

## Linking to Sociology Sources from Home:

Students can gain **Internet access** to the **Brock on line library catalogue** using the **TITLE** option and the title of the journal. This catalogue will also give you the floor location of the periodical and issues the library owns.

The library allows **currently registered Brock students to connect to electronic databases**, as required by license agreements signed with vendors. As of May 5, 2003, students and staff have been required to enter a Brock University student, faculty, or staff ID# to **access electronic sources from off campus**. If you have an **existing PIN number** it remains the same. If this is your first time accessing databases, you will need **to obtain a PIN** (Personal Identification Number) by filling out "My Library Account" on the library website, mentioned above.

Once you have your PIN set up, you will be able to access resources by following the instructions below. You can set up your PIN on your own, on the Brock system. You may use the same PIN as you use to gain access to register, or choose a different one.

Go to the databases page - <http://www.brocku.ca/library/databases/>  
Click on (Off Campus) icon beside the database title OR Search for the title of a publication in the web catalogue. <http://brain.biblio.brocku.ca/>

You will be prompted for verification information as follows:

Name  
Brock University ID#  
PIN

After entering the correct information, you will have a connection to database or publication of your choice. **Questions or problems**, such as not having a PIN, or not being able to remember a PIN, may be addressed by **referring the FAQ**, sections on the web site, or email [libsys@spartan.ac.brocku.ca](mailto:libsys@spartan.ac.brocku.ca)

One major research tool for sociology and related social science disciplines is **CSA Sociological Abstracts**. It provides in-depth abstracts for articles from over 2600 journals and other serial publications, plus conference papers, books and dissertations.

### To Start:

Select **DATABASES** from the Brock Library Home Page.

Select **SOCIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS** from the alphabetical list of databases.

For information on **Quick Search**, which **allows you to search by key words, exact phrases, all words, or any words**, consult help at the library, or pick up some of the **helpful information sheets** on the racks as you walk in the door.

In the library, you will find a sheet titled **Sociological Abstracts**. This sheet also describes **Thesaurus Search**, which allows you to identify subject headings relevant to your topic. You can also learn about **Boolean operators** to help you expand or narrow a search, with pull down menus, or to use **Display Abstracts**, **Display Abstracts**, and use **Limit Search**.

When using **DATABASES**, to find out if Brock owns or has access to a **Journal**: Click on **Locate document** and click **Go** on the next screen. You can also **Print, Download, or e-mal records**.

You can also use **DATABASES** to access a range of source, including magazines, newspapers and journal articles, including the following.

**ERIC** (educational Resources Information Centre)

**CBCA** (The Canadian Business and Current Affairs Database Indexes)

You might also use **DATABASES** to access **Academic Search Premier**. This is a multi-disciplinary database, which leads to thousands of journals and indexes, including 3128 peer-reviewed journals. Subjects covered include social sciences, humanities, education, and sciences. Once you are in **DATABASES** on the Brock Library Home Page, just click on **Academic Search Premier**. For more information on how to proceed with your search pick up the information sheet in the Brock Library.