

Tips for Searching Social Science Literature

Use Boolean operators AND, OR NOT

ethnography **AND** studies

ethnography **OR** fieldwork

Search for theoretical literature on your topic

♦ *social interaction AND theory*

Examine references cited in the literature

Search for names of prominent individuals

Consider using the term “history”

Consider using “definition” as a keyword

Consider using “literature review” or “review”

Consider using an exact phrase match

♦ *“social stratification”*

Use truncation or wildcards *, !

♦ *socio!* (retrieves sociology, sociologist,

Need More Help?

The following s can be reached for specialized assistance:

Information Commons

Phone: 805.493.3255

E-mail: CLUlibrary@clunet.edu

Access Services/Circulation Department

Phone: 805.493.3937

Interlibrary Loan

Phone: 805.493.3120

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Computer Help Line

Phone: 805.493.3698

Writing Center

Phone: 805.493.3257

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Using Social Science Databases for Online Research



The Pearson Library:

Your Gateway to

Social Science Research

The Pearson Library offers many valuable information resources ranging from books and journals to electronic databases to help you research material for your paper or thesis. This handout will provide you with an overview of key databases and information resources available through CLUnet and provide you with general tips for selecting the right database for your research needs.

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Searching the CLU Social Science Databases

Step 1: Sign on the Portal and Navigate to the Pearson Library homepage:



Step 2: Click on "Finding Articles" and choose "By Subject."



Step 3: Open the "Social Science" link to display databases for business research and select the database of your choice:



Pearson Library Social Science Databases

EBSCOhost Sociological Collection -Covering information on all areas of sociology, including social behavior, human tendencies, interaction, relationships, community development, culture and social structure; provides complete full text for more than 500 important journals.

JSTOR - Core scholarly journals in many social sciences including , anthropology, ecology, history, political science, population studies, sociology, and statistics have been digitized starting with the very first issues, many of which date from the 1800's.

Project MUSE - Provides full-text to over 114 scholarly journals online from Johns Hopkins University Press.

PsycArticles

Features full-text articles from 41 peer-reviewed APA journals.

PsycINFO - (1887-present; updated monthly) Includes journal articles, chapters, books, dissertations, and reports on psychology and related fields. 1,400 titles

Rand California - Contains customizable data from RAND, the nation's leading think tank.

Social Sciences Full Text - Full text of articles from over 1,750 publications and article abstracts and indexing from over 3,500 publications.

SocINDEX with Full Text- Contains full text for 253 "core" coverage journals dating back to 1895, and 72 "priority" coverage journals. Full text for 547 books and monographs, and full text for 6,711 conference papers.

SCOPUS - SCOPUS is an abstract and indexing database which includes 27 million records and 230 million references from over 14,000 journals. Provides cited reference searching,

Choosing the Right Database

Follow these guidelines to select the best database for your research. If you need more help, check with the Information Commons Desk.

Peer-Reviewed Literature

- ◆ **EBSCOhost Sociological Collection**
- ◆ **JSTOR**
- ◆ **Project MUSE**
- ◆ **PsycArticles**
- ◆ **PsycINFO**
- ◆ **Social Sciences Full Text**
- ◆ **SocINDEX with Full Text**

Cited Reference Searching

- ◆ **SCOPUS**

Demographic Information

- ◆ **California Rand**
- ◆ **Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics**
- ◆ **Statistical Universe**