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- ✓ available from all HiG computers and from home through proxy login

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- ✓ About 150 books in English

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When you want to find articles on a specific subject, search in a database.

- Academic Search Elite
- Discovery
- SAGE journals online
- Social Services Abstracts
- Sociological Abstracts
- PsychINFO
- Wiley Online Library

Academic Search Elite


A good starting point for searching scientific articles

- Many journals in sociology and social work
- Easy to identify scholarly (peer reviewed) articles
- Easy to limit results to articles available in full text
- If no PDF-link to full text try:  [Check SFX for full text](#)

Discovery

- Principally for journal articles, conference papers and e-books.
- The service covers many of the library's subscribed databases and links to full text databases.
- The search query can be forwarded to a number of the library's databases. For example:
 - PsycINFO
 - Social Services Abstracts
 - Sociological Abstracts


PsycINFO

- PsycINFO is published by the American Psychological Associations and provides comprehensive indexing and abstracts of the international psychological literature.
- Covers about 1800 journals
- Easy to limit results to peer reviewed articles
- Links to full text articles. Click on 


Sage Journals Online

- Articles in fulltext.
- About 50 journals in sociology, social work and social policy.

Social services abstracts

- Provides bibliographic coverage of current research focused on social work, human services and related areas, including social welfare, social policy and community development.
- Covers about 1500 journals
- Easy to limit results to peer reviewed articles
- Links to full text articles. Click on 

Sociological Abstracts

- This database abstracts and indexes the international literature of sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.
- Covers about 1800 journals.
- Easy to limit results to peer reviewed articles
- Links to full text articles. Click on 

Wiley Online Library

- Articles in fulltext.
- About 150 journals in sociology, social work and social policy.

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- When you click on a link to a database you may have to log in. Use your general net account.

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- Article copies cost SEK 40 per article, and your own copy will be sent to your postal address

Scientific texts

- A scientific text is written by a researcher who describes the result of her/his research, including problem, method, results, and references to other researchers' works
- The text has been peer reviewed
- Dissertations/theses and Scientific articles are examples of scientific texts

Preparing the search

- Formulate your search topic as clearly as possible
- Identify central aspects, words, phrases
- Consider synonyms, plural forms, spelling variations

During the search

- Do not create long and complicated search strings from the start
- If you add *one* new term at a time, you will have control of how and why the search result changes
- If you get no hits, check the spelling!
- Write down your search terms and your search process

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