Library Information Session: AN/SOC 320: Law and Society

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Research Options: library.oakland.edu

- **Find Books** – Look in the HM (sociology), HN (social history, conditions, problems, reform), HT (communities, class, race), HV (social/public welfare, social pathology) subject headings
- **Find Articles** – use the Search for Journals/eJournals to find journals like Crime & Justice, Criminal Justice Ethics, Justice Quarterly
- **Library OneSearch** – using keywords or known information about an article (title, author, etc.), search across library databases and the library catalog

General Searching Strategies:

- Use “ ” to keep a phrase together – i.e., “juvenile delinquency” (but not “race” or “drugs”!)
- Use * to represent any combination of letters – i.e., weight*=weight, weights, weightless
- Use ? to represent a single letter – i.e., r?ad = read or road
- When you find something useful, check its citations and who cites it! (Google Scholar)

AN/SOC 320 Course Page:

- Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text, Sociological Abstracts, JSTOR, & Criminology: SAGE Full Text
  - Use options like subject headings and publication date to focus your search results
  - Look for the Export options to send article citations (with links!) directly to RefWorks
- LexisNexis Academic searching tips
  - Try a Combined Search to look for articles and legal information about a topic
  - Use the International Legal search option to search for international laws and cases
  - Advanced Search allows you to input more information – dates, index terms, and source
- National Criminal Justice Reference Service – searching tips
  - Use the General Search box to input keywords on your topic
  - Try the Journal Name to look in only a specific publication (i.e., Justice Quarterly)
  - Use the Topic listings to find more information or to get started with your search
- Index to Legal Periodicals and Books – searching tips
  - Start with keywords and then narrow your results by using the subject headings
  - Too few results? Use a subject heading found in relevant articles, or check a relevant article’s references
- LegalTrac – searching tips
  - Start with keywords and then narrow by related subjects and peer-reviewed items

Found an article in one of these resources, but no full-text link to it? Try...

- Use Library OneSearch’s Advanced Search feature – use the title, author, or other identifying information
- Use Google Scholar’s Advanced searching feature – use the title, author, or other identifying information
Accessing Resources through the Library Website: A Visual Reminder

Click here to access, or create, a RefWorks account to store and organize your research.

Click here to access the OU and MeL library catalogs.

Click here to access online databases & to search for specific journals by title.

Click here to access librarian-built, course-specific resources (i.e., AN 320).

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