

LIBRARY ORIENTATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Where to start your research

Political Science Subject Guide (<https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/political-science.html>): includes recommended subject-specific journal article databases, resources on methodology, news sources, government information, statistical and data sources. Information about peer review and related tools.

Using Concordia Library Spaces

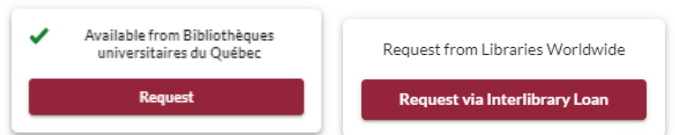
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The screenshot shows the Concordia University Library homepage. At the top left is the Concordia University logo. Below it, the word "Library" is displayed. A navigation bar contains links for "Library Research Skills Tutorial", "Ask a Librarian", and "Log into ...". The "Log into ..." link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there are sections for "My Library Account (Sofia)", "Interlibrary loans (Concordia Libraries)", "Zotero", "Course reserves", "Spectrum", and "WebPrint". A purple callout box on the left says "Search Sofia for print books, ebooks and ejournal articles" with an arrow pointing to the "Sofia Discovery tool" search bar. A black callout box with an arrow pointing to the "Log into ..." link says "Login to My Library Account (Sofia) to renew books, place holds and to access ebooks and ejournals from home". At the bottom, a blue footer contains icons and labels for "DATABASES BY SUBJECT", "E-JOURNALS", "COURSE RESERVES & TEXTBOOKS", "CITATION GUIDES & ZOTERO", "LOANS & RETURNS", and "BOOK A GROUP STUDY ROOM".

Notable Library Subject Guides

Political Science subject guide: <https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/political-science.html>

School of Community and Public Affairs subject guide: <https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/scpa.html>

Government Information subject guide: <https://library.concordia.ca/find/government/index.php>

Statistics & data guide: <https://library.concordia.ca/find/statistics.php>

GradPro Skills Library Workshops

- [Library Skills & Resources: Maximize your Graduate Research Potential](#) Jan 18, 2024, 1:00pm-3:00pm (Webster Library, LB 207)
- [How to publish your scholarship: what scholarly book publishers look for in new authors](#) Jan 23, 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm (online)
- [Zotero for Bibliographies and More!](#) Jan 31, 2024, 11:00-12:30pm (online)
- [Peer Review Roundtable](#) Feb 8, 2024, 11:00-12:00pm (online)
- [Researching Indigenous Topics](#) - Instructor: Michelle Lake, Feb 13, 2024, 1:00-3:00pm (online)
- [Advanced information search strategies](#) Feb 16, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm (online)
- [Using Zotero for Grads](#) Feb 20, 2024, 2:00pm-3:30pm (Webster Library, LB 205)
- [Advanced Zotero tricks](#) March 19, 2024, 9:30-11:00am (Webster Library, LB 207)