Library Research Assistance – Book an appointment with a librarian

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Where to start your research

Political Science Subject Guide for Graduate Students: http://bit.ly/POLIGRAD18 - includes links for the Library Catalogue, recommended journal article databases, sources on methodology, news sources, government information, statistical and data sources. Also contains a section on peer review and avoiding predatory journals.

Download and install Concordia’s Virtual Private Network (VPN) to your home computer, and login to Library resources once, or login to sources off campus, using your My Library Account (MyConcordia Netname and Password).

Using Concordia Library Spaces

Webster Library has dedicated grad space on the 5th floor of LB in the dissertation writer’s rooms, lounge and kitchen. Use your student ID to access the space. Lockers in the grad spaces will be available as of January 22, 2018, at the Webster Loans Desk on a first come, first served basis. The Grey Nuns Reading Room (1290 Guy St.) has quiet study, and is accessible to Concordia students only, with ID cards.

Borrowing books and other materials from Concordia Library

- Grad students can borrow up 100 items at a time (books and media), with your student ID card
- Books can be borrowed for 120 days, but are subject to recalls
- Students can place on print books using the request button in the Library Catalogue
- Students can request articles from print journals or chapters from print books be scanned and emailed to them, from Concordia Library’s collections, via Article Delivery
- Students can borrow laptops for 1 day from the Loans/Circulation desk

Borrowing books and accessing journal articles from Other Libraries

- **BCI Card**: Go to the Loans/Circulation desk at Concordia with your student ID and request a BCI card, which allows you to borrow books, in person, from other libraries: McGill, UQAM, UdeM, etc.
- Login to COLOMBO on the library website to request print books and ejournal articles from other libraries using interlibrary loans

GradPro Skills Library Workshops – Winter 2018

- GPLL 231 – Library Skills & resources: Maximize your graduate research potential – Jan 26, 2018
- GPLL 236 – Using RefWorks for graduates: Citations and bibliographies simplified – Jan 31, 2018
- GPLL 235 – Canadian statistics and microdata for the social sciences (A. Guindon) – Feb 5, 2018
- GPLL 243 – Intro to reference management tools: choosing & using – Feb 9, 2018
- GPLL 248 – Understanding & increasing the visibility and impact of your research – Feb 15, 2018
- GPLL 241 – Copyright and your thesis - Feb 16, 2018
Library Website - Highlights

When accessing library resources off-campus, login to “My Library Account” first, then conduct your search.

The Library Catalogue searches through all the print books and ebooks available at Concordia.

The Discovery search, searches through the Library Catalogue, plus some, but not all, journal article databases.

Journal Article Databases – Recommendations, all available on the Political Science Guide

- **Political Science Complete** - full-text article database with excellent journal coverage in political science and useful subject thesaurus with over 17,000 poli sci terms that you can add to your searches.

- **International Political Science Abstracts** (IPS) - full-text and citation database with good international coverage.

- **HeinOnline Law Journal Library** – an article database of law school journals with peer reviewed content. Contains Canadian, American and some international law secondary sources.

- **ProQuest Combined Canadian** – an article database for Canadian politics and government, Canadian public policy and public administration, and Quebec politics; use peer reviewed limiting options to eliminate newspapers from your search results.

- **JSTOR** - a full-text archive of multidisciplinary journals, great for searching in Classical political theory and philosophy, Hellenistic, Roman, Medieval political philosophy and history.