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COM 275: Foundations of Communication Research

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COM 275: Foundations of Communication Research 2022

Course objectives:

COM 275 students will

1. Write a proposed research question for a communication topic
2. Find 5 sources for the annotated bibliography
3. Complete a literature review in APA format with 7-10 sources

Library objectives:

1. Find literature and theories by using the database: Communication Source; use Communication Source Thesaurus to define, find synonyms for, and find relationships between concepts, constructs, and variables
2. Use the database Web of Science to track theorist's original theory
3. Use Find Articles, Books, & More to find additional information sources
 - a. How are your concepts discussed in communication literature?
 - b. Is there an existing theory that can help you focus your topic?
4. Cite in APA style by using the resources at <https://libguides.gvsu.edu/com275/citing>

1. University Libraries: SUBJECT GUIDES:

- Communications
 - [COM 275](#)
 - Articles/Databases: [Communication Source](#)
 - **THESAURUS: synonyms and definitions for research topic** concepts, constructs, variables
- Activity: search and list:

2. More DEFINITIONS:

- **University Libraries:** Books: search for dictionaries communication

3. FINDING: YOUR topic in advanced search boxes:

IDEA #1	OR SYNONYM	OR SYNONYM
AND IDEA #2		
AND IDEA #3		

- Use OR between synonyms: sources OR references OR citations



- Search tip: use * for wildcard, e.g., communicat*
- Search tip: use “quotation marks” around phrases

Activity: use terms listed in step 2 to fill in boxes above:

4. Find literature and theories by using the database:
 - [Communication Source](#)
to find research literature and theories
 - [Web of Science](#)
to track theorist’s original theory
 - subject terms – use the Thesaurus and/or results
 - limiters to narrow results:
 - citation/abstract notes:
 - **Add to folder, email with citation format**
 - [Get it @ GVSU](#) or **Request a copy**
5. Find additional information sources by using: [Find Articles, Books, & More](#)
 - Refine search using:
 - Content Type
 - Language
 - other:
 - Search tip: use * for wildcard, e.g., communicat*
 - Search tip: use “quotation marks” around phrases
 - Search tip: use (parentheses) around synonyms, e.g., (sources OR references OR citations)
 - **Save, cite, & email results**

6. **BOOKS searching:**

Activity: find and email from steps 4-7. **Ask questions:**

What are you learning during this process?

7. [Cite in APA style](#)
8. Literature Review resources: <https://libguides.gvsu.edu/com275/literature>
9. "Ask-a-librarian" = Kim Ranger
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10. [Knowledge Market](#) = additional help, Sunday noon - 9 p.m., Mon-Th 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.