**Psy 230 Fall 2017
Lab Assignment 1: PsycINFO**

The purpose of this exercise is to give you experience using PsycINFO/PsycARTICLES.  Please type answers to the questions in boldface.

1.     Identify a specific area of psychological human research in which you are interested.  For instance, you might be interested in the effect of noise on cognitive functioning in humans.  The more specific and clear you are (e.g. memory or problem solving, rather than cognitive functioning in general), the easier your search of the literature will be.

**2.**     Limit your search to *humans*, *peer reviewed* articles, and search for *English* articles published *on or after January 1, 2005.* Use operators to narrow your search to a manageable collection of sources (approx. 25 to 100 sources).Then record

**(a) your final search parameters (limits, keywords or descriptors, and/or, etc.) and
(b) the number of sources produced**

**3.** Inspect some of the articles from the above search results and **choose two articles** that are understandable and available on-line in full text. **For article 1**, specify the following:

**(a)  Authors**

**(b)  Institution or Affiliation (Name of the University, clinic, research institute, etc.)**

**(c)  Title**

**(d)  Journal, year published, volume, pages**

**(e)  Specific hypothesis or hypotheses**

**(f)   General conclusions**

All of the information requested above will be available in the article itself, not necessarily the PsycINFO record. You should be able to locate parts a-d on the title page of the article. For part (e) you may have to read through the introduction section of the article and describe the hypotheses in your own words. For part (f) you may have to scan the discussion section of the article and describe the general conclusions in your own words.

**4. Now specify the above (a –f) for article 2.**