Library Orientation for Graduate Students in Sociology

Queen’s University Library Homepage: https://library.queensu.ca/

Research by Subject – Sociology: https://guides.library.queensu.ca/sociology
A selective guide to key and recommended information resources for Sociology

Connect from Off-Campus http://proxy.queensu.ca/
Sign in with your NetID to access to the Library’s electronic subscriptions (e-books, e-journals, indexes and databases) from off-campus.

My Account
Quick links to your various accounts including: My Library Account (QCAT): to review and renew materials you have signed out and Interlibrary Loan (RACER)

Search
Quick links to Search Tools, Types of Information, and guides to Subjects & Courses including the Sociology Research Guide, Government Information and Data and Statistics

Quick links to Your Library (see Graduate Students), Help, Using the Library, Teaching & Research (see Copyright & Fair Dealing and Scholarly Publishing)

Summon Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, from a single search box.

QCAT: The Queen’s Library Catalogue. Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen’s University Library.

More Search Tools: Journals, Databases and Course Reserves
Queen’s Library Collections

There are six campus libraries in five physical locations:
http://library.queensu.ca/locations/all

- **Stauffer Library** (Art, Music, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences) – houses the majority of the print collection in Sociology; also at Stauffer: Maps, Data, and Government Information (located on the Lower Level)
- **Bracken Health Sciences Library** – sociology of health
- **Education Library** – sociology of education
- **Lederman Law Library** – includes socio-legal studies
- **Douglas Library - Engineering and Science** – includes science & technology studies and W.D. Jordan Rare Books & Special Collections

Study Space

- The Helen Howard Graduate Student Reading Room is located on the 3rd floor of Stauffer library (access code required)
- **Bookable group study rooms** are available throughout the libraries and in Watson Hall (Library LINQ)
- A limited number of **study carrels** are available for graduate students

Borrowing Information

Your Queen’s student card is your library card and you can view your library account on the library’s website. You will find complete borrowing information, including loan periods, how to renew and recall items, fines and more at [http://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing](http://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing)

Graduate student privileges include:
- Extended loan periods (**term loan** is subject to recall)
- Borrowing an **unlimited number of books** (subject to recall)
- **inter-university borrowing privileges**

Research Tools

** Summon and QCAT (until December 10, 2019)**

**Summon**: Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, from one search box. Summon contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library. Can be a very useful search tool for interdisciplinary topics. Facets are available within Summon to narrow down your search results.

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Resources for Background Information

Consult specialized dictionaries or encyclopedias to get a broad overview of a subject, a concise overview of a concept, school of thought or person. The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology is an excellent general encyclopedia which covers all areas and sub-fields of sociology.

Use bibliographies to find a comprehensive list of sources on a specific topic or a selective list of key works on a topic.

Annual Reviews: Includes the Annual Review of Sociology and the Annual Review of Criminology
International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
Oxford Bibliographies Online
Includes Criminology and Sociology

Use handbooks to locate in-depth articles written by noted experts. Handbooks typically offer thorough introductions to topics and a critical survey of the current state of scholarship in a particular field.

Oxford Handbooks Online
The collection includes Criminology & Criminal Justice and Law.

Reference sources can also be located in QCAT or Summon by searching for your topic or sub-discipline, combined with the relevant keyword (ex. Handbooks or companions or bibliographies).
Books and Ebook Collections

Use the Queen's Library Catalogue (QCAT) to find the locations and call numbers of books (as well as videos, audio, microform, map, serial, and rare titles) at Queen's Library. Use the subject headings to locate additional material.

Most of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you may also search the ebook packages directly. Please note that when searching ebook collections directly you may encounter titles in the collection to which Queen’s does not have access. You can request a print copy of the monograph through interlibrary loan (RACER).

Collections include:

- ACLS Humanities E-Book
- ProQuest Ebook Central
- e-Duke Books Scholarly Collection
- Scholars Portal Books

Article Indexes & Databases

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often relevant topics from related-disciplines). The databases you use will depend on your topic.

The Sociology Subject Guide lists recommended article indexes and databases, including:

- Sociological Abstracts
- Web of Science: Social Sciences Citation Index
- Academic Search Complete

Citation Indexes: Cited Reference Searching

Citation searching, also known as cited reference searching, is a search for other articles that have made reference to a particular book, article, or author. Citation searching will help you find similar research and find out how important a work is to your research.

Citation indexes allow you to trace the evolution of an idea from one author’s paper backward using its bibliography and forward (to determine who is citing whom) using cited reference searching.

Consult the library guide to conducting a cited reference search: Cited Reference Searching in the Social Sciences and Humanities for details. Google Scholar and discipline-specific databases provide links to cited references within their databases; Web of Science specializes in cited reference searching.

Google Scholar

Use the Google Scholar search engine to locate materials from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles published on the "open" web.
By searching Google Scholar through the Queen’s web proxy (using the link provided above) the “Get It at Queen's” citation linker is activated (which allows you to click directly through to the Library’s subscriptions).

To activate when going directly to Google Scholar https://scholar.google.ca/, click on Settings >> Library Links >> select Queen’s University Library at Kingston Canada >> Save

**Queen’s Library Journal Collections**

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to Sociology. Individual journal titles are listed in QCAT and Summon. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for, perform a journal title search to determine its location (either in print, on the 2nd floor of Stauffer library, or online). You can also search for the name of the journal in More Search Tools -> Journals on the library homepage:

![QCAT and Summon search interface]

**Current Awareness Services**

Alerting, current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and electronic journals provide automated alerting services based on your search profile or search strategy. Depending on the service, you may receive emailed tables of contents of your chosen journals, or a list of individual article citations. From QCAT or the library homepage (Journal Title search) look up the journal title and choose the publisher’s platform (if that option is available):

![American Sociological Review]

Once you are on the publisher’s page, look for an “Email Alerts” option
News Resources

Queen’s Library subscribes to local, regional, national and international news databases. These databases provide significant date coverage (unlike the free news sites on the web) and allow for a variety of search capabilities ideal for academic-level research. Consult the Newspapers Guide to major news indexes and full-text news resources at Queen’s Library.

Research Methods

Using keyword or a Boolean keyword search, search QCAT for books on a specific research method.

The Library also subscribes to Sage Research Methods Online which “provides the most comprehensive picture available today of research methods (quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods) across the social and behavioural sciences” and published by Sage.

Multimedia

The Library’s collection of multimedia resources includes films, image, streaming music databases and more. The following are some examples of the Library’s subscription databases to films:

Criterion on Demand
Users may stream or download from a selection of over 5800 films ranging from classic film, documentaries, international film, North American feature films, cult classics, and more.

Curio.ca
Streaming access to the best in educational content from CBC and Radio-Canada. Documentaries from television and radio, news reports, archival material, stock shots and more — thousands of programs and resources can be accessed on this site.

Films on Demand
Database of documentaries, educational videos and news footage. The Library subscribes to the Humanities & Social Sciences Collection.

NFB.ca - The National Film Board's Online Screening Room
Access to documentaries, animation and alternative dramas in streaming video, as well as NFB playlists, upcoming films and other related resources.

Data, Statistics & Government Information

Data & Statistics
Queen’s University Library provides access to statistics and a vast array of data resources across disciplines. Our current and retrospective collection of statistical data for Canada, the United States and international organizations is excellent. Most data files can be searched, accessed, and downloaded from the web.
Government Information
Queen’s Library has a large collection of historical documents from Canadian and international governments and inter-governmental organizations. These collections, including microforms, are located on the Lower Level of Stauffer Library and can often be found using QCAT.

Current information (and some older information) can often be found on the Web. These guides will help you locate useful online resources:
- Government Information: Canada
- Government Information: Foreign & International
- Government Information: Thematic Guides

Graeme Campbell, the Open Government Librarian, offers specialized government information reference assistance by appointment.

Dissertations and Theses
- Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations
- Preparing and Submitting Your Thesis to QSpace

Citation Management
Use citation software to organize your own library of citations, incorporate quotes into your assignments, and compile reference lists (bibliographies) for your assignments. Consult the Citation Management Guide for more information.

EndNote Desktop is available from MyQueensU Software Centre

Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues
For books and articles not owned by Queen’s Library, request items through Interlibrary Loan (RACER).

Other Library Catalogues
Searching library collections beyond Queen’s? A list of other library catalogues can be found here: http://library.queensu.ca/search/other-library-catalogues. WorldCat, an aggregate database of library catalogues worldwide, is particularly useful for discovering materials on your topic. Request item(s) through RACER.

Queen’s University Library is also a member of the Center for Research Libraries http://www.crl.edu/. The CRL catalogue is located at http://catalog.crl.edu/. CRL materials can be requested through RACER (on the RACER request form, note that the item is at CRL).

Getting Help
I am available for research consultations. Contact me to arrange an appointment:
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