Library Resources for Social Work 5020

Professional Psychosocial Literature

The following databases identify articles in the professional psycho-social research literature. In addition to the search results, also check the references at the end of each record.

Social Services Abstracts
Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in social work journals.

PsycINFO
Content: Citations to and abstracts of articles published in psychology journals, as well as dissertations and selected books and reports.
Dates covered: 1887 – present.

Search Library Resources
Content: Citations to 200 million articles and other materials published in most academic journals and selected popular/professional periodicals.

Books

Library Catalog
300,000 books and more available in the University Library
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Books
3. Library Catalog

Link+
8 million books available in 2-5 days via request button
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Books
3. Link+

WorldCat
40 million books from Libraries Worldwide, available in 5-7 days
Request via Find It! button (Interlibrary Loan)
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Books
3. WorldCat
Theses and Dissertations

CSU Stanislaus Theses
Search the Library Catalog and change collection or location to Theses
All Social Work theses have the subject heading:
California State University, Stanislaus -- Master's theses -- Social Work.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Books
3. Library Catalog

Dissertations
ProQuest Dissertations: Humanities and Social Sciences database includes the full-text of most Social Work doctoral dissertations written in the U.S. since 1998.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Help / Research Guides
3. Subject Guides
4. Dissertations
5. ProQuest Dissertations

Some Useful Library Services

APA Citation Style
Useful online guides with examples and tutorials.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Help 3. How to Cite Sources 4. APA Style

Ask a Librarian
Get research assistance via online chat, telephone, email and/or in person.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Help
3. Ask a Librarian

Find It! (Find It!)
Find It! button links from a database citation to the Library’s subscriptions/holdings.
If a journal is available online, provides a link to the library’s access page for that journal.
If a journal is available in the library’s print collection, provides a link to holdings.
If not owned by the library, provides a link to the Interlibrary Loan Service.

Interlibrary Loan
Borrow materials (books, articles, theses, etc.) not owned by the library.
There is no charge for the service – materials are usually available in 2-7 business days.
Access via Find It! button, or: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Services
3. Interlibrary Loan

Access to Library Subscriptions from Off-Campus
Links from the library’s website to “subscription only” resources can be accessed off-campus. Enter your username (campus email address before @ sign) and password.
Policy Discussions in the News

**Academic Search Premier**
Index to (and select full-text of) popular magazines and scholarly journals.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
           2. Journal Articles
           3. Articles by Subject
           4. General (All Subjects)
           5. Academic Search Premier

**ProQuest Newspapers (News)**
Full-text of articles from newspaper published around the United States.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
           2. Journal Articles
           3. Articles by Subject
           4. News and Newspapers

**LexisNexis Academic (News)**
Full-text of newspaper articles, newswires, and selected television and radio transcripts from sources around the United States and selected international sources.
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
           2. Journal Articles
           3. Articles by Subject
           4. News and Newspapers

For These Links and More

**Library Page for SOCW 5020**
Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
           2. Help / Research Assistance
           3. Class Pages
           3. SOCW 5020

For Further Assistance

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Web (Chat): http://library.csustan.edu/refdesk/webref.html
Example Searches in Social Services Abstracts

Library → Journal Articles → Articles by Subject → Social Work → Social Services Abs.

Example search:

\[ \text{abuse} \] AND \[ \text{mandatory reporter} \]

Broaden: Search for synonyms
(place synonyms on the same row - separated by “or”)

Example search:

\[ \text{abuse} \] AND \[ \text{mandatory reporter} \] or \[ \text{mandatory reporting} \]

Broaden: Truncate (search for all forms of a word)

Example search:

\[ \text{abuse} \] AND \[ \text{mandat* report*} \]

Narrow: Add Another Concept (on another line)

Example search:

\[ \text{abuse} \] AND \[ \text{mandat* report*} \] AND \[ \text{problem} \]

Example result:


Find those focused on your topic: Search within Document Title

Example search:

\[ \text{mandat* report*} \] in Document Title - TI

Example result:


Find other studies on the topic: Look at the References or Cited By Features

Example result:
