

Research Resources for Graduate Students in Cultural Studies

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Links to Bookmark

Queen's University Library Homepage: <http://library.queensu.ca>

Services for Graduate Students: <http://library.queensu.ca/services/grads>

Connect from Off-Campus <http://proxy.queensu.ca/>

Access to the Library's electronic subscriptions (e-books, e-journals, indexes and databases) is restricted to current Queen's students, faculty and staff. When connecting from off-campus, sign in with your NetID.

Research by Subject – Cultural Studies

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/cultstud>

A selective guide to key information resources for Cultural Studies.

The screenshot shows the Queen's University Library homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Connect from Off-Campus", "Contact Us", and "Site Search". Below this is a yellow navigation bar with "Find Information", "How-to & Help", "Services", "Locations & Hours", and "My Account". The main content area features a search bar for "Summon (BETA)" with tabs for "QCAT Catalogue", "Databases", "Journals A-Z", and "Library Website". A red box highlights the search bar and the "Research by Subject" link. A callout box points to the search bar, stating: "Convenient tabs for frequently accessed resources". Another callout box points to the "Research by Subject" link, stating: "Subject guides containing recommended research resources for every discipline at Queen's". A third callout box points to the "Connect from Off-Campus" link, stating: "Sign in to the web proxy service to connect to online subscription resources from off-campus". The "Research by Subject" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of subjects and formats. The "Library News" section is also visible, featuring several news items. At the bottom, there is a red banner for "Queen's Learning Commons".

Figure 1: Library Homepage library.queensu.ca

Queen's Library Collections

There are six campus libraries in five physical locations
<http://library.queensu.ca/library/overview>:

The Graduate Study Room is located on the 3rd Floor of Stauffer Library. Stauffer Library also offers a limited number of study carrels for graduate students – ask at the Circulation Desk.

Stauffer Library (Business, Humanities and Social Science, Art Collection) – houses the majority of the cultural studies collection
MADGIC – Maps, Data, Government Information Centre (Stauffer library, lower level)

Bracken Health Sciences Library
Education Library
Lederman Law Library
Engineering and Science (Douglas Library)
W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library (Douglas Library)

Purchase Suggestions

The Library welcomes your suggestions for new book purchases. Requests can be sent to your liaison librarian (Sylvia Andrychuk) at andrychs@queensu.ca.

Research Tools: Summon

Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, all from one search box. Summon contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library.



Figure 2: Screen capture of the Summon search box on the library homepage

After performing a search, use the facets along the left-hand side to refine or limit your search results:



Research Tools: Library Catalogue (QCAT)

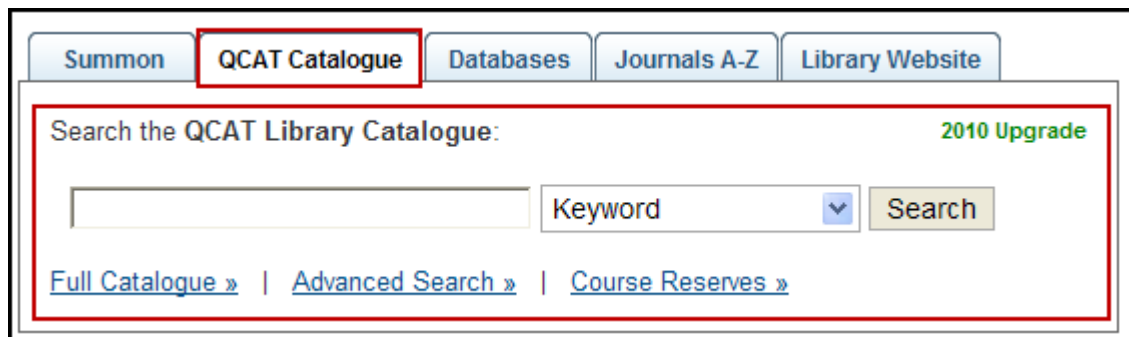


Figure 3: Screen capture of the QCAT Catalogue tab on the library homepage

Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen's University Library.

- Search by **Author**: last name first name
- Search by **Title**: omit initial articles (the, a, an, le, la...)
- Search by **Journal (Periodical) Title**: eg **Canadian journal of sociology**
- Search by **Keyword** ("and" is automatically placed between words)
- Search by **Keyword Boolean**:

To narrow the scope of your search you can join together your search terms (keywords) using special sets of predefined words, known as "Boolean operators." Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts. They are: [and, or, not, "a phrase"]. In addition, there are special characters (such as "?" for truncating) that allow you to perform more sophisticated searches.

Videos (DVDs/VHS/Streaming)

In QCAT, perform a keyword or keyword Boolean search on your topic and limit results to Videos/DVDs/Streaming video. Stauffer's multimedia collection is located on the main floor, behind the Reference Collection.

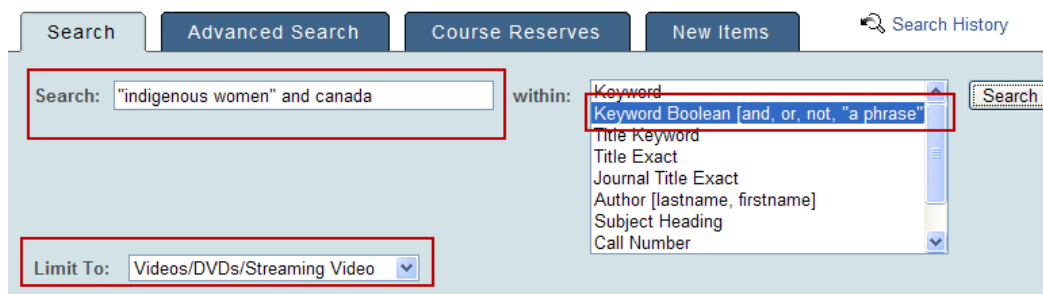


Figure 4: Screen capture of a search in QCAT, using the "Limit to" Videos/DVDs/Streaming video option

Your Library Account

In QCAT, you can log in to your library account to keep track of materials you've borrowed, renew items, rerun saved searches and access your Bookbag.

Research Tools: Electronic Books

The majority of the library's electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you may also search the e-book packages directly: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/ebooks/>.

Collections of note include:

Canadian Electronic Library <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3356>

Full-text access to a large collection of scholarly e-books published by leading Canadian publishers as well as by international academic publishers.

ebrary <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298>

Search and browse access to the full-text of books from scholarly publishers.

MyLibrary <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3422>

Cover-to-cover search and browse access to the full-text of books from various academic publishers.

Social Theory <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3378>

Full-text e-book collection of influential writings representing the most important trends of sociological thought. Included in the more than 150,000 pages of searchable content are works by such theorists as Max Weber, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Michel Foucault and Jean Baudrillard and many more. Time coverage: 18th century - present

Springer eBook Collection <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3352>

Full text access to over 12,000 books published by Springer between 2005 and 2010. The collection consists of textbooks, monographs, reference works, handbooks, book series and encyclopedias.

Research Tools: Article Indexes and Databases

Search indexes and databases to find journal articles, citations to books, theses, conference proceedings and more. The library subscribes to over 650 article indexes and databases and over 80,000 electronic journals and newspapers.

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often relevant topics from related-disciplines). Library subject guides list core and related recommended databases for each discipline:

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/cultstud/article-indexes>. Due to the diversity of Cultural Studies, you may want to consult other library research guides such as Aboriginal Studies, Art, Film, History etc.

Accessing Indexes and Databases

You can access article indexes and databases from the **Cultural Studies Research Guide**: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/cultstud/article-indexes> or use the **Databases Tab** on the library homepage, where you can enter the name of the database you wish to search, or browse databases by subject:



Figure 5: Screen capture of the Databases tab on the library homepage

There are many indexes and databases relevant to the study of cultural studies. The best databases to search vary depending on your research area. Some databases to note are:

Gender Studies Database: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186>

Combines *Women's Studies International* database with the *Men's Studies* database. Indexes scholarly and popular journals covering gender-engaged scholarship. Publication coverage is from 1972 to present.

Sociological Abstracts <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2787>

Comprehensive index to the international literature in sociology and related disciplines.

IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2984>

Social science and interdisciplinary research index to international literature.

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2813>

Indexes over 1,000 journals within the political science discipline and its complementary fields, including international relations, law, public administration, and public policy.

Indexes to Non-Mainstream Publications

Alternative Press Index <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5129>

Interdisciplinary index to alternative, radical and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines.

Ethnic Newswatch/Ethnic Newswatch: A History

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3642>

An interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses.

Left Index <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2809>

An index to the diverse literature of the left, with emphasis on political, economic, social and culturally engaged scholarship inside and outside academia.

Multidisciplinary Databases:

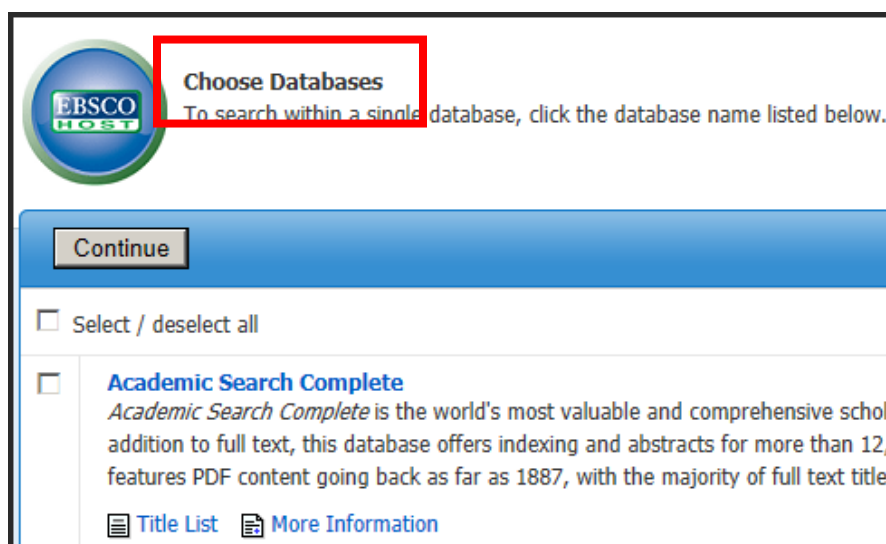
Academic Search Complete <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404>

A multi-disciplinary index (with abstracts) to more than 10,900 publications including peer-reviewed journals, popular magazines, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

Cross Database Searching (Create your own customized database)

Many databases on the same platform (eg Ebsco, ProQuest) can be searched simultaneously, effectively creating a personalized multidisciplinary database. Enter the name of the database platform (such as ProQuest or Ebsco) in the Title contains box from the Database tab. Once inside the database, look for an option to change or select databases. For example:

In **Ebsco (Ebscohost)**, **select** the databases you would like to search and then click **Continue**.



Search Engines

Google Scholar <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2998>

Use the Google search engine to locate articles from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles published on the "open" web. By searching Google Scholar through the Queen's web proxy (using the link provided above) the "Get It at Queen's" citation linker is activated (which allows you to click through to the Library's subscriptions).

Tip: When off-campus search Google Scholar through the Web Proxy service. Click on "**Scholar Preferences**" – in "**Library Links**" ensure Queen's University Library is selected (this will enable the display of "GetIt@Queen's" buttons in your Google Scholar search results) and in "**Bibliography Manager**", choose RefWorks. Save Preferences.


Summon <http://library.queensu.ca/summon>

The Library's search engine which contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library.

Strategies for Effective Database Searching:

Start your search with the obvious keywords or search terms. Also think of synonyms, alternate spellings, other terms or phrases to express the same concepts.

Each database has different syntax requirements. Consult the "Help" or "Search Tips" section to get the most out of your searches.

Most research databases have direct links to full-text if we subscribe to the journal. Use  to follow links to the text of an article or to QCAT (library catalogue). In QCAT use the "Journal Title Exact" option to check if Queen's Library subscribes to the publication (or use the Journals A-Z tab on the library homepage).

Print, save or email your search results and articles.

Import your citations to RefWorks to manage your research results.

Citation Indexes

Citation indexes allow you to trace the evolution of an idea from one author's paper backward using its bibliography and forward using cited reference searching. Besides major databases in each subject field, the following advanced research tools are particularly useful for graduate students:

Web of Science, particularly:

Arts and Humanities Citation Index: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2697>

Multidisciplinary index to journal literature on arts and humanities.

Social Sciences Citation Index: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2927>

Indexes major academic journals in the social sciences disciplines and provides both cited and citing references.

Journal Citation Reports (JCR): <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2811>

JCR summarises citations from more than 10,000 journals and proceedings in the sciences and social sciences indexed in the [Web of Science](#) database. By compiling articles' cited references, *JCR* helps to measure research influence and impact at the journal and category levels, and shows the relationship between citing and cited journals.

Cited Reference Searching in the Humanities and Social Sciences

For information on cited reference searching, please consult the library guide:

<http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/citation.htm>

Research Tools: Queen's Library Journal Collections

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of cultural studies. Individual journal titles (but not the articles within them) are listed in QCAT. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for, perform a journal title search in QCAT to determine its location (either in print, on the [2nd floor of Stauffer library](#), or online).

Alternatively, search for the name of the journal from the **Journals A-Z** tab on the library homepage:



The screenshot shows a navigation bar with five tabs: 'Summon', 'QCAT Catalogue', 'Databases', 'Journals A-Z', and 'Library Website'. The 'Journals A-Z' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar is a search form with the heading 'Find a specific journal, newspaper or magazine:'. The form includes a dropdown menu set to 'Title contains', a search input field, and a 'Search' button. Below the search field are two radio buttons: 'online and print' (which is selected) and 'online only'. At the bottom of the form are two links: 'More Journal Options »' and 'Search for Articles »'.

Figure 6: Screen capture of the Journals A-Z tab on the library homepage

Journal Alerts

Alerting, current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and collections of electronic journals provide automated alerting services based on your search profile or search strategy. Depending on the service, it may provide you with tables of contents of your chosen journals, or a list of individual article citations, e-mailed directly to your e-mail account.

Primary Sources and E-Text Collections

The Library subscribes to a considerable number of specialized digital primary source collections, including:

Black Thought and Culture <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3083>

Black Thought and Culture contains 1,297 sources with 1,098 authors, covering the non-fiction published works of leading African Americans. Where possible the complete published non-fiction works are included, as well as interviews, journal articles, speeches, essays, pamphlets, letters and other fugitive material.

Defining Gender, 1450-1910 <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3957>

Collection of original source material from British and European archives, particularly useful for those studying history, literature, sociology, education and cultural studies from a gendered perspective.

Underground and Independent Comics, Comix and Graphic Novels

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8356>

The first ever scholarly, primary source database focusing on adult comic books and graphic novels.

Women and Social Movements in the United States 1600 -2000

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3093>

Covers a wide range of primary and secondary documents, a dictionary of social movements and organizations, a chronology of U.S. women's history, as well as images and links to other websites.

A complete list of collections for the humanities and social sciences can be found at:

<http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/ebooks.htm>

News Resources

Queen's Library subscribes to local, regional, national and international news databases. These databases provide significant date coverage (unlike the free news sites on the web) and allow for a variety of search capabilities ideal for academic-level research. Consult the guide to major news indexes and full-text news resources at Queen's Library:

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources> .

Maps, Data, & Government Information

<http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/>

Government Documents

Holdings emphasize Canadian, American, United Kingdom and international documents, with smaller collections for Commonwealth and other foreign countries. The Library is an official depository for publications of the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the European Union, and the United Nations.

Social Science Data Centre

Data is frequently acquired in electronic format and made available through the services of the Social Sciences Data Centre within the Documents area in Stauffer Library. Data resources of note include: Statistics Canada (via the Depository Services Program and the Data Liberation Initiative), polling data from the Canadian Opinion Research Archive (housed in Stauffer Library), and US and International data from the International Consortium for Political and Social Science Research.

Maps, Government Documents and the Social Sciences Data Centre are located on the Lower Level of Stauffer Library.

Theses and Dissertations

Queen's theses published since 2007 are deposited in QSpace, the Queen's University Research and Learning Repository (<https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/>) and may be downloaded free of charge.

Consult the library's **Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations** for a list of theses and dissertations databases and Open Access Repositories:

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/format/finding-theses>

When you are preparing your own thesis:

Information about Electronic Theses and Dissertations at Queen's

<http://library.queensu.ca/webir/e-theses/sgs-index.html>

Citing and Managing Your Sources



Citation and Style Guides <http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources>

RefWorks is an online citation manager available to all Queen's students, staff and faculty. See <http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks> for more information and to create your account.

Borrowing Privileges, Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues

Graduate Student Borrowing Privileges

- term loan but subject to recall
- may borrow up to 100 items
- inter university borrowing privileges

<http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal>

Place requests for **Interlibrary Loans** through **RACER**:

<http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary>

There is no fee for books; articles cost \$3.00.

A list of other library catalogues can be found here:

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/catalogues>

WorldCat (short for World Catalogue) (<http://www.worldcat.org/>) and Google Book Search (<http://books.google.com/>) are excellent tools for discovering other books on your topic.

Request item(s) through RACER.

Queen's University Library is also a member of the **Center for Research Libraries**

<http://www.crl.edu/>. The CRL catalogue is located at <http://catalog.crl.edu/>. CRL materials can be requested through RACER (on the RACER request form, note that the item is at CRL).

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