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# Sociology

## Library Subject Guide

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*Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."*

Association of College and Research Libraries

Sociology is the branch of knowledge that deals with the development, structure, and collective behavior and interaction of human society. Northern Lights College offers a variety of sociology courses, such as Introduction to Sociology I & II, Structure of Canadian Society, Introduction to Social Problems, Women in Canadian Society, The Family in Canada, Deviant Behavior in Canadian Society, Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences, and Sociology of Aging.

**Ask a Librarian** for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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### SOCIOLOGY

Because sociology is a cross-disciplinary field, please refer to the following **Library Subject Guides** for further information: **Anthropology, Criminology, First Nations, Psychology, Women's Studies, and Social Work.**

### REFERENCE

Dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Some titles of interest located in the **Reference Section** are:

#### Dawson Creek Reference Collection

HM 17 J33 2000	Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology, The	HM 17 S62 1998	Social Issues
GN 25 C656	Companion Encyclopedia of Anthropology	HM 585 A29 2005	Sociology: a guide to reference
HM 17 E53 2000 V.1	Encyclopedia of Sociology	BX 8115 S59 1991 V. 2	Sociology of Canadian Mennonites
HM 17 A32	Penguin Dictionary of Sociology, The		

#### Fort St. John Reference Collection

HM 17 C66 1998	A Dictionary of Sociology	HM 17 A32 1988	Penguin Dictionary of Sociology
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### CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To assist you in browsing the collection for materials on sociology, try the following areas:

GN Anthropology	GR Folklore	GT Manners and Customs (general)
HM Sociology	HN Social History and Conditions	HQ Sex, the Family, Marriage, Women's Studies
HS Societies, Cubs	HT Communities, Classes, Races	HV Social Pathology, Criminology, Social & Public Welfare

### LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

## Examples of keywords:

access to education	gender roles	labour relations	social problems
applied sociology	homosexuality	parenting	social psychology
corporate culture	household consumption	organizational sociology	socialization
ethnic minorities	industrial sociology	social change	urban community
frontier & pioneer life	intercultural communication	social conditions	victims of crime

## PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of interest to Sociology students: To check for campus and holdings, search for the title in Webcat, the library catalogue.

Periodical Title.....	Library Holdings.....	Campus Library
Canadian Journal of Aging	2000-current	DC
Canadian Review of Sociology & Anthropology	1964-current	DC
Canadian Women Studies	Current	DC/FSJ
Families in Society	1996-current	FSJ
Journal of Canadian Studies	1976-current	DC/FSJ
Native Studies Review	1989-current	DC

## DATABASES & INDEXES

<http://www.nlc.bc.ca/library/ARTICLEINDEXES.html>

**Academic Search Premier:** Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available from 1984-present. Updated monthly.

**CBCA Fulltext Reference:** Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982- current.

**E-Stat:** Statistics Canada database with census data, CANSIM time series and environmental data.

**First Nations Periodicals Index:** Contains journals of mainly Canadian Native content. This index is a tool providing access to information about First Nations.

**Humanities Index:** Provides coverage in literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly.

**MAS Ultra:** Contains full text for nearly 550 magazines. Full text also available for 91,600 biographies and 75,000 primary source documents.

**Readers Guide to Periodical Literature:** Subjects include popular literature, current events, business, fashion, politics, crafts, food, sports, history & science. 1983-current.

**Social Sciences:** Indexes journals in the Social Sciences. Citations.

**Sociological Abstracts:** This database covers the latest research in the fields of sociology, social sciences and related disciplines. Abstracts and enhanced citations are available for over 1,700 journals, monographs, conference papers and dissertations 1960-current.

## WEBSITES

### Associations

American Sociological Association: <http://www.asanet.org/>

Canada Council on Social Development: <http://www.ccsd.ca/home.htm>

♦ Free Statistics <http://www.ccsd.ca/facts.html>

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/index.cfm>

♦ Recent Reports and Studies: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/index.cfm>

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse: <http://www.ccsa.ca/>

Canadian Race Relations Foundation <http://www.crr.ca/>

Dead Sociologists' Society: <http://media.pfeiffer.edu/Iridener/DSS/DEADSOC.HTML>

### General

A Sociological Tour through Cyberspace: <http://www.trinity.edu/~mkearl/index.html>

Allyn & Bacon Sociology Links: <http://www.abacon.com/sociology/soclinks/index.html>

Canadian Social Research Links: <http://www.canadiansocialresearch.net/>

Dead Sociologist's Society: <http://media.pfeiffer.edu/Iridener/DSS/DEADSOC.HTML>

Ed Stephan's Timeline of Sociology: <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/timeline.html>

Internet Sociologist: <http://www.vts.rdn.ac.uk/tutorial/sociologist/>

Julian Dierkes' SocioLog: <http://www.sociolog.com/>

Media Awareness Network: <http://www.media-awareness.ca/>  
Pov Net: <http://www.povnet.org/>  
Social Science Data on the Web: <http://3stages.org/idata/>  
SocioSite, based at University of Amsterdam: <http://www.pscw.uva.nl/sociosite/index.html>  
Sociological Research Online: <http://www.socresonline.org.uk/>  
Sociology Central: <http://www.sociology.org.uk/>  
Sociology Research: Social Sciences: <http://www.socsciresearch.com/>  
A Sociology Timeline from 1600: <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/timeline.html>  
Sociology Weblinks: University of Southern Indiana: <http://www.usi.edu/library/documents/Social%20Sciences/Sociology.pdf>  
The SocioWeb: <http://www.socioweb.com/~markbl/socioweb/>  
WWW Virtual Library: Sociology: <http://socserv2.mcmaster.ca/w3virtsoclib/>

#### **Online Journals**

Electronic Journal of Sociology: <http://www.sociology.org/>

#### **Online Reference**

Online Dictionary of Sociology: <http://bitbucket.icaap.org/>

Resources for Methods in Evaluations & Social Research: <http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/>

Social Science Paper Publisher: <http://www.sspp.net/>

Social Science Research Network (SSRN) - social science information with many full-text free downloadable papers:  
<http://www.ssrn.com/>

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