A Research Guide for SCW 472
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SCW 472 Guide – Start here using the link above! Find suggested books, databases, websites and information for citing in APA & Chicago Styles.
Note: Login to the campus network using your campus/Blackboard username (e.g. jdavis) and password to access all library online resources.

Welcome tab
Library Catalog - http://library.cu-portland.edu/
Use the catalog to find books, DVDs, and videos in the Concordia Library. Excellent for background, overviews on your topic and finding best words to use in searching
  ➢ Search by Keyword on your topic.
    e.g. unemployed OR underemployed
  ➢ Search by Subject on your topic.
    e.g. Illegal aliens – United States
    e.g. Rape victims – services for
    e.g. Adult children of alcoholics

Note: Electronic books are identified by “access online.” To view them, click on the View It tab then the link to the ebook collection (e.g. ebrary Academic Complete).

Use the Find …tabs to find articles, reports and opinion pieces from databases (e.g. SocIndex), News media, think tanks, government agencies and advocate groups for both background and tracking current information on your topic.
Search by keywords. Consider combinations of concepts (age, ethnic group, location, social issue).
  ➢ e.g. Native Americans AND alcohol*
  ➢ e.g. women college students AND sexual assault

e.g. SocIndex AND Academic Search Complete
Click on subject links from an article that fits your topic. (e.g. emigration & immigration law)
e.g. Opposing Viewpoints for an overview of different viewpoints to consider on an issue.
e.g. Project Vote Smart to find factual information about political stances
 e.g. The Scanner and The Guardian to follow current news on your issue.
e.g, Lexis Nexis Academic Universe for wide news coverage and broadcast transcripts

Use the library Catalog to find a particular journal title or an article from a citation.
  ➢ e.g. a journal title: Social Work
  ➢ Search: Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies

Use the Use Data & Statistics for Demographics tab to find demographics: information about the population:: household income, education, number of children, etc.
Search tip: When searching for statistics, use the word data instead of statistics
e.g. data AND foster children (for statistics on foster child care)

American FactFinder (U.S. Census Bureau) http://factfinder2.census.gov for data and statistics on populations. Information goes from national to the local level. Has tools to create individual tables and thematic maps.
Portland Maps: http://www.portlandmaps.com for local information on households, crimes, percentage of populations for particular target groups

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Use the Track Laws & Regulations tab **Locate & track laws and court cases**

Use legal databases to track court cases: **HeinOnline** and **Lexis Nexis Academic Universe**
– Look up a legal case.

Use Project Vote Smart, GovTrack and Open Congress to find voting records for legislators.

**Search Tip**: Look for legislative history as an option in the databases and on the web sites.

**Federal:**
  Track legislation by topic, sponsor or bill number to find the actual law for a public policy.
- **Govpulse.us** [http://govpulse.us](http://govpulse.us) Search by topic or location to track legislation that impacts the local community. Includes the option to sign up for alerts on specific legislation.
- **The Green Book of the House Ways & Means Committee**

**State:**
- **Oregon State Government** [http://www.leg.state.or.us/index.html](http://www.leg.state.or.us/index.html)
  Locate your state and federal representatives and track legislation.
- **Oregon Revised Statutes** [http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/) for the actual laws
- **Oregon Administrative Rules** [http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/rules.htm](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/rules.htm)
  Access information by agency, text (topic), or chapter number.
- **Oregon Community Services** [http://www.oregon.gov/a_to_z_listing.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/a_to_z_listing.shtml)
  Lists the state agencies
- **Washington State Government** [http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature](http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature)
  Locate Washington state representatives and track legislation.
  Lists the state agencies

**Implementation of legislation i.e. policy information**
- **Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)** [http://www.clasp.org/](http://www.clasp.org/)
  Focuses on child and family welfare policy. Includes full text journals in welfare policy, couples and marriage, reproductive health, child care and early education and in workforce development.
- **Catalog of Federal and Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** [https://www.cfda.gov/](https://www.cfda.gov/)
  **CFDA** contains detailed program descriptions for over 2,000 Federal assistance programs; includes historical data.
  A good starting point for information on government policies and programs. Links to information by topic, program, population, etc., on the program and studies about those programs.
- **USA.gov** [http://www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov) The gateway for government information. Includes links for tracking legislation, agencies and agency regulations, tribal governments, a cross agency topic listing, government forms, with special sections for nonprofits and government to government info.