

ASSIGNMENT #1: ONLINE DATA BASES  
(Tuesday/Thursday class)

Assignment #1 is due in class on Thursday, March 18th. This assignment is worth 30 points.

Assignment: On Thursday, March 4th there will be a workshop in the Library on use of online databases. Go to this workshop, and then using what you have learned, **search the Skyline College's Library online database for a research article from a refereed academic journal on the economic assimilation of the current immigrant population in the United States.**

Please turn in the following: (1) ONE PAGE with your name and day and time of class, and the title, author, name of journal, and date of the article, the database that you used and the EXACT search terms used, (2) ONE PAGE consisting of the first page of the article.

Assignment and Grading:

1. Be sure to print your name, the day and time of the class, and the article's title, the name of the author, journal, and the date of the article. **Do not cut, copy, and paste** information directly from the web, instead type it out. (6 points)
2. Be sure to use a Skyline College Online Database and to state which database you used. (5 points)
3. You also need to state the actual search terms that you used to find the article. Be sure to check what you write as I will mark down your answers if there are typos, incorrect words, etc. A URL is not an acceptable substitute. (5 points)
3. The topic of the article must be on **economic assimilation of recent immigrants to the United States**. For example the how the earnings, wealth, occupational, poverty rate, access to health care, etc of immigrants in the United States changes over time relative to native-born Americans. **Do not** select an article on the costs and benefits of the immigrants to the labor market or government, the economics of immigration, immigration policy, immigration to other countries, or U.S. immigration before 1965. (5 points)
4. Make sure that you choose a **research article from an academic journal**, that is, an article that uses primary data (from the U.S. census, surveys, etc.) to analyze it and draw conclusions. Do not use a book review, summary of a conference panel, introduction to a volume of articles, an opinion piece, etc. Be sure that it is an article from a refereed academic journal and not a policy journal, a newspaper or magazine, or a purely online source. (5 points)
5. Be sure to include a copy of the first page of the article. When printing up the article, make sure it is the first page of the article itself, and not the database information on the article. Also if you cut and paste the first page, be sure to include the entire page. (4 points)
6. Penalties: Students may turn in their assignment to my office (room 2301) by Friday, March 19th at 11 am and be considered on time. Assignments turned after that will be penalized 3 points for each day late up to Friday, April 2nd. Assignments will not be accepted after that date.  
Assignments that are copies of another student's will result in penalties for all students turning in the same assignment.  
Students must turn in your assignment in class or to my office (room 2301). You **CANNOT** turn in your assignments by email.
7. Online help: There is a practice search online at <<http://skylinecollege.edu/library/econlinks.html>>