Hi I’m going to show how to search for articles using the SportDiscus database and also how to add in extra databases in case you want more results.

Start from library.uncg.edu and click on databases.

Choose S

Then scroll down to SportDiscus.

Sportdiscus is a really great place to start if you’re looking for article on sport or fitness topics.

Now, if I try and click on this link and I’m off campus, I’ll be asked to log in using my iSpartan account. That’s just the same user name and password that I use for UNCG email.

I’m interested in articles about motivation among teammates. But if I type all of that in, I’m only going to get results that use all of those words in that exact order. That would really limit my results.

So here’s what I’m going to do. I’m going to put only my main ideas in. I’ll put only one idea per line. And this AND connector is going to search for results where the author used these exact words in any order.

By the way, spelling makes a huge difference.

I can also limit by date.

Some of these results look interesting. If I want to find out more about them, I click into the title. I see subject headings.

And these are links that will lead me to other articles about this topic no matter what wording the author used.

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There’s also an abstract that describes what the article is about.

On the right side there are some useful commands.

Permalink gives me a link that will get me right back to this page.

I’m going to use this link instead of the link that my browser gives me.

Also this cite command will suggest citations in several major styles.

It doesn’t always get them exactly right but it does a lot of the work for me.

And over here on the left hand side if I want to see the full text of this article

I will click check for full text to see if we own it.

It looks like we have this article from several sources.

Sometimes this link takes me right into the article, as you see here.

Every now and then it will take me into the entire journal online.

I just have to click a few more times to get to the exact article that I want.

Let’s look at the results list to see a few other outcomes.

So sometimes I’ll see linked full text. One click should open the article.

Sometimes I’ll see a check for full text link.

But when I click on it, I’ll get a message that says online not found.

If I see online not found, I can click on “Request through Interlibrary Loan”.

I log in with my iSpartan account, and then I submit the request. ILL librarians will look for a pdf for me.

So it’s possible that you might want to find additional results.

Click on choose databases.

We have lots of different content sets that you could add in.

This is a sports psychology question, so I’m going to select the psychology databases.

If you’d like to explore these on your own, just click on the note next to each title to find out which discipline or specialty each database is for.

I do have to click the ok button to add these databases in.

And this time, I get the same results from SportDiscus and additional ones from the Psyc databases.

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This has been a brief tutorial about how to use SportDiscus to search for articles.

And how to add extra databases in if I want to find other results.

Remember if you need help you can always ask us.

There's a nice chat box over here on the side of SportDiscus.

There are also chat boxes throughout the library website.