The Library has a wide variety of information about sociology, included in books, journals and DVDs, as well as online resources. This guide introduces all these sources and gives some tips to help you find the information you need quickly and efficiently.

If you need any help please ask a member of Library staff.

**Books**

Books are a good source for straightforward, detailed and reliable information.

The sociology books are located in the Green Zone and can be found at class number 301 onwards. You may also find useful items in other sections of the Library, e.g. ethics (170 onwards) and religion (220 onwards).

Your tutor may recommend particular books to you, for example:

**Sociology: themes and perspectives.**  

**Sociology in perspective.**  
Author: Kirby, M. (2000) Class number: 301 KIR

If you are looking for a particular book use the Library catalogue. You can search by author and title and it will show you where to find it on the shelves – look for the class number, e.g. 302.5. It will even tell you if the book is out on loan.

Think carefully about the terms you use to search. For example, if you are searching for information on white collar crime, you’ll need to look in a book on crime. Then search for white collar crime in the contents pages and index.

### Some useful subject areas and their locations

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Reference books

The Library has a number of reference books, such as dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks, which are useful for checking facts quickly. For example:

**A – Z Sociology Handbook** (Class number: 301.03 LAW)

**Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology** (Class number: 301.03 TUR)

**Social Science Encyclopedia** (Class number: 300 KUP)

Journals and magazines

Journals and magazines are good for up to date information, such as the latest news and research. The following journals are available:

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*InfoTrac* titles can be accessed online via the e-resources page of the Library website. To access from home you will need an Athens password – please contact a member of Library staff to get one.

*If you are using the online version of this guide you can link straight to the online journal by clicking on the blue title.*

Newspapers

We take several national newspapers as well as the Surrey Advertiser and Surrey Herald. Current copies of these newspapers are on the display near the Library Services Desk. Back copies can be fetched for you – please ask at the Library Services Desk.

A number of national and international newspapers are also available online via the newspaper database of *InfoTrac*.

DVDs

These are shelved together with books on the same subject and are listed on the computerised catalogue. Most DVDs are available for students to borrow for a period of 1 week; others can be viewed in the Group Viewing Room.
Websites

To help you find good quality information on the web we have put together a list of sites that have been evaluated and selected for you. The main list is available on the Library website (under Search the Web) but here are a few examples:

**British Sociological Association** ([www.britsoc.co.uk](http://www.britsoc.co.uk))
Information about university courses, news about forthcoming events and links to sociology resources.

**Contexts blogs** ([http://thesesocietypages.org/blogs](http://thesesocietypages.org/blogs))
A community of sociology blogs managed by the American Sociological Association’s magazine Contexts.

**Marxists Internet Archive** ([http://marxists.org/](http://marxists.org/))
Collection of online books and excerpts of the works of Karl Marx, Fredrich Engels and others.

**S-Cool** ([www.s-cool.co.uk/alevel/sociology.html](http://www.s-cool.co.uk/alevel/sociology.html))
Guidance for AS and A2 students on a number of sociology topics. Includes question and answer revision aids.

**Sociological Research Online** ([http://www.socresonline.org.uk](http://www.socresonline.org.uk))
Full-text online journal managed by two UK university departments, together with the British Sociological Association and Sage Publications.

**Sociology Central** ([www.sociology.org.uk](http://www.sociology.org.uk))
Resources for A-Level sociology students and their teachers including revision aids and links to useful websites.

**Sociosite** ([http://www.sociosite.net](http://www.sociosite.net))
A gateway to quality resources on the web managed by the faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam.

When you are searching the Internet remember to evaluate the information you find. Anyone could write anything and post it on the Web, so check your source!

E-resources

The Library website includes a collection of resources (under e-library) which the Library has paid a subscription to receive online. They include:

**Ebrary ebooks for FE** ([http://site.ebrary.com/lib/brooklands/home.action](http://site.ebrary.com/lib/brooklands/home.action))
You can search the collection as a whole, or its individual titles, such as
**British Social Attitudes**
**Feminist Sociology**

A journal and newspaper database.

**Issues Online** ([www.independence.co.uk/issues-online](http://www.independence.co.uk/issues-online))
UK information and statistics on a wide range of social issues.

To use these resources from home you will need an Athens password – please contact a member of Library staff to get one.
Support

Library staff are always on hand to help you find the information you need.

Can’t find a recommended text? New to InfoTrac? Confused about referencing? Or just not sure how to start looking for the information you need? An enquiries service is available throughout opening hours. Just ask. We can usually provide help straight away.

In addition, your Link Librarian can arrange a 1-2-1 or group tutorial to help you use specific resources and improve your research skills. Your Link Librarian is Chris Tew (Christopher.tew@brooklands.ac.uk) and he works with curriculum tutors to ensure the Library service supports you.

Study areas and computers

The Library has a range of study zones, including group and silent study areas, a group viewing room and a tutorial room. Individual and group PCs are available with Internet access, Office and other software. PCs can be booked through the Library IT Help Desk.

Got a group assignment to finish? You can book our viewing room – it has a PC and big screen and seats up to 8 people.

Your say

We like to know what you think of the Library. If you’ve got any good ideas for making it even better – maybe a suggestion for a new resource – let us know. Fill out a comments slip, or just come and tell us!

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