Research Resources for Graduate Students in Geography 2011

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

Queen’s University Library Homepage http://library.queensu.ca

Queen’s Library Collections http://library.queensu.ca/library/overview

- Stauffer Library (Business, Humanities and Social Science, Art Collection) holds the majority of the human geography collection and MADGIC (Maps, Data, Government Information Centre).
- Engineering & Science Library (Physical and Life Sciences, Engineering & Applied Science)
- Bracken Health Sciences Library
- Lederman Law Library
- Education Library
- W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library

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

“Proxy in” -- 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.

Geography Collection Development Policy http://library.queensu.ca/research/collections/geography

The Library welcomes purchase suggestions for new books and other resources. Requests can be sent to either of us or the library representative in the Geography Department. (Neal Scott, October 2011)

Research Tools: Library Catalogue (QCAT)

Search the QCAT Library Catalogue:

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Full Catalogue » | Advanced Search » | Course Reserves »

Figure 1: 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 American Geographical Society’s focus on geography
• 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, are available in QCAT. Various “how-to” guides and video tutorials are also available: [http://library.queensu.ca/help/guides](http://library.queensu.ca/help/guides)

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**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](http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal)

Place requests for **Interlibrary Loans** through RACER:
[http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary](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](http://library.queensu.ca/research/catalogues)

**WorldCat** (short for World Catalogue) and **Google Book Search** ([http://books.google.com/](http://books.google.com/)) are excellent tools for discovering other books on your topic. Request item(s) through RACER.

Queen’s University Library is a member of the **Center for Research Libraries** [http://www.crl.edu/](http://www.crl.edu/). The CRL catalogue is located at [http://catalog.crl.edu/](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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**Exercise 1)**

**Using your library account**

From [http://library.queensu.ca](http://library.queensu.ca) > My Account heading > My Library Account > Login with your Queen’s NetID and password.

Once logged in, check My Library Account. This section has your personal information, books checked out, and fines. You can renew items from this section, and update personal information.

From your account, you can save book records to a space called a Bookbag.

From the Search section, try a search for a topic or author of interest. Click the box beside the records you want to save. Click on Add to Bookbag. Anything added to the Bookbag can be accessed when you log into your account. Save some results to keep for the Refworks session.
Exercise 2

Worldcat (http://www.worldcat.org/) and Google Book Search (http://books.google.ca/) are excellent tools for discovering other books on your topic. Queen’s University Library is a member of the Center for Research Libraries http://www.crl.edu/. (CRL catalogue http://catalog.crl.edu/) On the RACER request form, note that the item is at CRL.

Go to Worldcat, and try the same search you used in QCAT. Look at the results – which libraries hold these items?

Try the same search in Google Books.

What differences did you note between World Cat and Google Books? What features did you like? Previews? Comments? Reviews? GetIt@Queen’s button? Other?

Did you find a useful book that’s not at Queen’s? Order it through the library’s interlibrary loan service, RACER.

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.

Go to Worldcat, and try the same search you used in QCAT. Look at the results – which libraries hold these items?

Try the same search in Google Books.

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

A selective guide to the core library resources for Geography. Since the study of Geography can be interdisciplinary, you may want to refer to other subject guides depending upon your specific interests – eg. Aboriginal Studies, Gender Studies, Political Studies, Data & Statistics, Environmental Sciences, etc.

http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/geography
Videos (DVDs / VHS / Streaming)

In QCAT, perform a keyword or keyword Boolean search on your topic and limit results to Videos/DVDs/Streaming Video. For information about multi-media facilities at each library, see http://library.queensu.ca/services/computers/multimedia.

Research Tools: Queen’s Library Journal Collections

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of Geography. 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).

You can also search for the name of the journal from the Journals A-Z tab on the library homepage:
Research Tools: Article Indexes and Databases

Search indexes and databases to find articles on your topic in scholarly journals, popular magazines and newspapers. The library subscribes to over 625 article indexes and databases and over 80,000 electronic journals and newspapers.

Databases are accessible from the library homepage and from library subject guides:

![Screen capture of the Databases tab on the library homepage](image)

Figure 6: Screen capture of the Databases tab on the library homepage

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes and databases, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often relevant topics from related-disciplines). Subject guides list core and related recommended databases for each discipline: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/geography/article-indexes](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/geography/article-indexes)

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<td>Each database has different syntax requirements. Consult the “Help” or “Search Tips” section to get the most out of your searches.</td>
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<td>Most research databases have direct links to full-text if we subscribe to the journal.</td>
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<td>Use <a href="#">Get It! Queen's</a> 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).</td>
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<td>Print, save or email your search results and articles.</td>
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Remember - Geography is very interdisciplinary and you will find relevant material using the indexes and databases of other disciplines, such as Aboriginal Studies, Art, Data & Statistics, Gender Studies, Political Studies, GIS, etc.
Selected Databases

**Academic Search Complete**  A multidisciplinary index (with abstracts) to more than 10,900 publications including peer-reviewed journals, popular magazines, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

**Annual Reviews**  Comprehensive collection of critical reviews by leading scientists, covering 29 disciplines within the Biomedical, Physical, and Social Sciences. *e.g. Information Overload White Paper*

**Canadian geography [electronic resource] : a scholarly bibliography**  Canadian Geography: A Scholarly Bibliography is a compendium of published works on geographical studies of Canada and its various provinces.

**Ethnic Newswatch/Ethnic Newswatch: A History**  An interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses.

**Geobase**  - Comprehensive, international and interdisciplinary database for the fields of physical and human geography, including geology, geomechanics, mineralogy, oceanography, environmental issues and Third World studies.

**Georef**  - Established by the American Geological Institute (AGI) in 1966, *GeoRef* indexes over several thousand geoscience journals in 40 languages as well as books, maps, reports, most U.S. Geological Survey publications, and American and Canadian masters and doctoral theses.

**Google Scholar**  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).

**FRANCIS**  - A multilingual, multidisciplinary index covering the humanities and social sciences, emphasizing such areas as archaeology, geography, linguistics, philosophy, religion, sociology

**IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences**  - Social science and interdisciplinary research with international coverage.

**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.

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**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**  - Arts and Humanities Citation Index | Science Citation Index Expanded | Social Sciences Citation Index | Journal Citation Reports (JCR):

**Cited Reference Searching** (especially in the Humanities and Social Sciences)
[http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/citation.htm](http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/citation.htm)
Keeping Current

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.

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<td><strong>I. Set up a search alert in Web of Science for an author.</strong></td>
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<td>• First, from the Web of Science search screen, sign up for an account: Sign In &gt; Register &gt; follow the instructions.</td>
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<td>• Sign in to your account. From the Web of Science Search screen, add the author’s name to the author search box &gt; Search &gt; Search History.</td>
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<td>• Click Save History/Create Alert &gt; name the alert &gt; Click Send Me Email Alerts. Choose a weekly or monthly alert &gt; Save.</td>
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| **II. Visit a journal’s publisher site.** Does the site let you set up Table of Content alerts? If yes, sign up for one. |

Quick links: [Web of Science](#) | [Antipode](#) | [Gender, Place & Culture](#) | [Progress in Physical Geography](#)

**Ulrichsweb** – useful information on more than 300,000 academic and scholarly journals, e-journals, peer-reviewed titles, popular magazines, newspapers, newsletters, and more. Offers current awareness services too.

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**Research Tools : E-Books**

The majority of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you should also search the e-book packages directly. ([Click to browse](#) the E-book collections)

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<td>• Is everything in the ebook collection accessible to Queen’s members?</td>
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Ebook collections of note include:

**ACLS Humanities E-Books**  Over 1500 titles selected by scholars in most fields of the humanities. The *African Studies Association*, the *American Sociological Association*, the *Latin American Studies Association* are three of the fourteen learned societies that participate in the selection of scholarly monographs for inclusion in the ACLS e-book collection.

**Canadian Electronic Library – Publisher Collection**
Full-text access to a large collection of scholarly e-books published by leading Canadian publishers as well as by international academic publishers. Publishers include McGill-Queen's University Press, the University of Toronto Press, the UBC Press, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Canadian Scholars' Press and Women's Press.

**Canadian Electronic Library - Canadian Public Policy Collection** Collections include documents in both official languages. The emphasis is on publications post-dating 2003. Included are: research papers, reports, studies, policy papers & briefs, discussion papers, numbered series, working papers and speeches (selectively.)

**Conference Board e-Library** Selected research documents produced by the Conference Board of Canada covering business, management, economics, current affairs.


**Early Encounters in North America: Peoples, Cultures and the Environment** Contains the full text of over 100,000 pages of letters, diaries, memoirs and accounts of early encounters in North America.

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

**ENGnetBase : Engineering Handbooks Online** (via CRCnetBase)  Full-text of more than 300 engineering handbooks and reference titles on all aspects of engineering, published by CRC Press.

**ENVIROnetBase: Environmental Resources Online** (via CRCnetBase)  Full-text of more than 260 professional and technical books published by CRC Press on all aspects of environmental resources.

**Knovel**  Access to hundreds of reference books and databases in major engineering areas: many titles come with interactive tools that allow you to work on engineering and scientific data and create your own tables and graphs. (Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Food Sciences)

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

**Social Theory** Works by such theorists as Max Weber, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Michel Foucault and Jean Baudrillard and many more. Relevant to the fields of sociology, economics, political science, race and gender studies, intellectual history, media studies, psychology and philosophy.

**Springer Ebooks** Full text books in business, economics, math, physics, chemistry, and other science and social science topics.

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**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](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources)
Maps & Geospatial Resources

Collection focuses on the local area and on Canadian material, and currently comprises over 101,000 maps, 1,900 books and atlases, 45,000 air photos, and 1,000s of digital map and image files. The Library provides access to numerous data sources through consortial and academic licensing agreements. Some examples: Cities of Kingston, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, and Toronto GIS data; QuickBird, SWOOP, and DRAPE imagery; data held in the OGDE data clearinghouse; (LIO or Land Information Ontario), DMTI products, Statistics Canada data and much more. Data is specially licensed to Queen's faculty, staff and students for academic use.

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 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.

Dissertations and Theses

- Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/format/finding-theses](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](http://library.queensu.ca/webir/e-theses/sgs-index.html)
- QSpace: Queen’s University Research and Learning Repository [https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/](https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/)

Copyright Advisory Office

Situated in Stauffer Library and working closely with Queen’s University Legal Counsel, the Copyright Advisory Office (CAO) is dedicated to educating, supporting and engaging Queen's faculty, students and staff in matters pertaining to the relationship between copyright, access to knowledge and learning, teaching, research and scholarly communications.

Citing and Managing Your Sources

- Citation and Style Guides [http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources](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](http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks) for information and to create your account. RefWorks tutorials are at [http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/](http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/)

Academic Integrity [http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/academics/academic-integrity/general-information](http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/academics/academic-integrity/general-information)

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