Intro to the Library

CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies

M.A. Capstone Class
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CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies Research Guide

http://libguides.gc.cuny.edu/slu
Access and borrowing

★ **Mina Rees Library** onsite and offsite database access
  ○ 6 week loans with unlimited renewals for M.A. students
  ○ Unlimited printing

★ **24 CUNY libraries**
  ○ Borrow and return books from any campus (special rules for CUNY Law)
  ○ Use “CLICKS” to request a book be delivered intercampus - loan periods and renewals vary
Research Assistance

★ Get help from a Reference Librarian via 24/7 chat or email

★ Visit our 2nd floor Reference Desk for drop-in research assistance (no appointment necessary). Talk one-on-one with an expert in searching specialized databases and identifying potential sources of information.

★ Research workshops in the library - view our events calendar

★ Research Guides created by librarians are a great place to start your research.
Library Catalogs

- Print books and some e-books
- Journals
- DVDs, VHS, other A/V formats
- Dissertations
- Microfilm
- Computer files (CD-ROM, disks)
- Databases (some)

Library catalogs are like inventory systems. They include top-level items but don’t usually index the contents of each item.

Think of objects that might be located on a shelf somewhere.

CUNY:
- Classic catalog
- OneSearch

Other:
- NYPL catalog
- Worldcat
Sample Subject Headings and Classification

- City planning
- Education, urban
- Housing
- Housing policy
- Inner cities
- Land use
- Municipal government
- Regional planning
- Urban economics
- Urban geography
- Urban policy
- Urban renewal
- Urban transportation
- Urbanization

CLASS H — SOCIAL SCIENCES

HM
Sociology(General)

HD4801-8943
Labor. Work. Working class

HQ503-1064
The family. Marriage. Home

HT51-1595
Communities. Classes. Races

HV6001-7220.5
Criminology

HX1-970.7
Socialism. Communism. Anarchism

View the full outline [pdf].
Databases

★ **Index** content from multiple sources
  ○ Full-text or abstract-only
  ○ Controlled vocabularies, subject terms, keywords

★ Content may overlap with other databases. Just like Netflix and Hulu!

★ May include ebooks, encyclopedia entries, dissertations, and other formats in addition to journal articles.
Beyond Wikipedia: Background & Reference Sources

About this Guide
Wikipedia is a fine place to start your research and to get a quick initial take on a subject.
But to be sure you are finding the best sources on a topic and the most reliable information available, you’ll want to move on to library recommended resources.
Use this guide to find:
- print and electronic background and reference sources
- subject-specific research guides
- format-specific research tools
- tips for effective research
- And more!

Getting Help
There are many ways to get help from a librarian — choose the method that best suits your needs:
- In Person: Visit the reference desk (2nd floor of library) during reference hours.
- By Chat: Chat with an academic librarian 24/7. If available, a CUNY librarian will answer your chat.
- By Email: Complete the question submission form and receive a reply by email during reference hours.
- By Phone: Call the reference desk at (212) 817-7077 during reference hours.
- By Appointment: Schedule a one-on-one research consultation by contacting your subject librarian.

Almanacs
- Bibliographies
- Biographies
- Book Reviews
- Dictionaries
- Directories
- Encyclopedias
- Government Information
- Maps and Atlases
- Statistics and Data
Urban Studies Databases

- Avery Index of Architectural Periodicals
- CQ Researcher
- GREENR
- InfoShare and Social Explorer
- Index to Current Urban Documents
- LGBT Life with Full Text
- Opposing Viewpoints in Context
- PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service)
- Statistical Insight
- Urban Studies Abstracts

These specialized databases and more are linked on the library’s SLU research guide.
Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL)

Gale Virtual Reference Library includes e-book versions of traditional reference books that can help get you started on a topic.

- **View all social science titles available**
- **Immigration and Migration: In Context**
  - 2 volumes, terms arranged alphabetically
  - Introductory essays include key words to know, historical background, “see also” references
- **Encyclopedia of Urban Studies**
  - 2 volumes, terms arranged alphabetically
  - Includes urban economics, urban planning, urban architecture, urban ecology, urban transportation systems, urban politics, and urban social relations.
  - See sample search for “gentrification” to see history, key studies, and suggestions for further readings
Journal Types

→ popular
→ scholarly*
→ professional (or trade)

* only scholarly journals include peer-reviewed (or refereed) articles

Searching

➔ Use search operators like **AND, OR, NOT** to refine your search.
➔ Put “**quotation marks**” around words to search for a phrase.

**Discovery:**
- Google Scholar
- OneSearch
- Databases
- Subject terms
- Browse call numbers
- Write down keywords

**Known-item searches:**
- CUNY library catalog
- Journal Finder
- WorldCat
- Google Scholar
- Interlibrary Loan
Social Explorer
New York City, Los Angeles, and national demographic maps based on Census data.

ICPSR
ICPSR is the world's largest collection of digital social science data. ICPSR data cover topics from sociology, political science, economics, demography, education, child care, health care, crime, minority populations, aging, terrorism, substance abuse, mental health, public policy, and international relations. First-time users will be asked to create an ICPSR MyData account; thereafter, you will need your email address and password to download data.

Roper Center Archives
The largest collection of poll data anywhere—1935 to present, all U.S. polling firms, broad topical coverage of opinions and behavior on social issues, politics, pop culture, international affairs, and more. International and U.S. datasets available for immediate download. Our membership includes RoperiPOLL, RoperExpress and RoperExplorer.
Other useful guides

- Government Information
- Statistics and Data
- Legal Research
- Newspapers
- Archival Research
- and many, many, more

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