online link to the journal in full-text

c. For cited books, go to the Library Home Page (<http://library.csus.edu>)

Click on "Books" (in the grey box at the top of the page) and type the title of the book

EUREKA will provide the floor location and the call number of the book in the Library

9. HOW TO GET ARTICLES NOT AVAILABLE AT THE CSUS LIBRARY

a. Most journal articles not at CSUS can be obtained for free or for a low fee by the CSUS Interlibrary Services

-order copies of articles using their online form: <http://library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=76>

b. Another option is to get the item yourself from UC Davis or the California State Library (at 10th and Capitol, downtown).

-search the UC Davis library at <http://harvest.lib.ucdavis.edu> CSUS students can copy articles and check out books

-search the California State Library <http://www.lib.state.ca.us/> Photocopy items. State employees can check out books

c. UC Davis has many times the number of journals of the CSUS Library and many of them are online at any UCD Library
In Sacramento, the UCD Medical Center's Blaisdell Library is open to the public and you can access online journals there

The Med Center Library's location and hours: <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/dept/hsl/about/maps/?map=mcl>

10. CSUS LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES TO STATISTICAL DATA

From the Library Home Page (<http://library.csus.edu>) click Database & Article Searching, then SHOW ALL at the top

STAT USA

-Department of Commerce site to US and foreign economic data, and full-text country economic and trade reports

GPO Access

-Federal web portal to full-text information from government agencies, including budgets, legislation and regulations

RAND California

-research and policy reports on California, including an extensive database of economic and social statistics

11. STATISTICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DATA

Guide to Everyday Economic Statistics. ref HB 137 C57

-explains the value of specific economic data in predicting and describing the economy and where they are found

US Government web sites:

Economic Indicators

www.gpoaccess.gov/indicators/browse.html

Survey of Current Business

www.bea.gov/scb/index.htm

Federal Reserve Board Releases

www.federalreserve.gov/releases/

Bureau of Labor Statistics

www.stats.bls.gov/home.htm

Business Cycle Indicators (current data)

www.tcb-indicators.org/

Business Cycle Indicators (historical data)

ref HC 101 B83

Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED)

<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>

Archival Federal Reserve Data (ALFRED)

<http://alfred.stlouisfed.org/>

Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research (FRASER)

<http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/>

Business Statistics of the US (historical data)

ref HC 106.5 S9

Statistical Abstract of the US (current and historical data - online)

www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

Statistical Abstract of the US (current and historical data - print)

ref HA 202

US Census Bureau (portal to all census data)

www.census.gov

FedStats (portal to over 100 federal agencies statistics)

www.fedstats.gov

California Government web sites:

California Statistical Abstract (current and historical data)

ref HA 261 C3, or online at:

www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/FS_DATA/STAT-ABS/Statistical_Abstract.php

California Department of Finance Data

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/Research/Research.php>

Local data web sites:

American FactFinder

http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en

State and County QuickFacts

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>

Sacramento Area Commerce & Trade Organization

<http://sacto.org>

Sacramento Area Council of Governments

<http://sacog.org>

International Agencies web sites:

International Financial Statistics (IMF current data for each nation)

3 South Periodicals (published monthly)

International Financial Statistics (IMF historical data for each nation)

ref HG 3881 I6 (published annually)

Statistical Yearbook (United Nations historical data for each nation)

ref HA 12.5 U63 (published annually)

Statistics - National Agencies (from each nation)

www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/natlstats.html

Portals to economic statistical data:

Business: Sources for Time Series Data <http://library.csus.edu/guides/rogenmoserd/krist/mis101.htm>

-easy explanation and guide to finding a variety of economic, business and social statistical data series

-follow the online links in the BUSINESS/ECONOMICS DATA, SOCIAL DATA, and the WEB RESOURCES sections

Statistical Resources on the Web www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/statsnew.html

-one of the best guides to business/economics/social and other web sites compiled by the University of Michigan

-click one or more of the subject categories in the right frame to get a list of data choices

Economagic.com: Economic Time Series Page www.Economagic.com

-an easy to use commercial site with free access to thousands of business/economic time series data

EconStats www.EconStats.com

-contains a large number of data series for the US (including forecasts) and foreign countries (under revision)

Business & Economics guide from UC Davis <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/research/subjects/index.php?heading=15>

Statistics and Data guide from UC Davis <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/research/subjects/index.php?heading=141>

-these guides list databases available for use within a UCD Library (e.g. the Med Center Library in Sacramento)

-some of these databases will have online time series data

-before going to a UCD Library, check the UCD database you want to use against the CSUS database list:

<http://db.lib.csus.edu/databases/dbs.php>

-those appearing on the CSUS database list are already available to you remotely as a CSUS student