

Sociology: Library Research Guide

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<http://www.li.suu.edu>

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Library tools

- **Off-campus access:** All library databases are accessible off-campus with SUU username/password login. When working with campus computers save work to the F: drive; F: drive is accessible off-campus through NetStorage.
- **Full Text Journal Finder:** Use to see if a full text periodical is available in the library print collection or in an online database. Use **Search Journals by Subject** to find full text journals by subject.
- **ILLiad – InterLibrary Loan:** Request articles not available after searching the Full Text Journal Finder; request books not available in the SUU library.

Finding Topics

- **10,000 Ideas for Term Papers, Projects, Reports & Speeches** (Ref. LB1047.3 .L35)
- **Reference Collection:** HM-HX
- **Opposing Viewpoints Books:** Search the library catalog to locate books focused on current and controversial issues. Search by keyword for **opposing viewpoints**. issues in a pro/con format.
- **Article Databases**
Topic ideas for current events and controversial issues can be found in several SUU article indexes. On the Library homepage, click **Find Articles**, then under **Multi-Subject Indexes** look in these article indexes:
 - **CQ Researcher**
Topics and articles on current and controversial issues such as the War in Iraq, government secrecy, domestic violence, and many more. Articles include summaries, pros and cons, and bibliographies.
 - **SIRS Knowledge Source**
Click **SIRS Knowledge Source** in the middle of the page, then **SIRS Researcher** for topics on leading issues.
- **Search sociology journals:** use Full Text Journal Finder, Search Journals by Subject, Social Sciences, to search current journals for topics.
- **Ask a librarian for help!**

Article Databases (Indexes by Subject / Behavioral & Social Sciences)

- **Academic Search Premier**
 - On the SUU Library homepage, click **Find Articles**.
 - Under **Indexes by Subject**, click on **Behavioral & Social Science**.
 - Click on the **Academic Search Premier** database
 - Check **Full Text** and **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals**.
 - At **Find**, type your keyword(s). Example: **hate crimes**
 - Use Boolean connectors to narrow. Example: **hate crime* and race**
 - Use Subject Terms for terminology and synonyms: **drug abuse**
 - Use MyEBSCOhost to save articles
- **CQ Researcher**

Weekly coverage of a controversial topic with analysis, charts, statistics, pro-con discussions, and an annotated bibliography.
- **Ethnic News Watch**

Use Topic Guide for suggested topics and terms.
- **Gender Watch**

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- **PsycINFO**

Use Thesaurus for terminology and synonyms.

Additional Resources

- **Library Homepage / Library Research Guides**
 - APA Format handout
 - Research & Documentation Online - <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>
 - Government Documents – Statistics: <http://www.li.suu.edu/library/GUIDES/statistics.htm>
- **Internet resources:**
 - **American Sociological Association** - <http://www.asanet.org>
 - **Google Scholar** - <http://scholar.google.com>; choose Advanced, Social Sciences