



Booth Library Access EDA 5900

- 1) Go to EIU home page. <http://www.eiu.edu/>
- 2) Click on Booth Library.
- 3) Click on "Magazines, Journals, and More."
- 4) Choose "Resources by Subject."
- 5) Click on "Education" in the pull down menu.
- 6) Click on "ERIC."
- 7) If you have an outside Internet provider, you must go through EIU's proxy server to access ERIC. The system will ask you for your library i.d. number.
- 8) Click "ERIC Search."
- 9) Read "Search Tips" and click "More Search Tips."
- 10) When searching what does placing a term within quotation marks do?
 - i)
- 11) What is a simple Boolean search?
 - i)
- 12) What is the asterisk useful for in an ERIC search?
 - i)
- 13) Click "Advanced Search."
- 14) Why would you want to "Add Another Row"?
- 15) What three ways can you limit your search?
 - i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
- 16) Click on "Using Descriptors" at the bottom of the page.
- 17) What is a descriptor?
- 18) Return to the ERIC Homepage; click on "Thesaurus" and click "Help."
- 19) What are the three benefits of using the ERIC Thesaurus?
 - i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
- 20) What are the three suggested steps for planning a search for ERIC descriptors?
 - i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
- 21) Plan a search for ERIC Descriptors using the three steps for a topic of your choice. Use the space below to work this out.
- 22) What descriptors best describe your interests?

- 23) If you haven't found what you are looking for, try this.
1. Enter a word or phrase to retrieve a list of related Descriptors.
 2. Click on Advanced Search using those Descriptors. Note: This action will copy all Descriptors in the results list to the Advanced Search screen.

You may also:

Browse Alphabetically

1. Click on a letter, to list those terms in the Thesaurus.
2. Select a Descriptor to view detailed information, including a definition and lists of broader, narrower, and related terms.

Browse by Category

1. Click on your area of interest to display a list of related Thesaurus terms.
2. Select one of the Descriptors to view detailed information, including a definition and lists of broader, narrower, and related terms.
3. Click on "Start an ERIC Search" to initiate an Advanced Search.

- 24) What are My ERIC's main capabilities?
- i)
 - ii)
 - iii)

ERIC OVID

- 25) Return to the Booth Library Home Page www.library.eiu.edu
- 26) Click on "Magazines, Journals, and More." Choose "Resources by Subject."
- 27) Click on "Education" in the pull down menu.
- 28) Click on "ERIC/OVID".
- 29) If you have an outside Internet provider, you must go through EIU's proxy server to access ERIC. The system will ask you for your 14-digit library i.d. number.
- 30) How is ERIC OVID different from/better than ERIC?
- i) OVID is better than ERIC as it will link automatically to the thesaurus...unlike ERIC
 - ii) OVID allows for a step by step search process
 - iii) OVID's database includes 2004

Requests

- 31) Go back to the Booth Library Home page. Click requests.
- 32) What is a Distance Education Articles Request?
- 33) How do you get full text documents through ERIC?
- i) Via the database
 - ii) Through a DEAR
 - iii) Go to Booth
- 34) What is the alert process?

ERIC Digests

- 35) What are ERIC Digests?
- i)
- 36) What would ERIC Digests be good for?