

LIBRARY ORIENTATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENTS

Library Research Assistance – Book an appointment with a librarian

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Where to start your research

Political Science Subject Guide: includes recommended resources including the Sofia Discovery Tool, subject-specific databases, with suggestions for resources on methodology, news sources, government information, statistical and data sources. Gives an overview of peer review, open access and predatory journals.

Using Concordia Library Spaces

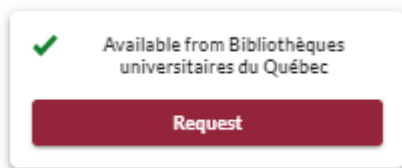
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Borrowing books and other materials at Concordia

- [Sofia Discovery Tool](#) is the library catalogue, with access to print books, ebooks, articles, and media
- Borrow up to 100 items at a time (books and media), with your student ID card
- Books can be borrowed for 30 days, (with automatic renewals)
- Students can place a hold on or, transfer from the other campus, print books using the request button in Sofia 
- Students can request articles from Concordia print journals or chapters from Concordia print books be scanned and emailed to them, via the [Article/Chapter Scan & Deliver](#) service
- Students can borrow laptops for 1 day from the Loans/Circulation desk

Borrowing books and requesting ejournal articles from other libraries

- [Network Loans](#) allow users to borrow print books from Quebec University libraries through [Sofia](#)



- Login to Interlibrary loans service [COLOMBO](#) on the library website to request print books (outside Quebec) and e-journal articles

Note: We are unable to borrow ebooks from other libraries through Network Loans (Quebec) or Interlibrary Loans (Canada), due to licensing.

If there is an ebook you wish to access, contact Michelle, she may be able to buy it for the library, or obtain a print copy; there are also some instances where you could go to another university and access the ebook on site, at their library (McGill for instance).

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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 is a search bar for the "Sofia Discovery tool" with a search button and a "User guide" link. A purple callout box on the left says "Search Sofia for print books, ebooks and ejournal articles". 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". Below the search bar is a footer with 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>

Law & Criminal justice guide: <https://library.concordia.ca/find/law.php>

Indigenous Educational Resources guide: <https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/indigenous-fac-res.html>

Notable Databases:

- [Political Science Complete](#) (largest full-text poli sci journal article database)
- [ProQuest Combined Canadian](#) (Canadian multidisciplinary topics and daily English newspapers)
- [HeinOnline Law Journal Library](#) (main database for law and legal related scholarship)
- [Eureka.cc](#) (French language Canadian newspapers, magazines, newswires)
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