Library Orientation for Graduate Students in Cultural Studies

Queen’s University Library Homepage: https://library.queensu.ca/

Research by Subject – Cultural Studies: https://guides.library.queensu.ca/cultural-studies
A selective guide to key and recommended information resources for Cultural Studies

Connect from Off-Campus http://proxy.queensu.ca/
Sign in with your NetID to access to the Library’s electronic subscriptions (e-books, e-journals, indexes and databases) from off-campus.

My Account
Quick links to your various accounts including: My Library Account (QCAT): to review and renew materials you have signed out and Interlibrary Loan (RACER)

Search
Quick links to Search Tools, Types of Information, and guides to Subjects & Courses and Types of Information (including Newspapers, Multimedia, Primary Sources and Government Information)

Quick links to Your Library (see Graduate Students), Help, Using the Library, Teaching & Research (see Copyright & Fair Dealing and Scholarly Publishing)

Summon Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, from a single search box.

QCAT: The Queen’s Library Catalogue. Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen’s University Library.

More Search Tools: Journals, Databases and Course Reserves
Queen’s Library Collections

There are six campus libraries in five physical locations:
https://library.queensu.ca/locations/all

- **Stauffer Library** (Art, Music, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences). Also at Stauffer: Maps, Data, and Government Information (located on the Lower Level)
- **Bracken Health Sciences Library**
- **Education Library**
- **Lederman Law Library**
- **Douglas Library - Engineering and Science Library** and **W.D. Jordan Rare Books & Special Collections**

Study Space

- The Helen Howard Graduate Student Reading Room is located on the 3rd floor of Stauffer library (access code required)
- [Bookable group study rooms](https://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing) are available throughout the libraries and in Watson Hall (Library LINQ)
- A limited number of [study carrels](https://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing) are available for graduate students

Borrowing Information

Your Queen’s student card is your library card and you can view your library account on the library’s website. You will find complete borrowing information, including loan periods, how to renew and recall items, fines and more at [http://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing](http://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing)

Graduate student privileges include:
- Extended loan periods (**term loan** is subject to recall)
- Borrowing an **unlimited number of books** (subject to recall)
- [inter-university borrowing privileges](https://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing)

Research Tools

**Summon and QCAT** (until December 10, 2019)

**Summon**: Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, from one search box. Summon contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library. Can be a very useful search tool for interdisciplinary topics. Facets are available within Summon to narrow down your search results.

**Library Catalogue (QCAT)**
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Resources for Background Information

When seeking authoritative background information consult specialized bibliographies, companions, dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks. Reference sources can be located in QCAT or Summon by searching for your topic or sub-discipline, combined with the relevant keyword (ex. Handbooks or companions or bibliographies).

The Library’s Subject Guide for Cultural Studies lists highly recommended reference resources, including:

**Oxford Bibliographies Online**
OBO offers peer-reviewed annotated bibliographies which include substantive essays that list recommended books, journal articles, primary sources, and multimedia in various discipline-based subject modules.

**Oxford Handbooks Online**
Full text selection of handbooks, containing scholarly research reviews, in 17 subject areas.

**The Year’s Work in Critical and Cultural Theory**
This journal provides annotated bibliographies to published works in the field of critical and cultural theory.

**Companion to Cultural Studies** ed. Toby Miller
Experts from five continents provide a thorough exploration of cultural studies, looking at different ideas, places and problems addressed by the field.
Books and Ebook Collections

Use the Queen's Library Catalogue (QCAT) to find the locations and call numbers of books (as well as videos, audio, newspapers, magazines, journals, etc) at Queen's Library. Use the subject headings to locate additional material.

Most of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you may also search the ebook packages directly. Useful collections for Cultural Studies include:

- ACLS Humanities E-Book
- ProQuest Ebook Central
- e-Duke Books Scholarly Collection
- Scholars Portal Books

Please note that when searching ebook collections directly you may encounter titles in the collection to which Queen’s does not have access. You can request a print copy of the monograph through interlibrary loan (RACER).

Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues

You may request books and articles not owned by Queen’s Library through Interlibrary Loan (RACER).

Other Library Catalogues
Searching library collections beyond Queen’s? A list of other library catalogues can be found here: https://library.queensu.ca/search/other-library-catalogues. WorldCat, an aggregate database of library catalogues worldwide, is particularly useful for discovering materials on your topic. Request item(s) through RACER.

Queen’s University Library is a member of HathiTrust, which is a partnership of academic and research institutions, and offers a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world. To take full advantage of Queen’s Library’s membership, log in.

Queen’s University Library is also a member of the Center for Research Libraries. CRL materials can be requested through RACER (on the RACER request form, note that the item is at CRL).

Article Indexes & Databases

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often, related disciplines). The databases you use will depend on your topic. Refer to the relevant Library Research Guide to locate the best databases on your topic.

The Cultural Studies Research Guide lists recommended article indexes and databases, including:

- IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
- Web of Science: Social Sciences Citation Index
- Academic Search Complete
Search Engine

Google Scholar
[direct URL to bookmark: https://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=https://scholar.google.com/]

Use the Google Scholar search engine to locate materials from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles published on the "open" web.

By searching Google Scholar through the Queen’s web proxy (using the link provided above) the “Get It at Queen’s” citation linker is activated (which allows you to click directly through to the Library’s subscriptions).

To activate when going directly to Google Scholar https://scholar.google.ca/, click on Settings > Library Links > select Queen’s University Library at Kingston Canada > Save

Queen’s Library Journal Collections

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to Cultural Studies and there is a selective list available on the Cultural Studies Research Guide. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for, perform a journal title search (either in QCAT, Summon or from the Journals link on the library homepage) to determine its availability and location (either in print, on the 2nd floor of Stauffer library, or online).

Current Awareness Services

Alerting, current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and electronic journals provide automated alerting services based on your search profile or search strategy. Depending on the service, you may receive emailed tables of contents of your chosen journals, or a list of individual article citations.

From QCAT or the library homepage (Journal Title search) look up the journal title and choose the publisher’s platform (if that option is available) and then look for an email alerts option:
Research Methods

For books on research methods, you can search QCAT using keyword or a Boolean keyword search for the particular method.

The Library also subscribes to Sage Research Methods Online which “provides the most comprehensive picture available today of research methods (quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods) across the social and behavioural sciences” and published by Sage.

Dissertations and Theses

For locating theses and dissertations, consult:
- Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations

For information on preparing your own thesis or dissertation, consult:
- Preparing and Submitting Your Thesis to QSpace

Citation Management

Use citation software to organize your own library of citations, incorporate quotes into your assignments, and compile reference lists (bibliographies) for your assignments. Consult the Citation Management Guide for more information.

Research Consultations

Contact me to arrange an appointment:
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