

RESEARCH GUIDE

Sociology

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Sociology in the broadest sense is the study of human society and the relationships that evolve within that society. This research guide has been prepared to assist in devising a strategy to locate information efficiently.

THE ONLINE CATALOG

You can identify books which are relevant to your research in several ways. If you already know a specific writer, you can search by the author's name. If you have a title, you can search by title. For a subject search it is often wise to search by subject and by keyword. Searching by subject will retrieve only subjects used by the Library of Congress. Some examples of Library of Congress subject headings are:

socialization	social movements
deviant behavior	homelessness
ethnic groups	crime

Keyword searching allows you to search multiple concepts or search terms not used by the Library of Congress. See *Database Guide: Library Catalog* for searching tips.

LITERATURE AND RESEARCH GUIDES

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| HM73 .G78
1998
Fen Ref | <i>A Guide to Writing Sociology Papers, 4th ed., 1998.</i> Discusses library research, citation styles, types of sociology research papers, and how to get started. Includes sample student papers. |
| HM51. A38
1997 | <i>Sociology: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources, 2 ed. 1997.</i> A guide to reference works. Includes sociology web sites. |
| HM68 .B37
1986
Fen Ref
JCL Ref | <i>The Student Sociologist's Handbook, 1986.</i> Introduction to the discipline of sociology. Includes chapters on library research, the sociology paper, and career opportunities in sociology. Includes American Sociological Association official form for reference pp.74-76. |

INDEXES AND ELECTRONIC SOURCES ON THE INTERNET

The following indexes are found on the library website (<http://library.gmu.edu/>) under *databases-social sciences*.

Sociology:

Annual Review of Sociology, 1975-present. Essays cover current research in the field. Articles are organized under broad subjects, such as theory and methods, demography, urban and rural sociology. 1975-1995 available full text in *JSTOR* and in Annual Reviews Social Science Suite from 1996-present.

Criminal Justice Abstracts, 1968-present. Contains abstracts to journal articles, reports, dissertations, and books. Entries are arranged under broad subject categories.

JSTOR. Full-text coverage of *American Sociological Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, and *Journal of Health and Human Behavior*. Dates of coverage vary.

Sociological Abstracts, 1963-present. Citations and abstracts from over 2000 journals indexed by Sociological Abstracts, plus relevant dissertation listings, abstracts of conference papers and selected books, citations of book reviews. Includes citations and abstracts from Social Planning/Policy & Development Abstracts. Updated 6 times per year. Also available in print (Fen Ref Index HM1 .S67).

Social Science:

Contemporary Women's Issues, 1992-present. Access to global information on women in the form of journals, newsletters, research reports, and fact sheets from non-profit groups, government and international agencies. Some full-text sources. Updated 26 times per year.

Ethnic NewsWatch, 1994-present. Full text articles from ethnic and minority presses in the United States. In English and Spanish.

Hispanic American Periodicals Index, 1970-present. Searchable web version of the Hispanic American Periodicals Index. "Contains complete bibliographic citations to articles, book reviews, documents, original literary works, and other materials appearing in more than 400 key social science and humanities journals published throughout the world."

PsycINFO, 1887-present. Covers the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, and other areas. Updated monthly.

Social Sciences Citation Index, 1980-present. Interdisciplinary index to journals and collected volumes in the social and behavioral sciences. Provides access by author, citation and subject. Earlier issues (1972-present) can be found in print (Fen Ref Index H83.S63). Updated weekly.

Other related indexes:

Infotrac OneFile, 1980-present. Database of abstracts and full text articles on Astronomy, Religion, Law, History, Psychology, Humanities, Current Events, Sociology, Communication and the General Sciences.

Lexis-Nexis Academic. Provides access to a wide range of domestic and international news from print and broadcast media. Dates of coverage vary.

ProQuest General Reference, 1986-present. Multi-subject reference source covering general and academic periodicals. Full-text is available for many articles.

PAISIntl (Public Affairs Information Service International), 1972-present. Coverage of articles, books, conference proceedings, government documents, book chapters, and statistical directories about public affairs. (Also available in print (Fen Ref Index HB871 .P66) for years 1915-1972).

MICROCOMPUTER INDEXES

Located at Fenwick Reference.

Ethics Index, 1990-present. Interdisciplinary index to articles and essays on ethics and morality, including criminal justice, feminism, public policy, and social science.

PRINT JOURNAL INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

H1 .P845
Fen Ref Index **Human Resources Abstracts, 1972-present.** Formerly Poverty and Human Resources Abstracts (1966-74), this work abstracts articles, government documents, books and reports dealing with poverty, manpower, human resources as well as urban and national problems.

HB871 .P66
Fen Ref Index **PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service),. 1915-present.** Subject index to articles, books and documents in public affairs and public policy, including social conditions. Also available as PAISIntl through the library web site.

HB871 .P66
Fen Ref Index **Population Index, 1935-present.** This classified subject index to the literature in demography and population growth is an annotated bibliography of books, journal articles, theses, machine readable data files, and conference proceedings. Searchable on the Internet from 1986 onward at <http://popindex.princeton.edu/>.

HQ536 .S23
Fen Ref

Sage Family Studies Abstracts, 1987-present. Abstracts of journal articles, dissertations, documents and books on policy, theory and research relating to the family.

AI3 .S62
Fen Ref Index

Social Sciences Index, 1974-present. Interdisciplinary subject/author index to social science periodicals. Preceded by Social Sciences & Humanities Index and International Index to Periodicals. Also available through the library web site.

HM1 .S67
Fen Ref Index

Sociological Abstracts, 1952-present. Indexes and abstracts periodical articles, conference papers, proceedings, dissertations and book reviews in sociology and related fields. Also available through the library web site.

HQ1101 .W7554
Fen Ref Index

Women Studies Abstracts, 1972-present. Indexes and abstracts periodical literature pertaining to women. Also includes book reviews and bibliographies.

HQ1180 .W66
Fen Ref Index

Women's Studies Index, 1989-present. Subject/author index to feminist and mainstream women's studies periodicals, including U.S. and foreign journals and magazines.

DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS

HM425 .J64
2000
Fen Ref

Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology: A User's Guide to Sociological Language. 2000. Dictionary of sociological terms. Separate section has biographical sketches of "major figures (living and dead) who have shaped sociological concepts and thinking over the past two centuries."

H41.B53 1993
Fen Ref
JCL Ref

Blackwell Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Social Thought. 1993. Surveys major concepts of social thought, philosophical schools and movements, political doctrines, styles of literature and art, and institutions and organizations important to the study of social analysis.

HN57 .E58 1993
Fen Ref

Encyclopedia of American Social History, 3 vols. 1993. Arranged into 14 thematic areas, the 180 essays cover a wide range of topics, including the homeless, lifestyles, nativism and 19th century sports.

HV5804 .E53
2001
Fen Ref

Encyclopedia of Drugs and Alcohol. 4 vols. 2001. Contains overview essays and briefer entries on topics such as MADD, Alcoholics Anonymous, and crime and alcohol. Volume four has 400-page state-

by-state directory of drug abuse and alcoholism treatment and prevention programs.

HQ9 .E52
1995
Fen Ref

Encyclopedia of Marriage and the Family, 4 vols. 2003. From abortion to work and family, the 169 lengthy articles in this work cover such topics as cohabitation, codependency, genetic counseling, and military families.

HM17 .E5 2000
Fen Ref
JCL Ref

Encyclopedia of Sociology, 4 vols. 2000. Contains 370 entries for concepts in sociology. Essays are long and include bibliographies.

H41 .I58 2001
Fen Ref

International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences. 26 vols. 2001. Includes authoritative articles describing the state of the art in all fields of the social and behavioral sciences. Bibliographic included.

HM17 .S86
1994 v.1
Fen Ref

Survey of Social Science: Sociology Series, 1994. Overview of articles on topics in the social sciences.

HQ1115 .W645
1989
Fen Ref

Women's Studies Encyclopedia, 3 vols. 1989-1991. Volume 1 focuses on feminist research in the natural, behavioral and social sciences, medicine, and health; volume 2, on literature, arts and learning; and volume 3 on history, religion and philosophy.

OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

GMU Sociology Home Page (<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/soci/socmain.html>)

Sociology Subject Guide (<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/socsci/sociology.html>) is maintained by GMU Libraries. Contains links to online resources mentioned in this guide plus other related resources