Citation to Article (Full Text)

This handout provides instructions for finding the full text of an article from the article citation. This document was developed for WSU Global students in particular, but will most likely be useful to any WSU student. Citations listed in your WSU Global course space should, in most cases, be available in electronic full text from the WSU Libraries’ databases. If this is not the case, you should notify your instructor.

Method One:
From the WSU Libraries Homepage (http://libraries.wsu.edu), click on the Search It "Advanced Search" link, and log in using your WSU Network ID and password. At this point, enter roughly the first five to seven words of the title of your article, putting the phrase in quotes (e.g., “current research shows the best cell phones”). Click search, and if you see your article, click on the article title. Next, click on the link for the database that provides the article under Access Options (e.g., Full text available at: MasterFILE Premier). There may be multiple options, make sure you select one that has available dates that match the date of your article.

At this point you should be on the database website. Look for the full text in HTML or PDF. In many cases, you might need to browse to the correct year, volume and/or issue of the journal in order to find the link to your article.

Method Two:
If searching for the article title did not work you will have to search for the journal first. Within Search it Advanced Search in the pull down menu to the left of the search field change “Any Field” to “Title” and then in the pull down menu to the right, under “Material Type” change from “All Items” to “Journals.” In the search box type in the title of the journal, magazine, or newspaper (NOT the article title). Click the Search button.

On the search results screen, look for the record with the title of your journal and a green “Online Access.” Open the journal by clicking on the title (or “Online Access”) and then the database that provides it. Make sure the “Available From” date range includes the date of the article you’re looking for.

You should now be in the database that contains your journal. You will need to look at the screen carefully, and find a link that will lead you to the correct volume or date of your journal article. Depending on the database, there may be additional links to follow such as the issue number of the journal. After following the links through, you should reach the table of contents for the journal issue which contains your article. The articles may be listed alphabetically by title, or by page number. Scan through until you find the correct article. Sometimes the table of contents will extend to a second page, so you may have to click on a “next” button at the bottom of the screen to see the full listing of articles. Once you find the article, open it and look for the full text in HTML or PDF.

If you need more help, you can contact the WSU Libraries through options listed on this webpage:  http://libraries.wsu.edu/ask