

Research Resources for Graduate Students in Philosophy Fall 2010

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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 if prompted.

Research by Subject – Philosophy <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy>

The screenshot shows the Queen's University Library homepage. The header features the library logo and the tagline "charting paths to discovery". Navigation links include "Connect from Off-Campus", "Contact Us", and "Site Search". The main navigation bar includes "Find Information", "How-to & Help", "Services", "Locations & Hours", and "My Account". A search bar is prominently displayed, with tabs for "Summon", "QCAT Catalogue", "Databases", "Journals A-Z", and "Library Website". A red box highlights the search bar area, with a callout box stating: "Convenient tabs for frequently accessed resources". Below the search bar, there are links for "What is Summon?" and "Send Feedback". The "Research by Subject" link is highlighted with a red box, and a callout box states: "Subject guides containing recommended research resources for every discipline at Queen's". The "Research by Subject" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of disciplines: Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Science, Health Sciences, Education, Law, Other, and All Subjects A-Z. Each discipline has a corresponding list of resource types such as Articles, Books & E-Books, Newspapers, Book Reviews, Patents, Dictionaries & Thesauri, Primary Sources, Government Information, Rare Books, Images, Standards & Codes, Journals, Statistics & Data Sets, Legal Information, Technical Reports, Maps & Geospatial Data, Theses & Dissertations, and Microfilm. The page also features a "Library News" section with several articles and a "Queen's Learning Commons" banner at the bottom.

Figure 1: Library Homepage <http://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) and **MADGIC** (Maps, Data, and Government Information Centre) – the majority of the philosophy collection is housed in Stauffer Library

Bracken Health Sciences Library – bioethics, medical philosophy

Engineering and Science Library (Douglas Library) – philosophy of science

Education Library

Law Library

W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library (located in the Douglas Library)

Philosophy Collection Policy <http://library.queensu.ca/research/collections/philosophy>

The Library also welcomes purchase suggestions for new books and other resources. Requests can be sent to me (Sylvia Andrychuk) at andrychs@queensu.ca or to Dr. Henry Laycock, Departmental Library Representative for the Philosophy Department.

Research Tools: Summon <http://library.queensu.ca/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

Research Tools: Library Catalogue (QCAT)

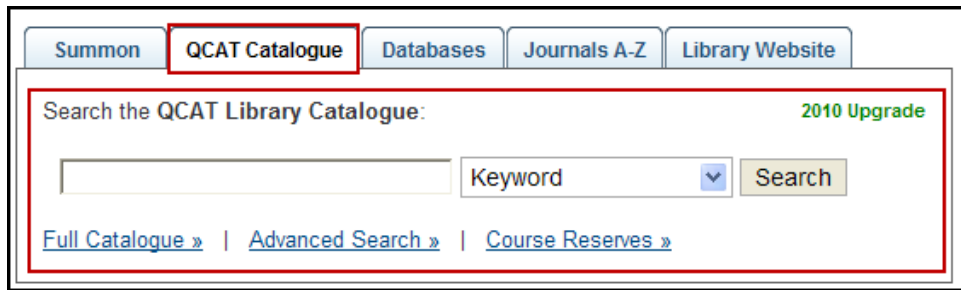


Figure 3: Screen capture of the QCAT Catalogue tab on the library homepage

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**: e.g. **journal of social philosophy**
- 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.

Tips for searching the library catalogue, QCAT, can be found in QCAT. Various "how-to" guides and video tutorials are also available: <http://library.queensu.ca/help/guides>

Videos (DVDs/VHS/Streaming)

In QCAT, perform a keyword or keyword Boolean search on your topic and limit results to Videos/DVDs/Streaming video. There are two multimedia viewing stations on the main floor of Stauffer Library (the multimedia collection is also located on the main floor, behind the Reference Collection) and headsets are available for loan from the Circulation Desk.

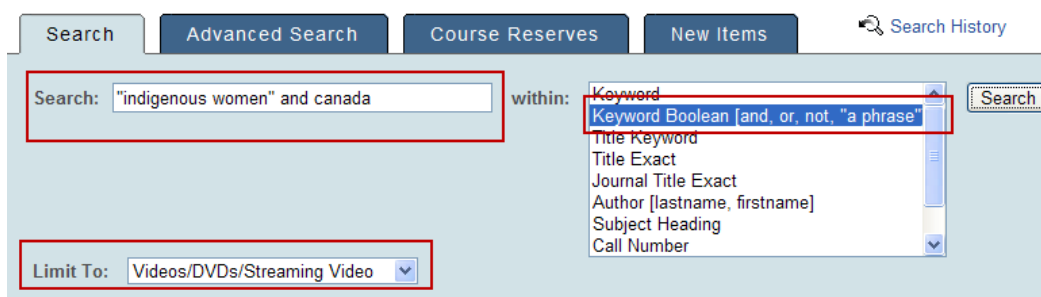


Figure 4: Screen capture of a search in QCAT, using the "Limit to" Videos/DVDs/Streaming video option

Research Tools: Electronic Books

Most 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:

ACLS Humanities E-Book <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3395>

Full-text access to over 1,500 books of high quality in the humanities.

Blackwell Reference Online <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7711>

Contains over 80 ebooks in philosophy, including companions, handbooks, dictionaries and guides.

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 academic 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. Most recent additions include over 1100 ebooks from Duke University Press.

MyiLibrary <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

Oxford Scholarship Online – Philosophy

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/6304>

A collection of e-books, published by Oxford University Press, in the fields of philosophy. The Library also subscribes to Oxford Scholarship Online Economics and Finance, Political Studies, and Religion and Theology collections.

Past Masters <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2774>

Offers 117 full-text humanities databases encompassing the largest collection of full-text electronic editions in philosophy in the world. From Aristotle to Wittgenstein, Past Masters includes databases on Greek, early modern, American, British, German and Danish philosophy, philosophy of science, political philosophy and continental thought.

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 John Dewey, Michel Foucault, Jean Baudrillard, John Stuart Mill 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.

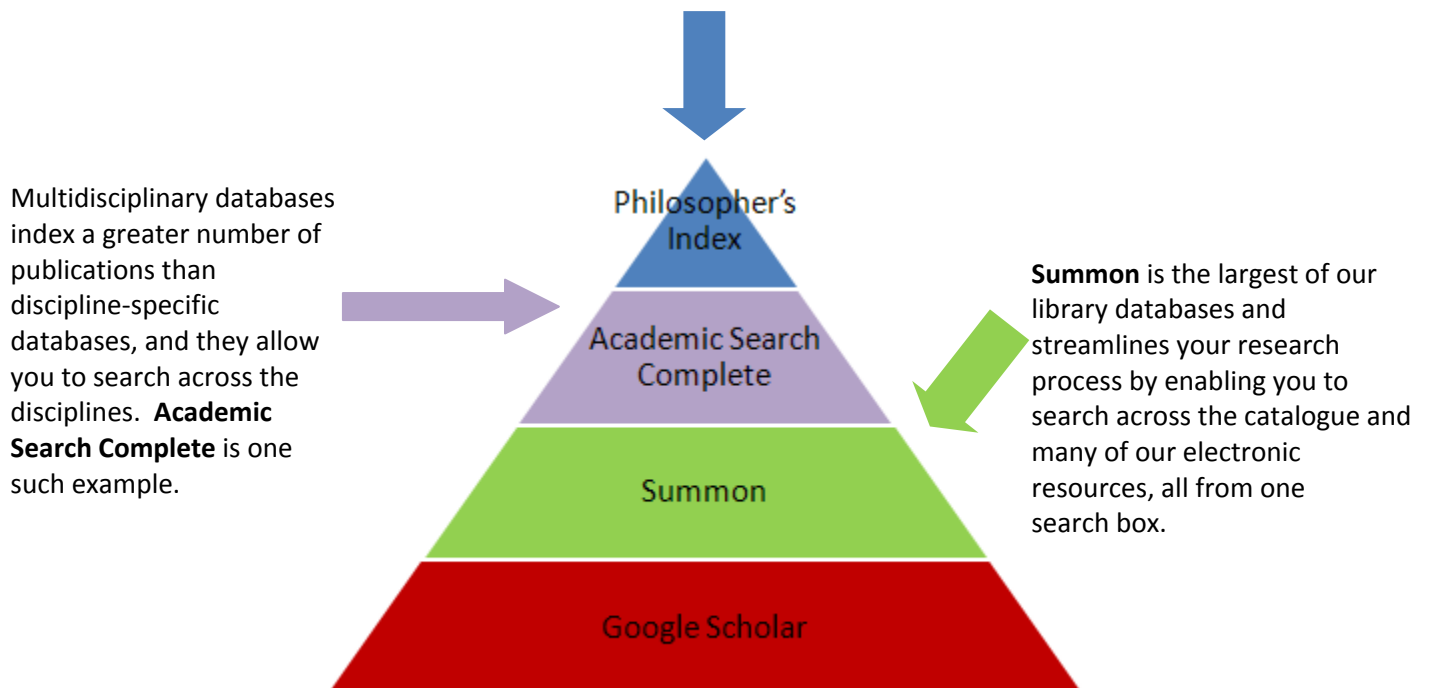
Research Tools: Article Indexes and Databases

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/philosophy/article-indexes>

The **Philosopher's Index** is the largest discipline-specific database for the study of philosophy.



Accessing Indexes and Databases

You can access article indexes and databases from the Philosophy Research Guide: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy/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

Core Indexes in Philosophy

Philosopher's Index <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3064>

The major international index to scholarly research in all fields of philosophy. Includes author-written abstracts for articles published in more than 550 journals, as well as for books and anthologies written in English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, Russian, Chinese or Japanese.

Subject coverage includes aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, logic, and metaphysics, the history of philosophy, metaphilosophy, political philosophy, and the philosophy of education, history, language, law, religion and science. Coverage: 1940 -

Philosophy Online <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3629>

The only electronic provider for current and recent issues of a growing number of philosophy journals. Every word in every journal issue in the database is fully searchable. Please note: only journals to which Queen's Library subscribes to in print are available in full text in Philosophy Online.

Philosophy@Scholars Portal Search <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5322>

Searches 3 indexes simultaneously: Philosopher's Index, Humanities Abstracts, and IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences.

Other relevant collections include:

JSTOR <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2929>

An electronic archive of scholarly journals; all journals in JSTOR are full text and electronically searchable. Journals are always included from volume 1, issue 1 and include previous and related titles. The most recently published issues (past 3-5 years) are not available.

Periodicals Archive Online (PAO) <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/4059>

PAO provides access to the full text of 42 philosophy journals. Date coverage ranges from 1802-1995.

ProjectMUSE <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2766>

An electronic database of journals in the humanities produced by Johns Hopkins University. Contains the full text of articles from recent issues.

Social Science Research Network <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/4159>

Early dissemination of research results in the social sciences and humanities through online access to abstracts, articles and working papers. The SSRN includes the **Philosophy Research Network**.

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

[direct URL to bookmark: <http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://scholar.google.com/>]


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). To activate importing to the RefWorks citation database, click on "**Scholar Preferences**." In "**Library Links**" ensure Queen's University Library is selected and in "**Bibliography Manager**", choose RefWorks. **Save Preferences**.

Strategies for Effective 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.

Print, save or email your search results and articles.

Import your citations to **RefWorks** to manage your research results.

Consider setting up a "**My Research**" account in **Philosopher's Index**, where you can create an **Alert**.

Research Tools: Queen's Library Journal Collections

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of philosophy. Individual journal titles 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:



Summon | QCAT Catalogue | Databases | **Journals A-Z** | Library Website

Find a specific journal, newspaper or magazine:

Title contains [] Search

online and print online only

[More Journal Options »](#) | [Search for Articles »](#)

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

Alerting Services

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.

Citation Indexes

Besides Google Scholar and major databases in each subject field, the following advanced research tools are particularly useful for graduate students:

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

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

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

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

Government Documents

There are more than 1,000,000 print items in the government and international documents collection, in addition to the large sections of the collection available only in microform and electronic format. Our 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.

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

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.

Tips on Importing/Exporting References from different databases (including QCAT):
<http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks/exportimport>

RefWorks tutorials: <http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/>

Publishing Your Paper? Databases Containing Publication Information:

For sources of publishing information, intended audience, peer review, etc. consult:

- MLA Directory of Periodicals
- Ulrich's Directory of Periodicals
- article indexes and databases often include some of this information

Dissertations and Theses

Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations

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

Information about Electronic Theses and Dissertations at Queen's

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

Prepare and Write a Thesis at Queen's

<http://library.queensu.ca/help/theses>

QSpace: Queen's University Research and Learning Repository

<https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/>

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.

Other Library Catalogues

A list of other library catalogues can be found here:

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

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

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