

Social Work Databases

This video will assist you with finding and selecting research databases related to social work and will demonstrate how to search in multiple databases at once.

We'll begin from the library homepage, located at www.lib.uwaterloo.ca

Remember, if you're off-campus you must connect from home before you can access the subscription databases.

Select the Research Databases link, located 5th from the bottom on the right-hand navigation menu.

You'll now be on the Research Databases page. You can either browse alphabetically, which is particularly helpful if you know the database you're looking for, or you can browse by subject area.

We'll browse by subject, and scroll down to the Social and Behavioural Sciences list on the right hand side of the page.

Here you'll find a variety of social science fields.

Let's select the link for social work.

The list for social work contains 13 different research databases that may be associated with the discipline.

A few of the databases suggested for this course are PsychINFO, Social Sciences Full Text, Social Services Abstracts, and Sociological Abstracts.

Note that most of these databases are provided through the same interface, at ProQuest. When databases have the same provider you can search several of them at once.

To use this type of search, return to the Research Databases page we visited earlier.

Start under the popular choices menu. Select ProQuest and click on the Go button.

Next, select the ProQuest databases you'd like to search by clicking on the box to the left of the database title. We'll select the same databases recommended earlier.

Once you've made your selections, click on the Use Selected Databases link located at the top of the listings in order to proceed with your search.

The page will open to the advanced search screen, and you should see the number of databases you've selected at the top of the page. Now you can start searching.

If you have any other questions about searching in social work databases, or about this video, contact your liaison librarian, Tim Ireland.

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