APA Style CENTRAL® – Using the Publishing Center

The Publishing Center in APA Style CENTRAL® includes descriptions and indexed data for over 2,200 peer-reviewed journals from 250 publishers. These journals are covered in APA’s PsycINFO® database, and as such have already been vetted as authoritative resources of psychology and health and behavioral sciences.

Indexed data in the Publishing Center includes the following categories from PsycINFO:

- **Index Term** – controlled vocabulary from APA’s *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms®*
- **Keyword** – key concept or brief phrase describing the document’s content
- **PsycINFO Classification** – broad classification of the area of research
- **Age Group** – specific age group that was the focus of the research
- **Population Group** – may be human, animal, male, female, transgender, inpatient, or outpatient
- **Methodology** – technique used to gather research data, such as empirical study or focus group
- **Tests and Measures** – names of tests or measures used in the study
- **Country of Origin** – location where the study was done
- **Author Name** – surname of the author or authors

You can use the Publishing Center to learn which journals best match your area of study. At the beginning of the research process, the Publishing Center can help you identify journals with useful sources, and at the end of the research process, the Publishing Center can assist in finding and submitting your finished paper to an academic journal.

Four videos about publishing your journal article are linked from the Learning Center. The rest of the Publishing Center is organized into **Browse Journals** and **Search Journals**.
Browse Journals

Click on any journal title in the A-Z list to view a description or a link to the journal’s manuscript submission page (when available).

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Below, you can view the most frequent values in each indexed category for articles published in that the journal in the past three years.

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You can also search for a known journal title, change the display order or results per page, and limit your search using the checkboxes on the left side.
The **Compare** tool is a quick way to see differences between journals. Select up to three journal titles and click **Compare**.

You will see a pop-up window with one column for each journal. **Index Term** is shown as the default tab, allowing you to easily see if one journal covers a concept more frequently than the other two.
You can also change the view from to other indexed category tabs, such as Tests and Measures.

Search Journals

On the Advanced Search page, you can search for journals using index terms that are relevant to your research. To add index terms, you can either type in the search box, or click the pencil icon to choose from a list. The search box will autocomplete as you type. When you’ve found your desired term, click Add to Index Term List.

The pencil icon opens a browsable A-Z list of all index terms. When you’ve found your desired term, check it off and click Add to Search.
You can add up to three terms to the **Index Term List**, and weight their importance on a scale of 1 to 10.

**Index Term List**

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Use the slider to adjust the relative weight given to the Index Term in your search.

Below your search terms, you can add limiters from other indexed categories. Even before you click **Run Search**, the number of results is displayed. This way, you know you’re in the “Goldilocks zone” for your search, with neither too many nor too few search terms and limits.

**Advanced Journal Search**

Add search terms in any of the categories below. Start typing to select from a list, or click to select from all terms in that category.

**Narrow By**

- **Search Term**
- **Journal Title**
- **PsychINFO Classification**
- **Keyword**
- **Methodology**

- **Aga Group**
- **Population Group**
- **Tests and Measures**
- **Author Name**
- **Journal Access**

**Run Search**

16 Journals Found
The search results take you back to the **Browse Journals** page. **Browse Journals** and **Search Journals** are closely connected within the Publishing Center, since they use the same indexed data from PsycINFO. You may go back and forth using both tools as you run a search, narrow results, and read descriptions.

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