

Modern Grammar Resources

Reference Materials

It is helpful to use reference materials in your research to get background information on the scholar who had an influence on linguistics or on a concept related to applied linguistics. Please remember:

*Reference materials do NOT leave the library!!!



Perhaps the most beneficial reference sources in Rickman Library are:

Encyclopedia of language and linguistics REF 410.3 En19

International encyclopedia of linguistics REF 410.3 In8

The world atlas of language structures **REF 415.9 W893**

Subject Headings will help focus the information you glean from your search. When you are searching for books a broader topic might be more applicable. You can also use the scholar's name or the linguistic concept he or she studied. The more specific subject might not work with books, however.



Language and languages Linguistics Historical linguistics Naturalness (Linguistics)
Comparative linguistics -- Atlases
Grammar, Comparative and general -- Morphology
Grammar, Comparative and general -- Syntax

Periodical articles are also extremely valuable for finding information on your topic. Articles give you the opportunity to focus totally on your subject. Sometimes they are not readily available so you might need to broaden your search a bit but usually you will be able to find something. As I searched scholars I modified my search using only the last name, or last name first, first name or the other way around. Get creative!



Appropriate Databases

Academic Search Premier

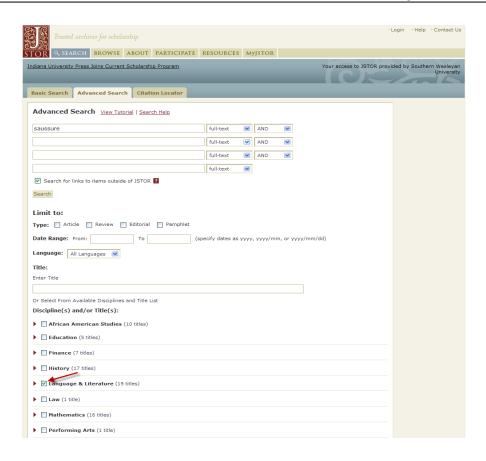
MLA International Bibliography (this offers few full text articles. You would have to request them on on Interlibrary Loan which means you would have to plan ahead)

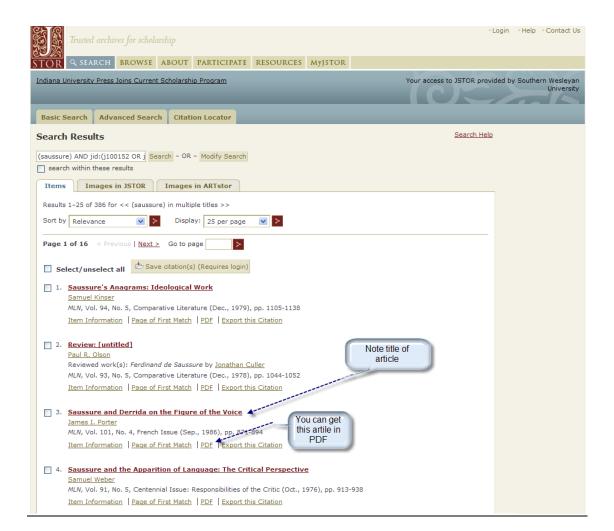
Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection

SocINDEX with Full Text

JSTOR (Language and Literature Collection) is an invaluable resource! It takes a little finesse to get what you need but a librarian will be VERY happy to help you!

Example: I searched for "de Saussure" and came up with articles that did not relate to the linguist. I changed my search to "Saussure" and found articles that relate to the linguist.





Interesting Internet Site

http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/linguistics/intro.jsp

Summary: "Language is common to all humans; we seem to be "hard-wired" for it. Many social scientists and philosophers say it's this ability to use language symbolically that makes us "human."

Though it may be a universal human attribute, language is hardly simple. For decades, linguists' main task was to track and record languages. But, like so many areas of science, the field of linguistics has evolved dramatically over the past 50 years or so."

Credible websites for scholars who were involved with modern grammar and linguistics are few and far between and could cause some frustration so I would highly recommend that you focus on the reference, book, and periodical resources.

As always... The librarians are available to help!!! PLEASE communicate and do not hesitate to ask for our help!!!

