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### SOC 200: Introduction to Sociology Research Methods

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What OER Book are you reviewing (Title) SOC 200: Introduction to Sociology Research Methods  
Location/ Link where it can be found:  
[https://socialsci.libretexts.org/Courses/Orange Coast College/SOC 200%3A Introduction to Sociology Research Methods \(Ridnor\)](https://socialsci.libretexts.org/Courses/Orange_Coast_College/SOC_200%3A_Introduction_to_Sociology_Research_Methods_(Ridnor))

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The author is sociology professor, Rachel Ridnor at Orange Coast College.

For what course are you reviewing this book: Introduction to Research Methods (SOC 3163)

What is this course's average enrollment? It is only offered in spring semester with an average 25 students.

Fall

Spring - 25

Summer

What is the current resources used for this class and how much does it generally cost? \$70

What are your course objectives for this course? (copy and paste)

Which chapters or sections align to each course objective.

Course Objective	Section or Chapter that addresses it.
▪ To further spark your interest in sociology and to create an appreciation for the possibilities of sociological research	Unit 1
▪ To teach you how to find and read research	Not available
▪ To have you learn first-hand about the problems of research by conducting your own project	NA
▪ To introduce you to the research process and the elements of research design	Units 3-14

Which Course objectives are not covered in the book.

Course Objective
To teach you how to find and read research

If you were to use this book, what would be your plan to find material to meet the uncovered objectives? (One option is to find another OER to meet it. Multiple Open Educational Resources can be used for a course)

Yes. I would most likely need to use online sources such as:

<https://uark.libguides.com/litreview>

and

<https://uark.libguides.com/jstor>

Are there additional materials available (power points, test questions etc..)

No. I reached out to the author Rachel Ridnor ([rridnor@occ.cccd.edu](mailto:rridnor@occ.cccd.edu)) and she confirmed that there were no additional materials.

Is the author contact information available to contact if there are more materials?

There is an email address provided for questions: [info@LibreTexts.org](mailto:info@LibreTexts.org)

What are the strengths of this book? (Think: writing style, citations, currency, diagrams etc..)

Modularity: This allows a professor to reorganize topics and customize.

Provides a starting point for those readers who are beginners of sociology and research methods.

Easy to access the different sections and topics.

Each section begins with learning objectives and ends with key takeaways and an application exercise.

What are the weaknesses of this book?

There are no additional materials

Provides the fundamental principles, but not an in-depth exploration of the material. This book is very minimal, providing mostly basic concepts.

To be able to use this book – what will you have to supplement? I would find online materials that give students a more comprehensive and challenging material for those students who need it. I would also need to supplement for topics like how to conduct a literature review and the role of theory and theoretical paradigms in the research process.

Compared to your previous purchased book – is the effort required to use this OER worth it \_ why or why not? I'm not sure that it is. The research methods textbook I currently use provides a lot more information.

If you were to use this book, would you also use a homework system? If yes, which one would you use (LibreTexts and Lumen learning are some examples) No.

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