

# Finding What You Need ... About Philosophy

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Students often take philosophy courses as a part of liberal studies. Philosophical concepts also form the basis of many ideas in literature and history.



## REFERENCE WORKS

Use reference sources to find basic information about philosophy and to explore issues, events and writers. Reference works dealing with philosophy are found in the 100 area of the reference sections. Examples;

R 100 Mag Masterpieces of World Philosophy

R 100 Mag World Philosophy: Essays and Reviews of 225 Major Works

R 103 Bal Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology

R 103 Bla The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy

R 103 Bru Philosophical Dictionary

R 103 Enc Encyclopedia of Philosophy

R 103 Gro New Encyclopedia of Philosophy

R 107 Tic Research Guide to Philosophy

R 109 Dic Dictionary of the History of Ideas

## **BOOKS**

Use the on-line catalog to find books about philosophy

- Start with broad terms like ‘philosophy’ and ‘philosophers.’
  - Narrow your search;
    - By branches of philosophy (aesthetics, epistemology, metaphysics)
    - By culture (Chinese philosophy)
    - By time period (19th century philosophy)
    - By philosopher, such as Descartes
  - Combine philosophy with subjects of interest, such as history or anthropology.
  - Search for philosophical issues, such as transcendence, or bioethics
- Most philosophy books are located in the 100 area of the circulating collection.

## **PERIODICALS**

Use the following indexes to locate articles in magazines and newspapers.

O – online            P - Print

### Academic Search Premier (O)

Limit your search to peer reviewed articles. This will allow access to research and analytical articles in philosophy journals.

### Credo (O)

This online reference source has general and specialized dictionaries and encyclopedias.

### Education Index (P)

Search under the broad terms of ‘philosophy’ and ‘philosophers.’ You can search for related topics under ‘see also’ references.

### General Science Index (P)

Look here for articles about philosophical issues related to science and medicine. Look under the heading ‘philosophy.’

### Humanities Index (P)

In addition to the entry for philosophy, there is an extensive list of subjects such as ‘philosophy and literature’ and ‘philosophy and politics.’

### JSTOR (O) - in-library use only

JSTOR provides full-text, peer-reviewed journals, primarily in the humanities.

### ProQuest (O)

Use the 'Research Library' to locate articles. To narrow your search combine with issues such as 'morality' or 'ethics,' disciplines such as science or to philosophical areas such as logic.

### **INTERNET**

Many universities and philosophical organizations have websites. Also, the full text of core documents and supporting texts can be found online.

American Philosophical Association—[www.apaonline.org](http://www.apaonline.org) (go to 'professional resources.')

Chinese Philosophical Etext Archive -[sangle.web.wesleyan.edu/etext](http://sangle.web.wesleyan.edu/etext)

Chinese Philosophy Pages—[www.chinesephilosophy.net](http://www.chinesephilosophy.net)

Code of Ethics Online—[ethics.iit.edu/codes](http://ethics.iit.edu/codes)

Descartes Web Project—[www.cgu.edu/philosophy/descartes](http://www.cgu.edu/philosophy/descartes)

Dictionary of Philosophic Terms and Names -[www.philosophypages.com/dy](http://www.philosophypages.com/dy)

EpistemeLinks.com—[epistemelinks.com](http://epistemelinks.com) (interrelated, integrated links)

Erratic Impact! The Philosophy Research Base—[www.erraticimpact.com](http://www.erraticimpact.com)

Feminist Theory Website: Feminism and Philosophy -  
[www.cddc.vt.edu/feminism/phi.html](http://www.cddc.vt.edu/feminism/phi.html)

Humanities Text Initiative—[www.hti.umich.edu](http://www.hti.umich.edu)

Internet Encyclopedias of Philosophy IEP - [www.utm.edu/research/iep/](http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/)

Philosophy—[philosophy.eservers.org](http://philosophy.eservers.org) (texts and links to organizations)

Philosophy@Large—[www.liv.ac.uk/pal/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/pal/)

Philosophy in Cyberspace—<http://yoyo.its.monash.edu.au/~dey/phil/>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy—<http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html>

William James—<http://www.emory.edu/EDUCATION/mfp/james.html>

The Window: Philosophy on the Internet <http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/phil/philo>  
(includes links to Islamic Philosophy)

Please see the reference librarian if you have any questions or need help  
with search strategy.

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