



Sociology - how to find sociology resources

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Introduction

Sociology is a very broad description of many different subjects such as youth work, criminology, gender studies, welfare, education, race, religion and so on. The University libraries use the Dewey Decimal Classification scheme (go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dewey_decimal for a quick intro.) to organise books and other materials and Sociology is at 301-307, part of social science and on Floor 6 of The Sir Duncan Rice Library.

This guide aims to give you a very quick introduction to the various resources available to you. If you would like any further information or help with finding and using resources please contact the Social Science Subject Team based on Floor 6 of The Sir Duncan Rice Library or the Information Consultant for *Sociology*, Claire Molloy, c.a.l.molloy@abdn.ac.uk.

How is The Sir Duncan Rice Library laid out?

Ground Floor – here you will find the [Returns Room](#), the Welcome Desk, the [Print Shop](#) and the [Hardback Café](#).

Floor 1 has the Information Centre, [Heavy Demand](#), the [IT Service Desk](#), some [PCs](#) and comfy seating and the map and microfilm collections.

Floor 2 has the [IT classrooms](#), the Seminar Room and the journals collection.

Floors 3 to 7 hold the subject collections:

3 = history and geography

4 = language, literature and music

5 = business, science and engineering

6 = anthropology, education, politics, international relations, sociology and the TRC.

7 = generalia, computer science, philosophy, religion and divinity, and psychology

- In addition the subject floors 3-6 have a subject team office, PCs, [co-labs](#) (collaborative working spaces) and [silent study rooms](#).
- Floor 7 has two bookable [group study rooms](#) for students, a [Break Out Room](#) and a [flexible learning area](#).
- [Assistive technology booths](#) are available on Floors 1 and 4, height adjustable study tables are available on all floors.

Closed access stores:

Our *lesser used* material is kept at one of our closed access stores. When in [Primo](#) – our library portal, click on **Availability** then **Hold** and we will bring it to you, usually within 24 hours. Ask the Floor 6 staff for help.

Books	
Where in the library do I find my books?	Each subject has a Dewey Decimal number – Sociology is 301-307, but you may find useful material in 306 – Anthropology, 360 – Social Work, 370 – Education, 200- Religion and so on. You will find useful material on almost every floor in the library, though most Sociology material is on Floor 6.
If my books are all over the library, how do I find them?	Primo will tell you which floor and where on the shelf an item is, if it is out on loan, electronically available or in one of our stores. Please ask the Subject Team on Floor 6 for help if you need it.
Do you have e-books?	We now have many of the books you need in e-format available 24/7 and they can never be recalled from you! Some can even be downloaded onto your own device.
Where do I find them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main way is to check Primo as every title we have access to is listed here. The <i>Aberdeen Collections</i> tab lists the 1000s of titles we have full immediate e-access to as well as e-titles published in the last two years available from a provider called <i>Dawsonera</i> *. • The <i>Journal articles and more</i> tab in Primo details 1000s more titles from <i>Dawsonera</i> * and other ebook providers (as well as articles, book reviews and more). • You can also go directly to one of our main electronic book providers ebrary and here you can search the full text of over 72,000 books. <p><small>*<i>DawsonEra</i> allow us to view for five minutes the first fifty pages of any of 1000s of titles we have yet to buy. If enough people click on one of these titles it will be automatically purchased for everyone to read.</small></p>
Useful guides	Ebrary guide www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/dbs/qgdb004.pdf

Useful shelf marks			
301	Sociology	305.3	Gender
301.01	Sociological theory	305.31	Men
301.2072	Research methods	305.4	Women
302.23	Popular culture, mass media	306	Culture and institutions
304.2	Human ecology	306.6	Religious institutions
304.6	Population	306.7	Sexual relations
305.235	Adolescence	306.8	Marriage and family
305.26	Ageing	307	Communities

Journals	
What is a journal?	These come out <i>periodically</i> , that may be monthly, quarterly, yearly; sometimes referred to as periodicals they contain articles detailing research in sociology or related to sociological practice or theory.
Where do I find them?	<p>The majority of journals are now available electronically. If you have the details of what you want you can use Primo to search the 'Journal Articles and more' tab for the article title – do an 'in the title' search.</p> <p>If you only have a topic in mind, and don't know where to find articles the best thing to do is use one of the resource listed in the 'databases' section below.</p> <p>The current subscriptions to 'paper only' <i>Sociology</i> journals can be found on Floor 2 at Per 301 but, as with books, some useful ones may be with Anthropology at Per 306 or Education at Per 370.</p>

Databases or <i>How to find stuff in your area</i>	
Databases can be used to find journal articles, reports and conference papers in your subject area.	
Relevant databases	<p>Sociological Abstracts The database provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,809 serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers. Records added since 1963 contain in-depth and non-evaluative abstracts of journal articles.</p> <p>Social Theory <i>Social Theory</i> offers an extensive selection of documents that explore the complexities and interpret the nature of social behaviour and organization. The collection includes more than 122,000 pages from 346 works by 100 authors. Highlights include 33 volumes of the Complete Works of Marx & Engels and nearly 26,000 pages of German language content</p>
Useful guides	<p>Sociological Abstracts – quick guide www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/soc/qgsoc009.pdf</p> <p>Quick Guide to Social Theory – quick guide www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/soc/qgsoc012.pdf</p>

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