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POLITICAL SCIENCE

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **POLITICAL SCIENCE**. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

The Library of Congress Class that includes Political Science is J. BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles: (For a more complete listing see <<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/lcco.html>>

J 1 – 981 General Legislative & Executive Papers JJ1000 - 1019 Political Institutions & Public Administration U.S.
JA 1 – 92 Political Science (General) JS 39 – 8500 Local Government
JC 11 – 605 Political Theory JZ 5 – 6530 International Relations

In the event you do not find what you are looking for by browsing consult UNACAT, the online catalog. The following are selected SUBJECT HEADINGS, which appear in UNACAT.

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[UNITED STATES POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT](#)

Other Subject headings can be identified by using **Library of Congress Subject Headings**, located on the dictionary stand in the Reference Area.

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and Overview Material

- § **Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, and Activism [Ref. JK 692 .A94 2003]** by Joan Axelrod-Conrada
- § **Ideas in Action: Political Thought in the Twentieth Century [JA 83 .B689 1999]** by Stephen Eric Bronner
- § **Careers and the Study of Political Science: A Guide for Undergraduates [Ref JA88 .U6 .C37 2001]**
- § **A History of Modern Political Thought [JA83 .H 256 1992]** by Iain Hampsher-Monk
- § **Political Science in Theory and Practice [JA 71 .L24 1997]** by Ruth Lane
- § **Politics, the Basics.** by Stephen Tansey 2002 Electronic Book (a link is provided in [UNACAT](#) to the online full text of this work)

Literature Guides And Bibliographies

- § **American Diplomatic History Since 1890 [Ref Z 6465 .U5 F68 1975]** by Wilton B. Fowler
- § **Guide to Political Campaigns in America** {Ref JK 2265 G84 2005}
- § **Information Sources of Political Science {Ref Z 7161. I543 2005}.**
- § **Social Science Reference Sources: A Practical Guide.** [Ref Z 7161.A1 .L5] by Tze-Chung Li. Also available as an Electronic Book (a link is provided in [UNACAT](#) to the online full text of this work)
- § **Political Science: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources [Ref JA 71 .Y68 1990]** by Henry E. York.

- § **Political Science: Illustrated Search Strategy and Sources** [Ref JA 70 .L68 1993] by Roger C. Lowery.
- § **U. S. Foreign Relations: A Guide to Information Sources** [Ref Z 6465 .U5 P52 1980] by Elmer Plischke.

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

- § **The Blackwell Dictionary of Political Science** [Ref JA 61 .B43] by Frank Bealey (Also available as an Electronic Book (a link is provided in [UNACAT](#) to the online full text of this work)
- § **Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion** {Ref BL 65 P7 E53 2007}
- § **Encyclopedia of the American Constitution** [Ref KF 4548 .E53 1986]
- § **Encyclopedia of Third Parties in America** [Ref JK 2261 . E474 2000]
- § **Encyclopedia of Women in American Politics** [Ref HQ 1236.5 .U6 E53 1999]
- § **The American Political Dictionary** [Ref JK 9 .P55 1997] by Jack Plano
- § **Palgrave Macmillan Dictionary of Political Thought** {Ref JA 61.S 37 2007} by Roger Scruton
- § **Safire's New Political Dictionary** [Ref JK 9 .S2 1993] by William Safire.

Directories, Almanacs, & Statistical Sources

- § **Congressional Directory** [Ref. JK 1011] (annual) (earlier years in Gov. Docs.)
Also available online at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong016.html>
- § **United States Government Manual** [Ref JK 421 .A3] (annual) (earlier years in Gov.Docs.)
Also available online at: www.access.gpo.gov/nara
- § **Washington Information Directory** [Ref JK 424 .W33x] (annual)
- § **Almanac of the 50 States** [Ref HA 203 .A45] (annual).
- § **America Votes** [Ref JK 1967 .A8] (biennial)
- § **Political Facts of the United States Since 1789** [Ref E 183 .A97 1986] by Erik W. Austin.
- § **Statistical Yearbook** [Ref HA 12.5 .U63] (annual).
- § **Statistical Abstract of the United States** U.S. Bureau of the Census [Ref HA 202] (annual) (earlier years in Gov. Docs.) Also available online at: <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>
- § **World Factbook** [Ref G 122 .U56a] (annual)
Also available online at: <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Handbooks and Manuals

- § **A New Handbook of Political Science** [Ref JA 66 .N49 1996]
- § **Guide to Congress** Congressional Quarterly, Inc. [Ref JK 1021 .C565 2000]
- § **Guide to the Presidency** Congressional Quarterly, Inc. [Ref JK 516 .C57 2002]
- § **Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court** Congressional Quarterly, Inc. [Ref JK 1571 .C65 2004]
- § **How Government Works** [Ref JK 271 .H74 1999]
- § **Political Science Research Methods** [Ref JA 73 .J64 1995] by Janet Johnson.
- § **Oxford Companion to Politics of the World** [Ref JA 61 .O95 2001]
- § **Political Junkie Handbook: the Definitive Reference Book on Politics** [Ref JK 31 .P65 2004]

Yearbooks

- § **Book of the States** [Ref JK 2403 .B6] (annual)
- § **Congressional Quarterly Almanac** [Ref JK 1 .C66] (annual)
- § **Europa World Year Book** [Ref JN 1 .E85] (annual)
- § **Politics in America** [Ref JK 1010 .P64] (annual)

Biographical Sources

- § **Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005** [Ref JK 1010 .A5]
- § **American Political Scientists: A Dictionary** [Ref. JA 61 .A525 1993] by Glenn H. Utter.
- § **American National Biography** – online database
- § **American Presidents: Year By Year** {Ref E 176.1 .N44 2004} by Lyle Emerson Nelson

Sourcebooks

- § **Historic Documents [Ref E 839.5 .H57]** (annual)
- § **100 Key Documents in American Democracy [Ref E 173 .A15 1994]** by Peter Levy

Government Publications

- § **Locating United States Government Information: A Guide to Sources [Ref ZA 5075 .U6 H473 1999]** by Edward Herman. .
- § **U S Government Internet Manual [Ref ZA 5075 .G68 2004]**

SUGGESTED DATABASES FOR LOCATING PERIODICAL ARTICLES on POLITICAL SCIENCE

- [Congressional Members Directory](#) (Online Database)
- [Academic Search Premier](#) (Online Database)
- [Federal Agency Directory](#) (Online Database)
- [InfoTrac OneFile](#) (Online Database)
- [Lexis-Nexis U.S. Politics & World News](#) (Online Database)
- [SIRS Government Reporter](#) (Online Database)
- [U S Justices Directory](#)
- [U S Presidents Directory](#)
- [U S Supreme Court Decisions](#)

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A few frequently-used PERIODICALS in **POLITICAL SCIENCE** are:

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| American Journal of Political Science | Journal of Politics |
| American Political Science Review | Political Research Quarterly |
| Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science | Political Science Quarterly |
| Annual Review of Political Science | PS Political Science & Politics |
| Congressional Digest | Contemporary Politics |
| Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report | Western Political Quarterly |
| Contemporary Politics | World Politics |

INTERLIBRARY LOAN It is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. Inquire at the Reference Desk or consult the library’s web site for policy information and request forms at: <http://www2.una.edu/library/illindex.htm>.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES (Remember to evaluate any website you use as a source for a research paper or other class assignment.)

Website

National Political Index
Political Resources on the Net

URL

www.politicalindex.com
<http://www.politicalresources.net>

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