

Library and Learning Resources



Sociology

A brief guide to library resources

Library and Learning Resources provides access to a range of resources to aid you with your studies. This leaflet provides a brief introduction to those resources.

If you need any assistance on using the library please contact the Enquiry Desk by:

- visiting the desk on level 2 of the library,
- phoning **0121 331 5289**,
- e-mailing kenrick.library.enquiry.desk@bcu.ac.uk, or
- completing the “Ask The Library” form or using the online chat service (**Meebo**) available from the Library Web Page (<http://library.bcu.ac.uk/askform.htm>)

If you would like an in-depth library tutorial please contact

Phil Stant (phil.stant@bcu.ac.uk, **0121 202 4605**) or

Keith Brisland (keith.brisland@bcu.ac.uk, **0121 331 5627**).

Textbooks

The list below will help you identify where books and other material on specific subjects are located in the Kenrick Library. (See also the [Criminology](#) and [Psychology](#) guides). Use the library catalogue to help you find specific titles. Books in the catalogue, but not on the shelves can be reserved.

Where books are likely to be needed by many students they are kept in the **High Demand Collection** on Level 2. This will be indicated on the catalogue.

Subject	Shelfmark	Subject	Shelfmark
Community: Sociology	307	Psychology	150
Criminal psychology	364.3	Religion	200-290
Criminology	364	: sociology of	306.6
Deviance: Sociology	302.542	Social: anthropology	306
Ethnic groups: education	370.19342	: change	303.4
: health and welfare	362.84	: classes	305.5
: sociology	305.8	: conflict	303.6
Family welfare	362.82	: control	303.33
Gender	305.3	: history	940-990
Labour: economics	331	: policy	361.61
Law	340s	: psychology	302
Marriage and the family	306.8	: research	301.072
Mass media: sociology	302.234	: work	360
Methodology: sociology	301.018	Sociology	301
Philosophy	180-190	: Industrial	306.36
Police	363.2	: theories	301.01
Politics	320	Women: sociology of,	305.4
Pressure groups	322.43	: welfare	362.83

Shelfmarks between 0 and 619—level 3. Shelfmarks between 620 and 999—level 4.

E-Books

A growing number of key texts are now also available online as E-Books. These can be accessed on or off campus via the [MyiLibrary](#) database on the A-Z of Electronic Resources section of the library web page or directly from the library catalogue.

To access e-books off-campus you will need to use an Athens Username and Password (see **Usernames and Passwords** at the end of this guide).

Journals

Journals and magazines are available in either printed or electronic formats (and sometimes both). **Electronic** journals can be accessed from on- or off-campus through the **Electronic Services** section of the [library webpage](#).

- Use the [A-Z of Full Text Journals](#) page to see if the library has access to a specific journal you need.
- If you want to find journal articles on a specific subject, search one of the full-text journal databases available on the [A-Z of Electronic Resources](#) page. For details of these journal databases, such as **ABI**, **Infotrac** & **SwetsWise**, see below.

To access the electronic journals off-campus you will need to use an Athens Username and Password (see **Usernames and Passwords** at the end of this guide).

Recent issues of the **printed** journals the library receives are shelved on level 2. Lists of these printed journals are available on Level 2.

Inter-Library Loans Service

If the library does not have an item that you require, we may be able to obtain it from another library for you. For more information please ask at the Help Desk or visit <http://library.bcu.ac.uk/ILL.htm>.

Electronic Resources

Below is a list of the databases the library subscribes to which are most relevant to Sociology. They can be accessed via the [A-Z of Electronic Resources](#) page on the [Library Webpage](#)

- [ABI](#) - journals database mainly relating to business but including some sociology journals.
 - [ASSIA](#) (Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts) - summaries of journal and newspaper articles relating to the social sciences.
 - [BHI](#) (British Humanities Index) - an index to newspapers and key humanities journals.
 - [EThOS](#) - British Library's free Electronic Thesis Online Service.
 - [Index to Theses](#) - abstracts of theses accepted for higher degrees by the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland.
 - [InfoTrac](#) - 400 full text journals, covering a wide range of subjects.
 - [Lexis Library](#) - includes law reports, legislation and journal articles.
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- [MyiLibrary](#) -(see *E-Books* above).
 - [Nexis UK](#) - full text of regional, national and international newspapers.
 - [SwetsWise](#) - full text articles including many from sociology journals.
 - [Web of Science](#) - summaries of journal articles including many from social sciences journals.
 - [Westlaw UK](#) - full text of UK statutes, European legislation, case citations, law reports and journals.

Username and Passwords

The majority of the electronic resources described above require use of an Athens Username and Password to gain off-campus access. **Your Athens username and password are the same as your network username and password.** Click [here](#) for more information about Athens.

If you have any difficulty logging on using Athens please email us at athens@bcu.ac.uk or fill out the online [troubleshooting form](#)

UCEEL (Digital Library)

The University's digital library, UCEEL, holds a range of materials, including past exam papers and student projects. There are also book chapters and journal articles that have been specifically requested by your lecturers. Click [here](#) to access UCEEL. You will need to log on using your Library borrower number (i.e. the barcode number on your student card) and your 4 digit library PIN.

Subject Pages

The [Sociology](#) subject page on the [Library Web Page](#) contains links to many relevant internet sites.

MAP (My Assignment Planner)

Being faced with your first assignment at University can be a daunting task. My Assignment Planner will take the worries out of assignment planning. Click [here](#) to access MAP. Follow the 11 straightforward steps to plan your time effectively.

Centre for Academic Success

The Centre for Academic Success is available to give you advice on study skills and help you improve your English language skills.

Visit: <http://library.bcu.ac.uk/learner/>

or contact: Phone: **0121 331 7685** E-Mail: Success@bcu.ac.uk