Searching Steps:
1. Click on "Advanced Search" after you enter Sociological Abstracts.
2. Click on "Subjects."
3. Look up your search topic in "Subjects" to find the acceptable or correct term (descriptor) used for your search topic. Also, look at the related terms. (see back side for example)
4. Fill out the search form (above) with your acceptable or correct terms.
5. Change “Keyword” to “Subject Phrase.”
Example of a “Subjects” search for the acceptable term (descriptor)

My topic is television violence.

**Preferred Subject Headings**

Word or concept: television

1. **Mass Media Violence** [Expand]

   *Used for:* Television Violence

⇒ Click on Expand to find other related terms that may help you with your information search (see below).

**Expanded Subject Heading**

**Subject Heading:** Mass Media Violence

**Notes:** Violence portrayed on television or in other forms of mass media, usually for purposes of commercial exploitation.

**Used for:** Television Violence

**Broader Subject Headings:** Violence [Expand]

**Related Subject Headings:** Cartoons [Expand]

Films [Expand]

Mass Media [Expand]

Mass Media Effects [Expand]

News Coverage [Expand]

News Media [Expand]

Social Learning [Expand]

Sports Violence [Expand]

Telecommunications Policy [Expand]

Television [Expand]