
LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR HISTORY AND POLITICAL STUDIES

The following online databases are excellent resources for researching history and political studies.

DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIAS

[Britannica Academic](#) is an online encyclopedia for general reference and academic research. It contains authoritative entries on subjects in the humanities, social sciences, and science and technology. And it provides access to related content like magazine and journal articles, e-books, images, audio and video clips, and primary source documents.

[Oxford Quick Reference](#) is a database of academic subject, language, and quotations dictionaries published by Oxford University Press. It contains over 300 dictionaries that cover subjects like art, business, history, language, law, literature, medicine, performing arts, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, social sciences, and technology among others.

BOOKS & E-BOOKS

[WorldCat Discovery](#) is a database of the resources that are available in Weis Library. It describes and provides access to the library's print and digital books. For print books, the database identifies where they are shelved in Weis Library; and for e-books, it provides direct links to the full-text of the publications. Combining the functions of a traditional library catalog with the feel of a modern search engine, WorldCat Discovery is the recommended starting point for conducting research at Weis Library. Further, this research tool enables students and faculty to identify information resources that are located in other libraries throughout the United States and electronically requests them through interlibrary loans.

[eBook Collection](#) is a database that contains thousands of multidisciplinary e-book titles representing a broad range of academic subject matter, including art, business, education, history, law, mathematics, political science, religion, science, and technology. This searchable database provides access to the full-text of each publication.

[ProQuest E-book Central](#) is a multidisciplinary database that provides access to over 187,000 e-books about a wide range of academic subjects. They include fields like anthropology, art, business, computers, economics, education, history, law, literature, medicine, physical sciences, politics, psychology, religion, and sociology, among many others.

[University Press Collection](#) is a database of multidisciplinary scholarly e-books from more than 90 university presses from throughout the world. The e-books cover a wide variety of topics in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences and technology. The database contains titles suitable for varied audiences – from introductory texts to high level research.

JOURNALS & MAGAZINES

[Academic Search Complete](#) is a multi-purpose database that includes journals and magazines about many subjects in the humanities, social sciences, medicine, sciences, and beyond. Over 8,500 of these publications are available in full-text; and nearly 7,300 of the publications contain articles that are peer-reviewed by subject matter experts.

[America: History & Life](#) is a database that indexes journals on the history and culture of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. It includes over 1,700 journals. And for some titles, the database dates back to the 19th and early 20th centuries. Also the database includes citations and links to books and media reviews.

[Journal Finder](#) is an online guide to the full-text periodicals available through the library's databases. This research tool provides the option to browse or search for specific journal titles to determine whether electronic access is granted to them by Weis Library. If so, Journal Finder displays links to the journals and notes the years of coverage available.

[JSTOR](#) is a database of archived scholarly journals from the humanities and social sciences. For each journal, it contains the first issue published through issues published within the past three to five years. The journals cover fields like music, art, economics, history, political science, sociology, ecology, language, mathematics, literature, and religion.

[Military & Government Collection](#) is a database designed to offer current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government. It provides access to magazines, academic journals, and other content relevant to these areas of study. The database includes the full text for nearly 300 magazines and journals, and indexing and abstracts for over 400 titles.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

[CQ Researcher](#) is a database that provides access to reports on contemporary public policy issues. For each subject in the series, the report includes an overview, historical background, current status and outlook, chronology, pro/con arguments, and a bibliography of resources for additional study.

[National Newspaper Core](#) is a searchable database of local and national newspapers, including *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and also *The Washington Post*. The database provides access to the full-text of the newspapers from the 1980s or 1990s to the present.