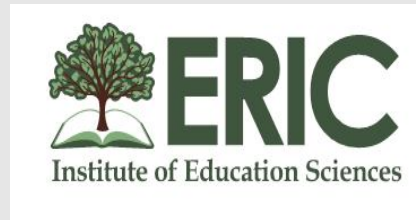


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Brief History

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Scope and Coverage

The ERIC Thesaurus is a list of terms representing research topics in the field of education. It covers areas like Arts, Economics and Finance, Languages, Mathematics, Science and Technology etc. Descriptors from the ERIC Thesaurus are assigned to every document in the ERIC digital library to describe its subject content. The ERIC Thesaurus contains a total of 11,721 terms. There are 4,520 descriptors and 7,068 synonyms. There are also 133 dead terms which are no longer used as descriptors but remain in the thesaurus to aid in searching older records. The ERIC Thesaurus was last updated in October 2015. The updated thesaurus includes 19 new descriptors, 28 new synonyms, and changes to 17 existing terms.

Kind of Information

ERIC Thesaurus is embellished with scope notes, synonyms, broader terms, narrower terms and related terms of a particular entry on the subject areas like arts, economics and finance, languages, mathematics, science and technology etc. An example is given below for clear understanding.

The term “Architecture” under category “Arts” has been represented here.

Architecture

Scope Note:

Design and style of structures. Do not use for documents dealing with information architecture. (Note: Prior to 2007, the use of this term was not restricted by a Scope Note)

Category: Arts

Broader Terms

Visual Arts

Narrower Terms

N/A

Use this term instead of

Architects (2004)
Architectural Character (2004)
Architectural Drafting (2004)
Architectural Programing (1968 1994)
(2004)
Architectural Programming (2004)

Related Terms

Accessibility (for Disabled)
Acoustics
Architectural Education
Architectural Research
Art
Building Design
Design
Design Requirements
Interior Design
Physical Mobility
Postmodernism
Structural Elements (Construction)

Architectural Style (2004)
Architectural Tradition (2004)

All the terms are hyperlinked and cross referenced. Provision for Searching the ERIC collection using this descriptor is also available. The date of the term's first inclusion in the thesaurus is also mentioned. In case of the term "Architecture" the date of inclusion is 07.01.1966.

Special Features

- ❖ Links to various social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter.
- ❖ Links to online submission form, you tube videos on ERIC, webinars, presentations etc. are available.
- ❖ Hyperlinked alphabetical lists of journals and non-journals of ERIC database are incorporated here.
- ❖ Provision for downloading ERIC Thesaurus and Database is available.

Arrangement Pattern

All the terms are arranged alphabetically. For example, under alphabet "A" terms starting with the letter "A" are organized in alphabetic sequence. E.g.: Age, Age Differences, Age Discrimination, Age Grade Placement, Age Grade Status, Age Groups etc.

Category wise arrangement of terms is conspicuous by its presence. The categories are arranged in alphabetic order. Within each category valid descriptor are arranged alphabetically. Examples of the alphabetically arranged categories are shown below: **Agriculture and Natural Resources, Arts, Bias and Equity, Business, Commerce, and Industry, Communications Media, Counseling, Curriculum Organization** etc.

Some of the descriptors within the category "Arts" (which are arranged alphabetically) are manifested below:

Fine Arts, Freehand Drawing, Graphic Arts, Handicrafts, Interior Design etc.

Remarks

ERIC Thesaurus contains education-related terms called Descriptors which function as subject headings. It is a very useful tool for performing more precise searches on the ERIC Database.

Comparable Tools

- Thesaurus.com (<http://www.thesaurus.com/>)

- Collins thesaurus (<http://www.collinsdictionary.com/english-thesaurus>)
- Merriam Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus (<http://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus>)

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