Sociology Resources

Library & Learning Commons website: www.grcc.edu/library

Sociology Subject Guide: http://subjectguides.grcc.edu/sociology

From the library’s homepage the [Subject Guides] link takes you to a list of guides on many areas of study including sociology. These guides contain links to resources licensed by the GRCC Library including ebooks, streaming videos, and scholarly journal articles.

Books:
RaiderSearch helps you locate books, ebooks, and videos owned by the library.

MeLCat Use the MeLCat button from within the RaiderCat results screens to expand your search results. MeLCat allows you to borrow things from other Michigan libraries. Materials usually arrive in 3-5 business days.

Finding Articles: From the Sociology Subject Guide select a database to search for articles on a particular topic. Some articles can be viewed in full-text online. Most databases provide a feature which will create APA citations for the articles you find for your “References” page. When researching away from campus or wirelessly, you'll be prompted for your last name and Raider ID number.

SocINDEX with Fulltext: Offers comprehensive coverage of sociology, encompassing all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study. Includes fulltext for approximately 400 sociology journals.

ProQuest Central: This large multidisciplinary periodical resource includes the Sociology Database which covers the professional literature of sociology and social work, including relevant titles from related fields such as social policy, social care, social services, social

JSTOR: a historical archive of full-text scholarly journal articles including 200 sociology journals.

JOURNALS:

Scholarly Journals
1. Report original research, discoveries or experimentation
2. Are written by and for scholars and researchers in the field, and aimed at scholarly readers such as professors, scientists, and advanced students
3. Use terminology, jargon and the language of the discipline
4. Cite sources and provide footnotes and/or bibliographies
5. Are often peer reviewed by an editor or specialists in the field for accuracy
6. Often contain graphs, statistics, case studies are often published by academic or association presses
7. Contain selective advertising
8. Attribute authorship to one or more persons
Professional Trade Magazines
1. Focus on a specific profession or industry
2. Articles are written for professional or trade-associated audiences by scholars, freelance writers, or magazine staff
3. Use terminology, jargon and the language of the discipline
4. Are published by professional or trade associations
5. Articles occasionally cite sources
6. Articles may include photographs, illustrations, industry-specifics statistics, and information

GRCC’s LLC subscribes to, or licenses, many professional journals covering issues related to sociology. Some are available online through the library’s website. The following list of journals is a sampling of periodicals covering sociology.

- American Journal of Sociology
- American Sociological Review
- American Sociologist
- Contemporary Sociology
- Families in Society
- International Journal of Sociology
- International Journal of Sociology of the Family
- Journal of Gender and Social Issues
- Journal of Social Forces
- Journal of Social Issues
- Journal of Social Psychology
- Race and Social Problems
- Social Development
- Social Forces
- Social Influence
- Social Problems
- Social Psychology Quarterly
- Society
- Sociological Analysis
- Sociological Inquiry
- Sociological Perspectives
- Sociological Quarterly
- Sociological Focus
- Sociological Forum
- Sociological Research
- Sociological Review

CITING REFERENCES: Citing functions are available in many databases, but check the machine-produced results against the APA Manual for accuracy. Even if they’re not totally correct, using them to get your reference list started is a big time-saver. Watch for:

- Cite in SocINDEX
- Cite in ProQuest
- Cite this item in JSTOR

If the database you use doesn’t have an automatic citing function, use these timesavers:

- Citation Machine - http://citationmachine.net/
- Knight Cite - http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/
- Citing Materials using APA Guidelines - http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

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