

SOCI 409

Library research workshop

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RESOURCES FOR YOU

Course guide for review: SOCI 310

Grad student guide with lots of today's stuff: SOAN 820

[Sociology subject guide](#)

TODAY'S CONTEXT

The process unfolding over the next few weeks will involve finding your initial sources (and especially your golden articles), preparing your preliminary bibliography and more.

Once you have identified your topic or question, keywords related to the topic must be used to search databases for relevant literature. You'll have to search multiple databases to make sure your search is comprehensive and captures all the relevant articles for your topic.

Very important: in your research journal, be sure to document in detail how you conduct your searches – so keywords, filters, everything. You will need this for the methods section of your thesis, and it needs to be detailed enough to allow others to replicate the search informing your literature review.

You'll use two main tactics for searching: SYSTEMATIC and SNOWBALLING.

...MORE CONTEXT

Upcoming assignments in SOCI 410 include:

- Finding 2 quantitative research papers (one longitudinal and one cross-sectional) related to your topic
- A research proposal, including a literature review that situates and summarizes current scholarship around your topic and that justifies the relevance of your research question.

By the end of the year you will have gathered and cited extensive lists of peer-reviewed references. Scholars in sociology and other disciplines often contend that citation management software is an essential tool when collecting references, resulting in significant time savings during the preparation and final production of the research report.

Ask Questions- GET HELP:

- at the Ask Us Desk
- via chat
- via email
- by phone

<https://library.concordia.ca/help/questions/>

Need assistance *beyond* a quick chat, and have a bit of time to plan?

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Literature review sources

Can you find an academic article that situates and summarizes important sociological scholarship about topics such as:

- Food and inequality
- Climate crisis
- Social movement repression
- Sociological perspectives on artificial intelligence
- Technological socialities
- Studying the Digital
- Understanding the Gig Economy
- The Society of Algorithms
- Critical University Studies
- Universities as peculiar organizations
- Technoscientific Illness Identity
- Sexual and gender identity work on social media

- Sexual and Romantic Relationships in Young Adulthood
- Technologies & Health Inequities
- Our Diagnoses Our Selves
- Public Space
- Space in the Formation of Social Ties
- Non-normative Sexuality Studies
- Transgender and Transsexual Studies
- Expanding Notions of LGBTQ+
- Medicine and transgender identity construction
- Queering reproductive justice
- social movement for reproductive justice
- reproductive surveillance and stratification

Literature Review Sources!

[Sociology Compass](#)

[Annual Reviews](#)

[Oxford Bibliographies](#)

On your SOAN 820 page: [Lit Reviews and Overviews](#)

Try it for yourself!

Did you find anything?? Save it to Zotero!!

More Lit review sources: [Theses](#)

On your SOAN 820 page: [Lit Reviews and Overviews](#)

[Screenshot of [Spectrum Research Repository](#)]

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"Cited by" or Cited Reference searching

Once you have found a relevant article, use "cited by" to find more recent, related material.

[Screenshot of [Google Scholar](#) search result for "Black skiing, everyday racism, and the racial spatiality of whiteness", with the "Cited by" field circled]

[Screenshot for search of ("physical activity" OR walking) inside sources citing "Black skiing, everyday racism, and the racial spatiality of whiteness"]

[Results of search](#)

Google Scholar how-to [video](#) on "cited by" searching [for SOCI 612 course]

Setting up [Find it @ Concordia](#)

Did you find anything?? Save it to Zotero!!

Google Scholar competitors

[Web of Science](#)

[Scopus](#)

[Screenshot from Web of Science showing results for “black skiing everyday racism” in title, highlighting the “view related records” button]

think of YOUR relevant (or 'golden') sources and give it a try!

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Search strategies & keywords

search tips & tricks: standard library databases

TIP	WHAT IT DOES	EXAMPLE
AND	Combines concepts. Limits how many results your search produces	police AND violence
OR	Allows for synonyms or alternative terms. Increases the number of results your search produces.	violence OR brutality
*	Near the end of a word, retrieves all words that start with the letters entered. Increases the number of results a search produces	Canad* (retrieves Canada, Canadian)
“ ”	For two words or more, search for an exact phrase only, rather than each keyword separately. Limits how many results your search produces	“systemic racism” (retrieves systemic racism, but not systemic oppression related to racism)

Handout to download: [search strategies](#)

Example of a keyword combination in [SocINDEX](#)

bodybuild* AND (women OR females OR "gender roles" OR "sex roles")

Example of a search in "standard" [EBSCO Article Databases](#)

police AND (brutality OR violence OR racism OR militarization) AND (policy OR "public interest" OR "public affairs" OR "community affairs) AND Canada

Developing your search strategy: [VIDEO](#) (7 mins)

From our Library Skills Tutorial- Search Strategies:

[Screenshot of [Library Research Skill Tutorial](#) page]

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Subject-specific databases for your topic

What are they?

Why use them? (why not just the Sofia/Concordia Library homepage)

Where can I FIND them?

Subject-specific databases: what are they?

[SocINDEX](#)

[Combined Canadian databases](#)

[APA PsycNet](#)

Subject-specific databases: why use them?

Try it for yourself:

You need quantitative articles related to your topic:

- one longitudinal and
- one cross-sectional

Look in Sofia and SocINDEX (or another EBSCO databases) and compare results.

Subject-specific databases can help you focus your search and take advantage of specialized search features.

but also....

Where you search affects what you find and how you find it.

[Image of 'straight fiction' vs 'fiction' in LGBT library]

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Where can I FIND them?

[Screenshot of Library home page, '[Subject & Courses](#)' selected under "Help & How -To" tab]

Or:

[Screenshot of Library home page, '[Databases by Subject](#)' icon selected]

Or:

see the SOAN 820 page: [ARTICLE DATABASES](#)

Subject-specific databases for various topics

I need to find articles on climate change for my assignment. What difference will it make, if any, whether I search in Sofia, Google Scholar, Anthropology Plus, Indigenous Studies Portal, PsycINFO ...or SocINDEX?

Where can I FIND all these databases?

My climate change searches:

[[Video](#) of climate change search in Sofia]

[[Video](#) of climate change search in Google Scholar]

[[Video](#) of climate change search in iPortal]

[[Video](#) of climate change search in Anthropology Plus]

Reminder of another example:

[Screenshot of [Sofia Discovery tool](#)]

[Screenshot of [Sociology subject database](#)]

Go see for yourselves!

SOAN 820 page: [Article databases](#)

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My Advice:

- use subject-specific ARTICLE DATABASES like SocINDEX or MEDLINE to focus your search using a disciplinary or thematic lens
- use multidisciplinary library article databases & Google Scholar to broaden your search across disciplines and find connections

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Accessing resources at Concordia & beyond using Sofia

[Screenshot of Sofia result for ebook '[Until we are free : reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada](#)']

What if the library doesn't have it ONLINE?

[Screenshot of Sofia result for print book '[Canada in the world : settler capitalism and the colonial imagination](#)' highlighting the 'Request' button]

Request a book and pick it up later.... or use the call number and locate button to find it [Screenshot showing call number location and 'Locate' button].

What if the library DOESN'T have it at all?

Search for it in any library worldwide and simply request it!

[Screenshots: Sofia results filtered to 'Libraries Worldwide' and 'Bibliothèques universitaires du Québec']
but you CAN'T borrow eBooks from other libraries!!

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FIND:

Duina F. Consciousness in Classical Sociological Theories. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, v. 25, no. 9-10, 2018, pp. 99–124.

[Cover art of journal]

TIP: go back the last slide to see how to find and request it via Interlibrary Loans

JOURNAL finding/browsing option:

Use the E-journals search

FIND:

Canadian Review of Sociology

[Screenshot of 'FIND' tab, highlighting 'E-journals via BrowZine' & 'Ejournals via Sofia']

Still unsure or CONFUSED ?

[As a Librarian](#)

Accessing items -final words of advice

Use Sofia to search for and access items like (e)books, journals and films, but...use library article databases & google scholar to search for literature on a topic.

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SCHOLARY /ACADEMIC / PEER-REVIEWED SOURCES

[Screenshot of [Peer-reviewed articles checklist](#)]

Test yourself - which one(s) is/are peer-reviewed?

[Screenshot of blog]

[Screenshot of journal article]

Still not quite getting it? Here are some tips & tools.....

[Concordia [Video](#)]

In many Library Databases you can use a checkbox.

[Screenshot of how to limit to peer reviewed journals]

[[VIDEO](#): peer-review in 3 minutes]

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Referencing & Bibliographic Management

But first.

Why should we care about citing & citations????

Some different perspectives:

“I believe that bibliographies and endnotes and references and sources are alternative stories that can, in the most generous sense, centralize the practice of sharing ideas about liberation and resistance and writing against racial and sexual violence.” Katherine McKittrick, "Footnotes (Books and Papers Scattered about the Floor)", *Dear Science and Other Stories*, 2021

“This is a challenge for all of us: Reflect on the way you approach referencing the work of others in your own writing, presenting and thinking. Whose work do you build on to make arguments ... Who are you citing, and why do you cite them (and not others)?” Eve Tuck, K. Wayne Yang, Rubén Gaztambide-Fernández, "Citation Practices" *Critical Ethnic Studies*, April 2015

[Citation Politics](#)

[Citation Style Guides](#)

Reference formatting & management good practices

Start by picking a [citation style](#).

Ex.: [Chicago](#)

Typical examples:

In-text citations

People from any ideological background are open to hearing about climate change (Hakkinen and Akrami 2014)

Hakkinen and Akrami (2014) found that “individuals are receptive to climate change communications, regardless of ideological position” (65).

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McCright, Aston M., and Riley E. Dunlap. 2011. "Cool dudes: The denial of climate change among conservative white males in the United States." *Global environmental change* 21, no.4: 1163-1172.

What about automatic citation tools?

take your pick:

a) citation generators *

b) citation management tools*

*Make sure to double check your generated citations - they are not always correct! Use those citation style guides to make sure all the required elements of the citation are present and correctly formatted.

a) citation generators: Many library databases (for example: [Sofia Discovery tool](#), [EBSCO](#) and [ProQuest](#) databases) as well as [Google Scholar](#) will provide you with formatted citations in the style of your choice that you can copy and paste into your bibliography, reference list or works cited list!

b) citation management tools: Sometimes also called bibliographic management tools, these allow you to:

- Download citations you find in library catalogues, databases, Google Scholar, and on the web.
- Store and organize citations, and prepare a bibliography or reference list automatically.
- Automatically format and insert in-text citations and a bibliography into papers you are writing with Microsoft Word, for example.

There are several citation management tools available. Concordia Library provides support for Zotero.....

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