SOC 1113: Introductory Sociology

Need help knowing where to start finding resources? Try this database:

Discovery Service for Sociology

Find articles and other E-resources for Sociology. Offers comprehensive coverage of sociology, encompassing all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study.

Tips when searching a database:

- In the search boxes, put: culture AND _______ (your topic)

- Choose limiters along the side such as the date published to help find resources that meet the assignment requirements.

- If your search doesn’t retrieve the results you need, consider synonyms or broader/narrower terms.

- If you are having trouble with your searching, there are tutorials for searching both the database and Google. You can find them on the search tab of the class page, the link is in the footer of this page.

Schedule an appointment with Megan

Get un-stuck in your research. Go to the course guide and use the schedule appointment button or email her if you can’t find an available time that fits your schedule. Her email and office phone number are also on the bottom of this page.

Chat with us!

Go to library.ecok.edu and click Chat With Us button underneath the search box. Chat is available anytime the library is open.

Need to cite the resource you found?

- Citation manuals at the Reference Desk
- Your Sociology librarian, Megan
- Any other librarian!
- Library Research Guides → Tutorials and Help → Citation Styles
Research Process

1. Plan
   How do you get started?
   Understand assignment requirements,
   Develop your topic.
   Establish a timeline.
   Consider appropriate search terms.

2. Search
   Where should you look for your sources?
   Databases
   CatPac
   Internet Resources
   Other

3. Evaluate
   Are your sources appropriate?
   Examine sources for:
   Currency
   Relevance
   Authority
   Accuracy
   Purpose

4. Use
   What do you do with the information once you have found it?
   Ask:
   Does what I found fulfill the requirements?
   How do I organize it?
   How do I cite it?

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