
SIRS RESEARCHER

SIRS Researcher is a general reference database full-text articles exploring social, scientific, health, historic, economic, business, political, and global issues.

START:

- From workstations in the library, click on the *Montgomery College Libraries* icon. Click **on-campus**.
- From any on-campus workstations, type the URL: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/library/>. Click on **on-campus**.
- For off-campus Internet access, type the URL: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/library/>. Click on **home or work**. The user name is your last name only (lower case) and the password is your student i.d. number (no dashes or spaces).
- Do not use MyMC to access online databases. Go directly to the Library Web page using the URL listed above.

Select SIRS Researcher from the list by clicking on it. You will be presented with the search screen.

SEARCH:

SIRS Researcher offers three methods of searching but defaults to the **Quick Search**. To choose one of the other methods, click on one of the tabs located at the top of the search screen.

Quick Search allows keyword searching.

- Select the Quick Search tab by clicking on it.
- Next select the keyword/natural language option. This will allow you to search any combination of keywords and phrases.
- You can also sort the results of your search by relevance or date by choosing either option located below the search box.

- Type your search in the box and click the search button.

Advanced Search allows searching of multiple fields - author, full-text, and title. It also allows proximity searching where you can select how close you want words to be from one another.

- Select the Advanced Search tab by clicking on it.
- Select the options you want to use in the search and type in your search.
- Click the search button.

Topic Browse is useful for searching possible research topics or to narrow down a general topic to a more specific area.

- Select the Topic Browse tab and then select the topic you wish to browse.

VIEWING RESULTS:

Your search will produce a listing of citations.

- To view the full-text of the article, click on the title of the article.
- To view the source, summary, descriptors, or graphics of the article, move the mouse over the icons located after the title and click on the appropriate icon. What each icon represents is described at the top of the article list.

PRINT AND E-MAILING ARTICLES:

- To **print** the full-text, click on **Clean Copy for Printing** located above full-text article. This will reformat the article.
- Click print at the top of the reformatted page.
- To **e-mail** an article, click the e-mail icon located above the full-text article.
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