Library Guide for Social Science Resources 2015-16

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Getting started

The Library provides a wide range of resources to help with your studies. You will find links to them all on:

- University Portal (Library & ICT) ulster.ac.uk/portal
- Library Homepage library.ulster.ac.uk
- Blackboard Learn (Library Services link)

Contact your Social Science Librarians for help and support:

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Finding books and e-books

Use the Library Catalogue to find shelfmarks for books and to link out to e-books.

Books are shelved by subject, and each subject has a shelfmark. The table below shows some of the main shelfmarks for social science subjects.

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Loan periods

Standard (4 week loan) and one week loan books are held on the open Library shelves. Short loan books are held behind the main issue desk.

Non-book media (e.g. DVDs, CDs)

Most of these may be borrowed in the same way as books. They are held in a separate collection in the Library. DVD players etc. are available in the Library.

Journals

Journals (also known as magazines, serials or periodicals) are published regularly and will help you keep up-to date in your subject area.

Most journals are available electronically. Use the Electronic Journals link to search for a journal title.

Remember!

Only use this link if you already have a journal reference and want to check if you can access the full text or if you just want to browse through the journal collection. Use Library Databases or USearch to find journal articles on your chosen topic.

Some print journals are held in the University Library. Use the Library Catalogue to find the shelfmark and locate the journal on the shelves.

Reading Lists

Want to save some time? Use our online Reading Lists catalogue to search for your recommended reading and link out to book details in the Library Catalogue, e-journal articles, e-books and websites.
Databases
Here are the key Social Science databases. You can always ask your subject librarian for more suggestions and help. Look out for the U Find it link to check for the full text.

Main Databases
• USearch
• Proquest Complete - Social Science Collection
• Web of Science - Social Science Citation Index
• SCOPUS

Criminology and Social Policy
• Criminal Justice Abstracts
• National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts
• International Bibliography of the Social Sciences - (IBSS)
• Public Affairs Index or Public Administration Index
• Nexis UK – for newspapers

Communication, Advertising and PR
• Communication Abstracts
• Linguistic and Language Behaviour Abstracts
• ABI Global Package
• Business Source Premier
• WARC

Education and Information Science
• British Education Index
• Educational Research Abstracts
• ERIC
• Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA)

Law
• Westlaw UK
• Lexis Library
• Justis
• HeinOnline

Politics
• Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
• Peace Research Abstracts
• International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)
• CAIN

Sociology, Social Work and Youth Work
• Sociological Abstracts
• Social Services Abstracts
• ASSIA -Applied Social Science Index and Abstracts
• Social Care Online
• Childlink
• Safeguarding Adults at Risk Information Hub
General internet searching
Google will not always give you good quality or reliable information. We recommend using Google Scholar - scholar.google.co.uk. This will mean your results are of better quality and more suited to academic study.

Not sure where to begin?
USearch is the best place to start. Use it to search a range of Library databases, e-journals and e-books all at the same time.

Getting books and articles from other libraries
You can easily request books held on another campus, using the green Inter-Campus Loan form available at the Issue Desk. If a book or journal article is not held in the Library, you may request it using our online Document Delivery Service. More details at: library.ulster.ac.uk/documentdelivery

Referencing and citing
All of your assignments and research must be cited and referenced correctly.

Social Science subjects use Harvard Referencing except Law which uses OSCOLA. Find out more about referencing at guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/harvardref and look out for the Library’s Referencing Workshops held throughout the year.

Library staff also run regular classes on how to use RefWorks which allows you to store all your references online and create a bibliography in seconds. Classes are advertised through the Library’s webpages and on the Portal. For more information see our RefWorks guide at guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/refworks

Social Science Subject Guides
These guides bring together information from a range of print and electronic resources on your subject. Why not take a look? guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/soc

There is also an additional specialist Law Guide available at the Library Help Desk.

Online help on Library skills is available from guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/informationliteracyskills

Keeping up-to-date
Keep an eye on changes, updates, database issues or new services, via the Library’s Twitter account and the Library Law Blog: ulsterlaw.jiscinvolve.org/wp/

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