RELI 210 Religion in Practice
Library workshop

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Required information literacy skills needed for this class

How to find:

- scholarly sources
- popular sources
- Web sources
Suggested Plan

- Religion Research Guide
- Using research tools: Search tips
- Encyclopedias
- CLUES Library catalogue
- Databases
  - Scholarly, peer-reviewed journal articles
  - Theses
  - Newspapers and magazines
Suggested Plan (2/2)

- Relevant Internet sites
  - Google tools
  - Websites evaluation

- Additional help
How to access the libraries resources

Login to Library services

Login with your netname OR enter name, barcode and library PIN:

**Concordia NetName Login**
- **Concordia NetName:**
- **Password:**

**Library Barcode Login**
- **First OR Last Name:**
- **14-digit Barcode on Concordia ID:**
- **Library PIN:**

Forgot Your PIN? | Don't have a PIN yet?

[Submit]
Religion Research Guide

to help you find specific information

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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

- Department of Religious Studies
- New Books
- Services
- "How To" Guides
- How to use CLUES
- Interlibrary Loans
- Article Delivery Service
- Intercampus delivery

LIBRARY SOURCES

- Encyclopedias and dictionaries
- Journals
- Databases
- CD-ROM Indexes
- Theses

TIPS FOR COURSES

- REL 100 handout (pdf)
- REL 400 presentation (ppt)

WEB SITES

- Guides to Religion Sources on the Internet
- Other Resources

SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Society for the Study of Religion
- Société Québécoise pour l’Étude de la religion
- Association for Canadian Jewish Studies
- American Academy of Religion
- Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
- Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies - Research Library

See also Subject Page for Theological Studies
Using research tools: Search Tips

• **AND** limits your search, both words must be present in the search result.
  
Pilgrimage **AND** Buddhism

• **OR** broadens your search, either of the words must be present in the search result. *This is great to use with synonyms.*
  
marrige OR union OR conjugality OR matrimony

• **NOT** excludes an element in your search.
  
sacred healing **NOT** chamanism
• A “phrase search” limits, only the exact phrase will be present in the search result
  “belief system” “sacred journeys”

• Truncation takes the form of an asterisk, *, and broadens your search by accepting different endings
  Religio* finds: religion, religions, religious, religiosity, ...
Encyclopedias

Encyclopedias can be …

- general and multidisciplinary
  - Encyclopaedia Britannica Online
  - Oxford reference online premium
- general
  - Encyclopedia of religion
- specific
  - Encyclopedia of new religious movements
  - Encyclopedia of women and world religion
  - The encyclopedia of politics and religion
Encyclopedias

Encyclopedias can be accessed …

- via CLUES
Encyclopedias

- via Online Reference
Encyclopedias

via the Reseach Guide
CLUES catalogue

http://clues.concordia.ca/
CLUES

You can use CLUES to:

- Locate documents in both libraries
- Books and e-books
- Journals and e-journals, newspapers & magazines (not articles)
- Scores, encyclopedias, reference, atlases, government publications, …
- Videos & other non-print formats
- Course Reserves

Pro tip: Use Subject Headings
Databases

What is a Database?

Database

Journal

Article
Recommended databases – Scholarly, peer reviewed journals

Databases can be …

- general and multidisciplinary
  - Academic Search Complete
  - JSTOR
- general
  - ATLA
  - Religious and Theological Abstracts
- Specific
  - Religion & philosophy collection
  - RAMBI: Index to articles on Jewish Studies
How to find dissertations, theses and research papers

On this page

Concordia University theses

Purchasing Concordia University theses

Concordia University MBA research papers

Theses from other universities

Doctoral dissertations, theses, MBA (Master of Business Administration) research papers, Creative Arts Therapies research papers and major reports from the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering are treaties or reports presented by students as a condition for the award of a graduate degree.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY THESSES

Concordia Libraries have a copy of almost every thesis submitted to the University. The master copy is kept in Special Collections at the Vanier Library along with any available non-print components (film, slides, etc.). In most cases, a circulating copy or a microfiche copy is also available in the Webster or Vanier Libraries. In addition, electronic copies of Concordia dissertations and theses published since 1967 can be downloaded.

Search tools for finding Concordia University theses and dissertations

- **Spectrum** - open access to full text from 1967 to 2009, and 2011-present
- **CLUES** - the library catalogue
- **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses** - full text from 1967-2010
- **Thesis Database** (School of Graduate Studies) - 1987 onward
- **Theses Canada** (Library and Archives Canada) - full text from 1998-2002

Searching CLUES when...

- **You know the author or the title:**
  - Choose the **Author** search tab in CLUES and enter the name of the student who wrote the thesis.
  - OR
  - Choose the **Title** search tab in CLUES and enter the title of the thesis you are looking for.

- **You want a list of theses by Department/Programme:**
  - For theses written from 1994 to the present, choose the **Author** search tab in CLUES and enter the name of the Department or Programme.
  - **Example:**
    - concordia university dept of psychology
  - Note that this may also retrieve other types of documents published by the Department or Programme.

- **You want a list of theses by subject:**
  - Choose the default **Keyword** search tab in CLUES and enter the words "concordia" and "theses" and add topical keywords.
  - **Example:**
    - concordia and theses and shakespeare

If you are uncertain about your search strategy, ask for help at the Reference Desk.
Recommended databases – newspapers and magazines

- Canadian Newsstand Major Dailies – Canadian Newspapers (includes newspapers)
- CPI.Q (Canadian Periodical Index) (includes journals and magazines)
- Eureka.cc (includes full text access to English and French language Canadian newspapers, magazines, newswires, blogs and broadcast transcripts)
- Factiva (includes broadcast transcripts (BBC, NPR, CNN etc) and magazines)
Databases

Databases can be found …

- Via the Research Guide
- Via Online reference
- Via CLUES
Databases
Research tips

Same tips as previously seen apply, plus…

- Use the Advanced Search option
- One key concept per search box
- Combine synonyms within search boxes
- Limit your searches to peer-reviewed/scholarly articles for academic sources
- Find your journal article using Find it! @ Concordia
Relevant internet sites

- Religion Research Guide - Web Sites
Relevant internet sites – Advanced search
Google Scholar

On the shoulders of a giant
Relevant internet sites – Blogs
Websites - Evaluation Checklist

Use these criteria to evaluate web-based information:

**Currency:** Can you determine when the page or document was created/updated? Is the date recent enough for your topic?

**Relevance:** Does the information answer your question? Is it at an appropriate level?

**Accuracy:** Where does the information come from? Does the site link to reputable sites? Are there spelling, grammar, or other errors?

**Authority:** What are the author’s credentials? What kind of organization sponsors or supports the site?

**Purpose:** Does it seem meant to inform, teach, sell, entertain, or persuade?

Evaluation Criteria - MeriamLibrary, California State University
http://www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/eval_websites.pdf
Other sources to investigate...

Statistics

- StatCan http://statcan.gc.ca
Census Profiles
CANSIM – for socioeconomic stats
Subject -> Society and Community -> Religion

News Sources
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
http://www.cbc.ca/
Additional help

Use the Library Website:
http://library.concordia.ca

Library “How To” Guides
http://library.concordia.ca/index.php#help_tab

Try different strategies

Ask for help at the Reference Desk, or on Chat
Thank you for your attention!