

# Library Toolbox for Sociology Majors

For more information, see Sociology Resources in the Princeton University Library, at <http://www.princeton.edu/~sbwhite/sociwebb.html>

## I. Prepare Technology.

- Create an account and learn to use Refworks to file what you find.  
**INFORMATION:** <http://libguides.princeton.edu/refworks>
- Install VPN on your laptop.  
**INFORMATION:** <http://library.princeton.edu/help/remotearchive.php>
- Learn how to “Map to your H Drive.”
- **INFORMATION:**  
Windows <http://helpdesk.princeton.edu/kb/display.plx?ID=9347>  
Mac: <http://helpdesk.princeton.edu/kb/display.plx?ID=9268>:
- Carry a flash drive with you.

## II. Create a Research Log – either paper or electronic, and keep it up to date.

- Write out your research question, and as many key words as possible.
- As you go along, add key words and phrases as they occur.
- Make notes of which resources were the most useful, and briefly state why.
- Keep a time-date record of your work.

## III. Checklist of Sources and Databases

1. Encyclopedias, Handbooks, Dictionaries, *Annual Review of Sociology*
2. Main Catalog / WorldCat
3. Sociological Abstracts
4. SocINDEX with Full Text
5. Social Sciences Citation Abstracts (part of Web of Science)
6. International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
7. Historical Abstracts / America: History and Life
8. Dissertation Abstracts (aka ProQuest Digital Dissertations)
9. Education, Gender, Politics, other subject-specific databases
10. Newspapers, News Archives

## IV. Data Sources

Information at <http://dss.princeton.edu/cgi-bin/dataresources/guides.cgi>

## V. Consult with Librarians whenever you need help:

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