FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

☞ SocINDEX.

The library’s main index for sociology and related disciplines; indexes articles in 2,600+ journals.

JSTOR.

A scholarly journal archive with 2,000+ journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences; offers a deep back file, but few recent issues (most titles have a 3-5 year “moving wall”).

Other recommended databases:

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☞ To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” when available in research databases, or select the Journal Finder tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu

SUMMON — first (default) tab on library home page search box

• searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, audio, video, images, data, government documents, and more; searches most, but not all, library resources
• draws from OBIS, full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
• subject-specific research databases are generally better for comprehensive or complex searches
• OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
• if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we sometimes do have access

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

Main Reference H62 .S34 2004

e-book

CITING YOUR SOURCES for info, choose “For Students” (under “Services” on library home page), then “Citation Help

   ebook, print copy Main Reference Z253 .U69 2010 (and other locations, ck. OBIS)

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.
   https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
   See the Research and Citation section for examples using APA, Chicago, and MLA citation styles.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

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OhioLINK/SearchOhio
   • how it works: over 300 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
      does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL
   • to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
   • Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
   • how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
   • loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)
   • use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
   • how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
   • to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
   • how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
   • loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Drop-in help at the Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need
   Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
   Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
   Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above  Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page; 24-hr advance notice appreciated.