Resources for SO251 Family History Project

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.

Reference Books:

American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation Reference 305.8 AM35 1997
Presents the immigrant experience to the United States including the unique cultural characteristics of 161 cultural groups.

Encyclopedia of Social Theory Reference 301.03 EN19so 2005
Discusses the roots of contemporary social theory including all the key theories and the theorists behind them. Useful for part 3 of paper requirements.

Books:

RaiderSearch helps you locate books, ebooks, and videos owned by the library. An excellent source to use is the Discovering the Peoples of Michigan series which includes the following books: African Americans in Michigan, Dutch in Michigan, Germans in Michigan, Irish in Michigan, Latinos in Michigan, Poles in Michigan, as well as books on other ethnic groups.

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. Use for the sociological analysis of your family’s experiences.

Ethnic NewsWatch: Covers the experiences and contributions of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Peoples, Asian Americans, European Americans, Jewish Americans and Arab Americans over the past thirty years.

MyHeritage: Family history resource including more than 6 billion historical records from the United States, Europe, Latin America, and other regions.
ProQuest Central: This large multidisciplinary periodical resource includes the Sociology Database which covers the professional literature of sociology.

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

Available Journals:
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
- Journal of Social Forces
- Journal of Social Issues
- Race and Social Problems
- Social Development
- Social Forces
- 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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