Library Overview, Research Guides and Clinics

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Subject Headings for Catalog Searching (Select Sample)

Social sciences--methodology  Social sciences--research

General Print Resources for Social Sciences:

Social Science Reference Sources
H61. L5 2000, 1st floor Reference Collection

The Social Sciences: a cross-disciplinary guide to selected sources
H61. S648 2002, 1st floor Reference Collection

General Tips for Database Searching:

Boolean searching: using the terms and, or and not to enhance your searching possibilities.

AND: used to combine two keywords or phrases to narrow your search.
Example: “socioeconomic status” AND “academic achievement”

OR: used to broaden your search by allowing you to search for two or more similar words.
Example: “Bubonic Plague” OR “Black Death”

NOT: used to narrow your search by eliminating a word or words from your search results.
Example: “Cholera” NOT “Haiti”
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