Research Resources for Graduate Students in Film and Media Studies

Our Website: https://library.queensu.ca

Research by Subject – Film and Media: https://guides.library.queensu.ca/film-media
A selective guide to key and recommended information resources.

1 Connect from Off-Campus http://proxy.queensu.ca/
Sign in with your Net ID to access the Library’s electronic subscriptions (ebooks, ejournals, indexes & databases) from off-campus.

2 My Account allows you to review and renew materials that you have signed out. Interlibrary Loan (RACER) allows you to search and request materials from other libraries.

3 Search: Links to Search Tools, Types of Information, and guides to Subjects & Courses and more.

4 Help & Services
Links to Your Library (see Graduate Students), Help, Using the Library, Teaching & Research (see Copyright & Fair Dealing and Scholarly Publishing).

5 Summon (the Library’s Discovery Tool)
Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, all from one search box. Use the facets available within Summon to narrow down your search results.

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

7 More Search Tools

Journal Search provides multiple ways to search for journals and other serials, with options to browse and filter your results. Database Search provides multiple ways to search for research databases, with options to browse and filter your results.

Queen’s Library Collections

QUL has five libraries:

- Stauffer Library – Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Art Collection, Maps, Data, and Government Information
- Bracken Health Sciences Library
- Education Library
- Lederman Law Library
- Douglas Library (Engineering and Science and Jordan Special Collections Library) cover many subjects, including astronomy, natural history, classics, modern languages, literature, politics and history.

Study Space

- The Helen Howard Graduate Students Reading Room is located on the 3rd Floor of Stauffer Library (access code required).
- Bookable group study rooms are available throughout the libraries and in Watson Hall (Library LINQ)

Borrowing Information

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

Graduate Student privileges include:

- extended loan periods (term loan but subject to recall)
- borrowing an unlimited number of books (subject to recall)
- Inter-library borrowing privileges

Search Tools

Summon

Summons pulls together resources from multiple sources and displays them in a single list of relevance ranked results. Because it searches many sources, you most likely will see overwhelming number of results for your initial search. Use the filters on the left side of the screen to refine your results.

QCAT (until December 10, 2019)

Search the library catalogue to find materials, such as books, videos, journals (but not journal articles), newspapers, music recordings, scores and government documents, in print and online, at Queen’s University Library.
Research Guides

These guides recommend research resources for disciplines taught at Queen’s University.

- Film and Media  https://guides.library.queensu.ca/film-media
- Communications and Mass Media  https://guides.library.queensu.ca/communications-mass-media
- Cultural Studies  https://guides.library.queensu.ca/cultural-studies

Film & Media

Resources for Background Information

When seeking authoritative background information, consult specialized bibliographies, companions, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, and handbooks. The Library's Subject Guide for English Literature and Language lists highly recommended reference resources including:

Oxford Bibliographies (via the link Databases) offers authoritative research guides, which will help narrow the vast number of citations to the best scholarship on a given topic. Check the research guides: Cinema & Media Studies and Communication.

Oxford Handbooks
Handbooks have in-depth articles written by noted experts and typically offer thorough introductions to topics and a critical survey of the current state of scholarship in a particular field. One collection, Oxford Handbooks, includes such titles as: The several literature titles that you can access, for example: The Oxford Handbook of Film and Media and The Oxford Handbook of Sound and Image in Digital Media.

The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory
This journal provides a narrative bibliography of published work, recording significant debates and issues of interest across a broad range of research in the humanities and social sciences, and in particular film theory.
Ebook Collections

Most of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon but you many also want to search the ebook packages directly. Please note that when searching these collections directly, you may encounter titles in the collection to which QUL does not have access. You can request a print copy of the title through Interlibrary Loan (RACER).

Collections include:
- Scholars Portal Books
- e-Duke Books Scholarly Collection
- ACLS Humanities e-Books

Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Collections

When your research takes you beyond what our collection can offer, you can request books and articles not owned by Queen’s Library through interlibrary loan (RACER).

RACER allows you to simultaneously search library catalogues from Ontario universities and place and track requests for books and articles. But you can also search other library catalogues by checking this list at: https://library.queensu.ca/search/other-library-catalogues

WorldCat is a global catalogue of library collections and is particularly useful for discovering materials on your topic.

Article Indexes and Databases

Each academic discipline has its own specialized databases, which indexes the core literature of that discipline. The database you use will depend on your topic. Refer to the relevant subject guide to locate the best databases on your topic.

Recommended article indexes and databases, include:

Film and Television Index with Full Text

MLA International Bibliography
Indexes citations to journal articles, dissertations, and books about world literature, literary criticism, language, linguistics, and folklore from 1921 to the present.

Academic Search Complete
A multi-disciplinary database which provides indexing (with abstracts) to peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

Google Scholar searches the academic, scholarly Web for peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles.

Searching Google Scholar from Queen’s University Library (via Databases) will identify full text articles available
from QUL resources as well as open access articles from other universities and colleges.

**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.

**JournalTOCs**  [http://www.journaltocs.ac.uk/](http://www.journaltocs.ac.uk/)

This service allows you to keep up-to-date with newly published scholarly material by enabling you to browse, view, save, and search across thousands of journal tables of contents from hundreds of publishers.

**Cited Reference Searching**

Citation indexes allow you to trace the evolution of an idea from one author’s paper backward using its bibliography and forward (to determine who is citing whom) using cited reference searching.

Consult the Citation Searching guide at  [https://guides.library.queensu.ca/citation-searching](https://guides.library.queensu.ca/citation-searching) to learn more about conducting cited reference searching.

**Citation Management**  [https://guides.library.queensu.ca/citing-and-citation-managers/citation-managers](https://guides.library.queensu.ca/citing-and-citation-managers/citation-managers)

All citation managers perform the same basic functions. However, some programs offer extended options such as opportunities to share information, the possibility of creating a personal profile, or collaboration tools that let you work with peers.

Consult the Library’s guide to Citation Managers for helpful information on managing your citations.

IT Services has arranged for an enterprise-wide license to **EndNote** for users at Queen’s.

Information and links to download the EndNote software has been added to the Software Centre page on the **MyQueensU Portal** at  [https://my.queensu.ca/software-centre](https://my.queensu.ca/software-centre)
Additional information posted to an ITServices page about EndNote can be found at (http://queensu.ca/its/software/enterprise-licenced-software/endnote).

Dissertations and Theses

Finding Theses and Dissertations
https://guides.library.queensu.ca/finding-theses-dissertations

Preparing and Submitting Your Thesis to QSpace
https://library.queensu.ca/help-services/scholarly-publishing/preparing-submitting-your-thesis-qspace

QSPACE: Queen’s Scholarship and Digital Collections
https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/

Contact Info

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