




Research Guide:

Reference Works for Philosophy



The following resources help a researcher three ways: First, by giving enough background knowledge to set a topic in context, including names, dates, subtopics, &c. Second, by giving the researcher a more focused vocabulary (usually with terms defined), which allows for more precise computer searches. Third, by citing pertinent articles and books which can help expand the range of materials to consult.




The following list is not exhaustive, but some *examples* of the kinds of materials available at the Von der Ahe Library. The section immediately below includes print materials, some of which are also available online (indicated by ). The sections following list specific online tools, some of which we have in print as well () or in the Library on the internal CD-ROM network ().

Print Reference Tools


(Use title search in **LINUS** to locate any of these)

GENERAL:

 [Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)
 [The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy](#)
Talking Philosophy: A Wordbook
Key Ideas in Human Thought

 [Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd ed](#)
The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy
 [New Dictionary of the History of Ideas](#)
 [The Oxford Companion to Philosophy](#)

HISTORY:

Encyclopedia of Classical Philosophy
 [Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation](#)
Dictionary of the Middle Ages


A Catalogue of Renaissance Philosophers
Coptic Encyclopedia
Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean


RELIGION & ETHICS:

Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics
Encyclopedia of Ethics
[New Catholic Encyclopedia](#) (1st & 2nd )

Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics
Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics

WORLD PHILOSOPHIES:

Encyclopedia of Asian Philosophy
[Encyclopedia Judaica](#) (1st & 2nd )
Concise Encyclopedia of Hinduism
Concise Encyclopedia of Buddhism

Dictionary of World Philosophy
Encyclopedia of Islam (1st & 2nd )
Encyclopaedia of Jainism
Great Thinkers of The Eastern World

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL GUIDES:

Philosophy: A Guide to the Reference Literature, 3rd ed.
Resources in Ancient Philosophy: An Annotated Bibliography of Scholarship in English, 1965-1989
A Bibliographic Guide to the Comparative Study of Ethics

Online Texts & Tools

[Past Masters](#) is a multi-faceted tool that includes a number of translated philosophical texts, concordance-creation software, and reference tools. The Past Masters package includes the full texts of works by philosophers ranging from Plato and Aquinas to Peirce and Quine, including some in the areas of political and religious philosophy.

[ProQuest Dissertations and Theses](#) indexes most North American dissertations in the humanities and includes full-text from 1997+.

[Eighteenth Century Collections Online](#) is a full-text collection of virtually every significant English or foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom from 1701-1800, along with thousands of important works from the Americas. Over 150,000 titles across disciplines.

Online Clusters of Philosophy Reference Resources

You can call up most of the following works by typing their title into [LINUS](#) (as a Title search) and selecting the record for the “electronic resource” version. Some we have only online, others we have both online and in paper in REF or the Main Stacks.

Otherwise, you can select the “Family” title in our [E-Reference Links](#) cluster (link on Library Homepage under “Research Help”) or [Alphabetical Databases List](#), and then select the individual work from the list of titles in that family. Be sure you are searching the individual work if that is what you wish. Otherwise, you will search all titles - which can also be useful, depending on your topic and wishes. Meanwhile, these titles are active [links](#)!

[Oxford Reference Online Premium](#) (complete collection)

- [The Oxford Companion to Philosophy](#) Ted Honderich, ed.
- [The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy](#) Simon Blackburn
- [A Dictionary of Buddhism](#) Damien Keown
- [The Oxford Dictionary of Islam](#) John L. Esposito, ed.
- [The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation](#) Hans J. Hillerbrand, ed.

[Cambridge Companions Online](#) (complete collection)

The following are culled from the subgroup:

The Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, Religion and Culture

Almost all are available in paper in the Library; check LINUS for call numbers.

Titles begin: **The Cambridge Companion to ...**

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| Abelard | Atheism ( ordered) |
| Adam Smith | Augustine |
| Adorno | Bacon |

Cambridge Companion to ...

Arabic Philosophy
Anselm
Aquinas
Christian Ethics
Descartes
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Duns Scotus
Early Greek Philosophy
Early Modern Philosophy
Feminism in Philosophy
Foucault
Friedrich Schleiermacher
Gadamer
German Idealism
Hegel
Heidegger: Second Edition
Hobbes
Hume
Husserl
Kant and Modern Philosophy
Kierkegaard
Leibniz
Levinas
Locke's "Essay Concerning Human Understanding"
Locke
Maimonides
Malebranche
Berkeley
Bertrand Russell
Brentano
Medieval Jewish Philosophy
Medieval Philosophy
Merleau-Ponty
Mill
Modern Jewish Philosophy
Montaigne
Nietzsche
Ockham
Pascal
Peirce
Plato
Plotinus
Quine
Rawls
Rousseau
Sartre
Schopenhauer
The Scottish Enlightenment
Simone de Beauvoir
Spinoza
The Stoics
Thomas Reid
Wittgenstein