You may get ideas for your research by looking at a Cornette Library course guide. Click on **Guides**.

Even if there is not a guide for your particular class, you may find good information in a similar class. For example, click on **Communication Disorders**.

**Course Guides**

Click on the appropriate link to get to your course guide.
Click on several of the guides for a variety of ideas, for example CD 2372 and CD 4380.

Communication Disorders
- CD 2372 (Language Development) - Dr. Barnes
- CD 3390 (Cultural Diversity in Communication Disorders) - Dr. Barnes
- CD 4390 (Introduction to Research in Communication Disorders) - Dr. Wyers
- CD 4395 (Clinical Procedures/Professional Practices in Communication Disorders) - Ms. Howell
- CD 6392 (Special Topics: Asperger's Syndrome) - Dr. Barnes
- CD 8388 (Advanced Application of Clinical Principles) - Ms. Clark

Communication Studies
- COMM 1315 (Basic Speech Communication)
- COMM 1321 (Business and Professional Communications)
- COMM 3320 (Nonverbal Communication) - Dr. Hannah Olha

Criminal Justice
- CRJU 1307 (Crime in America) - Dr. Houston
- CRJU 3400 (Criminal Justice Overview) - Dr. Price

Education
- EDLD 4372 (Elementary/Middle School Language Arts and Social Studies) - Dr. Carbwright
- EDLD 3311 (Teaching Reading Through Children's Literature) - Dr. Monroe
- EDLD 3540 (Educational Foundations) - Dr. Cost
- EDLD 4381 (Transcultural Literacy in Diverse Cultures) - Dr. Azua
- EDLD 4376/5376 (Bilingual Language Acquisition) - Dr. Azua
- EDLD 4384/5384 (ESL: Teaching Methods) - Dr. Azua
- EDLD 6002 (Current Issues in Education) - Dr. Campbell
- EDLD 6501 (Educational Research) - Dr. Rey

English

Some databases and web sites that may be of interest to you will be listed.

- Some databases may be accessible through the library; try searching the journal name in Comstock Library's online catalog, or the list of online journals.
- Use Interlibrary Loan to request articles inaccessible through Comstock Library. Allow up to 2 weeks for articles (3 weeks for books) to arrive.

Which Database?

Health & Wellness Resource Center
Advanced search for "language development" will find outstanding articles from the Gale Encyclopedia of Childhood and Adolescence. Encyclopedia articles include bibliographies. Can limit search to "full text" and "referred publications" to view only journal articles, but will not find the encyclopedia articles. Most articles are only in HTML format.

PsycINFO
An excellent source. Some journal articles may overlap results from Academic Search Complete. A citation-only database, although it has numerous links to full-text articles. Database cannot be cited. Cite the database where the article is found.

ScienceDirect Journals
Will find many articles, all scholarly and full-text.

Other Databases

Academic Search Complete
Covers many disciplines, but good source for "language acquisition" journal articles. Substantial full-text.

CINAHL
Cumulative index to nursing and allied health. Citation-only database, but many links to full text. Database cannot be cited. Cite the database where the article is found.

Dissertations and Theses - Full Text
Not a "journal articles" database. Dissertation and theses can range from 100 to 400 pages, so excellent source of in-depth information. Sample search: "language acquisition" in Index Terms AND NOT "second language" in citation and abstract. Alternate search: "language development" in Index Terms AND NOT bilingual in citation and abstract.

ERIC (EBSCO)
Educational Resources Information Center. Can find journal articles and documents about school-age children. Some overlap with Academic Search Complete.

Medline (EBSCO)
International coverage of all aspects of medical information. Can check box for "linked full text". Sample search: "language development" in MeSH Exact Subject Heading.

PowerSearch
Allows you to search six databases at one time. Cannot limit to full text or scholarly articles. Cannot search phrases. Click on Custom Search tab. Under Choose Databases, select Databases by Category. Under Category, select Communications.
You may see some books located in the Reference Department listed. You could look at them for information and search terms.

**Encyclopedia of Education**
LB 15 .E47 2003 (Reference)
Eight-volume set. Has one article on "language acquisition".

**Encyclopedia of Psychology**
BJ 31 .E52 2000 (Reference)
Find excellent, concise articles by searching "language" in the index.

**Encyclopedia of Special Education**
LC 4007 .E53 2000 (Reference)
Three volumes. Articles include: Expressive Language Disorders, Language Assessment, Language Delays, Language Disorders, and Language Therapy.

**MIT Encyclopedia of Communication Disorders**
RC 423 .M56 2004 (Reference)

**Special Educators Complete Guide to 109 Diagnostic Tests**
LC 4016 .F53 1996 (Reference)
Has 10 tests reviewed in section on Speech and Language Assessment, including Test of Language Development-Primary 2 (TOLD-P-2) and Test of Language Development-Intermediate 2 (TOLD-I-2). Does not have actual tests.

**Books**

**Comette Library's online catalog**
Includes books, government documents, videos, journal titles, etc. available throughout the library. Suggested searches include:
- a keyword search for your subject, such as language development
- the general LC subject heading Children language
- the LC subject heading for a specific place such as Language disorders in children United States

To determine the most appropriate subject headings for your search, refer to the red Library of Congress Subject Headings near the Reference computers in the library or search the online Library of Congress Authorities Catalog.

**Additional Subject Searches**
- apraxia
- articulation disorders in children
- children with disabilities language
- communicative disorders in children
- deaf children language
- fetal children
- language acquisition
- language disorders in children
- psycholinguistics

**Additional Keyword Searches**
- language develop?
- wolf child?

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