Library Research
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What you learn today

• How to write a research question(s) based on a research idea or topic
• How to identify key search words, synonyms, or related words
• How to use Boolean operators to develop search strategies
• How to recognize scholarly and popular journals
• How to use library search tools
• How to select tools to cite sources
Welcome to the TWU Libraries' Sociology & Social Work guide! Here you will find a variety of resources to help you with your research in Sociology and Social Work.

**Databases / Find Articles**

The databases listed below are recommended for research topics in sociology and social work.

- Academic Search Complete
- SociINDEX with Full Text
- Project Muse
- Research Starters - Sociology
- SpringerLink

**Journal of Sociology**

- Social structures, power and resistance in monist sociology: (New) materialist insights

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Email Me
Doing Research

• What is your process for gathering information?
• Where do you get ideas (topics) for research?
• How many of you have used library information resources? What have you used?
• Have you ever used the Subject Guides?
Ideas for Research

Textbooks
Wikipedia
Google
members
with
Professors
or
Blogs
friends
class,
in
group
Discussions
Longview High School senior overcomes homelessness to graduate
Narrowing a Topic

Risk Factors

- Unemployment
- Substance abuse
- Mental illness

Homelessness
Thinking about Research Questions

Problem: Homelessness

Topic: Homelessness among the mentally ill.

Research Question(s): What is the relationship between homelessness and mental illness among women?
Use the search connector **AND** to combine key subject words/subject phrases.

**AND** narrows your search!
Identify Synonyms OR Related Words

Use the search connector OR to combine synonyms/related words.

OR broadens your search!
Scholarly or popular: What’s the difference?

What is a peer-viewed (refereed) article?
Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals

- Make available original research, experimentation, and information
- Written by scholars, researchers, and professionals in a particular field, include graphs and charts; scholarly illustrations
- Cite sources with references, footnotes and/or bibliographies
- Use technical terminology
Box 4.1 Ten reasons for reading for research

1. Because it will give you ideas.
2. Because you need to understand what other researchers have done in your area.
3. To broaden your perspectives and set your work in context.
4. Because direct personal experience can never be enough.
5. To legitimate your arguments.
6. Because it may cause you to change your mind.
7. Because writers (and you will be one) need readers.
8. So that you can criticize effectively what others have done.
9. To learn more about research methods and their application in practice.
10. In order to spot areas which have not been researched.

Citation Information

Why we cite our sources?
RefWorks

https://refworks.proquest.com/
I. Learn to Use RefWorks in Twenty Minutes
RefWorks
Questions?

Make an Appointment

With: Annita Owens
Please note: I will meet you at the Information Desk or ask a library staff member to call me.

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