HSC 362
Health Policy Analysis Project
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2. Where to Look
3. Search Construction
4. Evaluating Resources
5. Further Research Help
Information Needs & Types

Information Needs

1. Background
2. Current events
3. Data / Statistics
4. Analysis / Opinion
5. Research

Information Types

1. Dictionaries, encyclopedias, Wikipedia, websites, books
2. Newspapers, websites, radio, television, social media
3. Government websites, non-profits, journal articles
4. Blogs, magazines, essay websites, newspapers
5. Scholarly books, scholarly articles
Where Will You Look?

HSC 362 Research Guide
http://library.csueastbay.edu/HSC362

• Background Information
• Environmental and Health Sciences
• Law / Policy
• News / Current Events
# Search Construction: Boolean Operators

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<th><strong>OR</strong></th>
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<td>Your search will retrieve resources that contain <strong>at least one</strong> of these words. This will <strong>BROADEN</strong> your search and <strong>INCREASE</strong> search results.</td>
<td>Type <strong>NOT</strong> before a keyword to <strong>exclude</strong> that word from your search. This will <strong>NARROW</strong> your search and <strong>DECREASE</strong> search results.</td>
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<th>Public Health NOT Smoking</th>
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![Venn Diagrams](image)
## Search Refinement: Keywords vs. Subjects

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<td>Opioid-Related Disorders</td>
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<td>LGBTQ</td>
<td>LGBT</td>
<td>Homosexuality AND Bisexuality AND Transgender People</td>
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Evaluating Resources: CRAAP Test

- Currency
- Relevance
- Authority
- Accuracy
- Purpose
How to Get Research Help

Library Reference Desk *(Drop-In)*
1st Floor of Library (Hayward)
Circulation Desk (Concord)

24/7 Chat Reference *(Drop-In)*
http://library.csueastbay.edu/usingthelibraries/ask-us

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