



Library Services Course Guide ~ Sociology and Women & Gender Studies

About our Course Guides:

Each page is dedicated to the areas covered by the courses offered here at RPCC. Each page lists various types of resources, including printable guides and handouts, suggested databases for research, selected e-books and books in our collection, and links to relevant online resources.

For more information on course offerings, visit the following web pages:

Catalogs: <http://www.rpcc.edu/catalogs.cfm>

Technical Programs: <http://www.rpcc.edu/technicalPrograms.cfm>

Suggested Databases:

Click on any **Databases** link on the Library website to access these. Please note that access from off-campus will require your User ID or Alt ID & PIN.

- Academic Search Complete
- AtoZMapsOnline
- CQ Researcher
- Encyclopædia Britannica Online
- Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia
- Global Road Warrior
- Legal Collection
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- SocINDEX with Full-text
- World Book Advanced

Selected E-Books:

The **eBook Collection** from EBSCOhost is our largest provider of e-books (electronic copies of printed books PDF format), available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **eBook Collection** has an easy-to-use search interface. You will be prompted to login with your 12-digit Library User ID to access these e-books from off-campus. Please see our Tutorials on eBook Collection from EBSCOhost for more information.

General Reference

- *Fifty Key Sociologists: The Contemporary Theorists*, 2007, by John Scott.
- *Fifty Key Sociologists: The Formative Theorists*, 2007, by John Scott.
- *Social Blueprints: Conceptual Foundations of Sociology*, 2004, by David K. Brown.
- *Sociology Basics*, 2000, by Carl L. Bankston, III, Ed.

Contemporary Social Problems

- *The Fractious Nation? Unity and Division in Contemporary American Life*, 2003, by Jonathan Rieder, Ed.
- *Sin No More: From Abortion to Stem Cells, Understanding Crime, Law, and Morality in America*, 2007, by John Dombink.

Criminology

- *The Blackwell Companion to Criminology*, 2004, by Colin Sumner, Ed.
- *Theories of Crime*, 2006, by Ian Marsh.

Marriage and Family

- *Family Life in 20th-Century America*, 2007, by Marilyn Coleman, et al.
- *The Fragmenting Family*, 2006, by Brenda Almond.

Human Relations

- *Blackwell Handbook of Social Psychology: Group Processes*, 2001, by Michael A. Hogg and R. Scott Tindale, Eds.
- *Encyclopedia of Relationships Across the Lifespan*, 1996, by Jeffrey S. Turner.

Women & Gender Studies

- *Human Rights of Women: National and International Perspectives*, 1994, by Rebecca J. Cook.
- *Toward Gender Equality: The Role of Public Policy*, 1995, a World Bank publication.

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Locations of Sociology and Women & Gender Studies Resources in the Library:

Sociology and Women & Gender Studies related topics can be found in resources located in these Library of Congress Classification call number ranges:

- **D** - World history including culture and ethnicity of countries and regions the world outside of the Americas.
- **E to F** - History of the Americas.
 - **E51 to E73** - Pre-Columbian America. The Indians.
 - **E99** - Indians of North America - Indian tribes and cultures.
 - **F1 to F975** - United States local history.
 - **F200 to F380** - Culture, ethnicity, and history of Louisiana.
 - **F1001 to F1145.2** - Canada.
 - **F1201 to F3799** - Latin America. Spanish America.
- **G** - Geography. Anthropology. Recreation.
 - **G140** - Great cities of the world
 - **G149 to G180** - Travel.
- **GN** - Anthropology
 - **GN357 to GN674** - Ethnology. Social and cultural anthropology.
- **GR** - Folklore.
- **GT** - Manners and customs.
- **H** - Social sciences.
 - **HA175 to HA473** - Statistics. By region or country.
 - **HB1 to HB3840** - Economic theory. Demography.
 - **HB846 to HB846.8** - Welfare theory.
 - **HB848 to HB3697** - Demography. Population. Vital events.
 - **HM** - Sociology.
 - **HN** - Social history and conditions. Social problems.
 - **HQ** - The Family. Marriage. Women.
 - **HT** - Communities. Classes. Races.
 - **HV** - Social pathology. Social and public welfare. Criminology.
- **JC571** - Human rights.
- **K** - Law (General).
 - **K670 to K709** - Civil law - Domestic relations. Family law.
 - **K1700 to K1973** - Social legislation.

- **K5000 to K5582** - Criminal law and procedure.
 - **K5575 to K5582** - Juvenile criminal law and procedure.
- **KF** - Law of the United States.
 - **KFL1 to KFL599** - Louisiana.

Selected Books in the Library:

Search the [RPCC Library Catalog](http://library.rpcc.edu) (accessible from the RPCC Library home page at <http://library.rpcc.edu>) for books and other resources located in the Library. Here are some examples:

General Reference

- *The Blackwell Companion to Major Social Theorists*
Call number: **HM 478 .B583 2000 REF**
- *The Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology: A User's Guide to Sociological Language*
Call number: **HM 425 .J64 2000**
- *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2nd Edition.
Call number: **HM 425 .E5 2000 REF**, in 5 volumes.
- *Sociology Basics*
Call number: **HM 425 .S63 2000**, in 2 volumes.

Contemporary Social Problems

- *Contemporary Social Problems*, 4th Edition.
Call number: **HM 51 .P33 1999**
- *Thinking about Social Problems: An Introduction to Constructionist Perspectives*
Call number: **HN 17.5 .L67 1999**

Criminology

- *Antisocial Behavior: Personality Disorders from Hostility to Homicide*
Call number: **HM 811 .W65 1999**
- *A General Theory of Crime*
Call number: **HV 6018 .G68 1990**

Marriage and Family

- *Encyclopedia of Family Life*
Call number: **HQ 534 .E53 1999**, in 5 volumes.
- *Handbook of Family Diversity*
Call number: **HQ5 18 .H1538 2000**

Human Relations

- *Organizations: Behavior, Structure, Processes*, 3rd Edition.
Call number: **HM 131 .G39 1979**
- *Social Intelligence: The New Science of Human Relationships*
Call number: **HM 1106 .G66 2007**

Women & Gender Studies

- *Gender Diversity: Crosscultural Variations*
Call number: **GN 479.65 .N385 2000**
- *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*
Call number: **HQ 1075 .C47 1999**

Online Resources:

The following resources have been reviewed and selected in collaboration with relevant faculty. Please note that websites outside of RPCC are beyond our control. We strive to ensure that the sites that we recommend are reliable and valid sources of high-quality information. Please let us know if you find any consistently dead links.

- **CIA World Fact Book -**
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
Information about every country in the world, including the people, political system, economy, geography, etc.
- **FedStats**
<http://www.fedstats.gov/>
Links to U.S. government statistics sites, including demographic, ethnic, and population information.
- **Internet Public Library: Social Sciences**
<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/soc00.00.00/>
Links to authoritative, quality web resources pertaining to social sciences topics, including ethnicity, culture, race, gender, sexuality, anthropology, psychology, sociology, etc.
- **PBS**
<http://www.pbs.org/>
Explore Topics of "Culture & Society," "News & Public Affairs," and more, for documentaries on various topics related to sociology, women and gender studies, and more.
- **ROPER Center Public Opinion Archives**
http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/data_access/tag/topics_at_a_glance.html
Provides over 50 years of public opinion survey results, including opinion polls on social issues, such as crime, abortion, immigration, women and work, the death penalty, and race relations.
- **The SocioWeb**
<http://www.socioweb.com/>
A directory that lists links to various resources in sociology.
- **UNESCO Institute for Statistics**
<http://stats.uis.unesco.org/unesco/tableviewer/document.aspx?FileId=50>
Provides statistics on over 200 countries regarding education, literacy, science and technology, culture and communication.
- **United Nations Statistics Division**
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>
Global statistics, including demographic, ethnic, economic, and population information.

Culture & Customs Resources:

Searching the Catalog & NetLibrary

For research in the culture and customs of various countries, regions, ethnic groups, etc., try a title search for series like "Culture and Customs" or "World Cultures" for items such as:

- [*Culture and Customs of Korea*](#),
2000, by Donald N. Clark, a NetLibrary e-book.
- *World Cultures: France*
Call number: **DC 33 .D59 2004**, located on our shelves.

You can also search for items using the country or cultural name along with terms like "customs" or "culture," such as "Peru and culture," as keyword searches to locate resources like:

- *Culture and Customs of Peru*, 2003, by Cesar Ferreira,
Available in print, call number: **F 3448 .F37 2003**
Or online as an [e-book](#)

Browse our shelves in these call number sections for cultural and historical information.

- **D** - World history including culture and ethnicity of countries and regions the world outside of the Americas.
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Try these general reference materials located on our shelves:

- *Countries and Their Cultures*
Call number: **GN 307 .C68 2001 REF**, in 4 volumes.
- *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*
Call number: **GT 2850 .E53 2003 REF**, in 3 volumes.
- *Ethnic Groups Worldwide*
Call number: **GN 325 .L46 1998**.
- *Statistical Abstract of the United States 2007*
Call number: **HA 202 .S797 2007**.
- *World Book Encyclopedia*
Call number: **AE 5 .W55 2005 REF**, in 22 volumes.
- *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Nations*
Call number: **G 63 .W67 2001**, in 6 volumes.

For online resources, try these:

- **AtoZMapsOnline**
http://www.atozmapsonline.com/a-z_maps_online_home.asp?c=rpcc
Provides modern and antique map collections, political, thematic, topographic, and scientific maps, world flags, and more. Uses a unique login; see Blackboard, Student Information Pages - Library, or stop by the Library for more information.
- **CIA World Fact Book**
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
Provides information about every country in the world, including the people, political system, economy, geography, etc.
- **Encyclopædia Britannica Online**
<http://search.eb.com/>
A full-text encyclopedia with video downloads, maps, statistics, classic literature, and more. Uses a unique login; see Blackboard, Student Information Pages - Library, or stop by the Library for more information.

- **Global Road Warrior**

http://www.globalroadwarrior.com/directclient_index2.asp?c=rpcc

Provides 97 categories of topics on over 175 countries, including general facts, demographics, customs, and more, as well as various physical and political maps. Uses a unique login; see Blackboard, Student Information Pages - Library, or stop by the Library for more information.

- **National Geographic's Travel & Cultures**

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/?source=NavTravHome>

Offers an alphabetical list of places, including countries, states, cities, and more, as well as extensive photo galleries.

- **PBS**

<http://www.pbs.org/>

Explore Topics of "Culture & Society," "News & Public Affairs," and more, for documentaries on various topics related to sociology, women and gender studies, and more.

When searching our databases or the Web for sources, use terms similar to those used to search the catalog and NetLibrary.