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# Philosophy

## Library Subject Guide

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*Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."*

Association of College and Research Libraries

Philosophy is the rational investigation of the truths and principles of being, knowledge and conduct. Northern Lights College offers several philosophy courses including the Introduction to Philosophy I & II, Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking and Contemporary Moral Issues.

**Ask a Librarian** for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

### Dawson Creek Library

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## REFERENCE:

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

### Dawson Creek Reference Collection

AC 1 G72 1990 V.28	Advancement of learning	AC 1 G72 1990 V.56	Henri Poincaré, Max Planck, & more
B 41 B53 2004	Blackwell dictionary of Western philosophy	AC 1 G72 1990 V.32	Mathematical principles of natural philosophy
B 41 T5 1965	Biographical encyclopedia of philosophy	B 41 P45 1999	Philosophy and ethics
B 41 C66 1991	Concise encyclopedia of western philosophy...	LB 17 P485 1996	Philosophy of education
B 51 C66 2000	Concise Routledge encyclopedia of philosophy	AC 1 G72 1990 V.43	The philosophy of right
AC 1 G72 1990 V.39	The critique of pure reason	AC 1 G72 1990 V.35	The spirit of laws
AC 1 G72 1990 V.6	The dialogues of Plato	BD 21 W47 2004	Western philosophy : an illustrated guide
B 41 I25 2001	Dictionary of world philosophy	CB 151 O37 1998	The Wilson chronology of ideas
B 41 E5 1967 V.1-8	The Encyclopedia of philosophy	AC 1 G72 1990 V.7-8 PT.1	The works of Aristotle
B 41 E5 1996	The encyclopedia of philosophy. Supplement		

### Fort St. John Reference Collection

B 49 P46 2000	A dictionary of common philosophical terms	LB 17 P485 1996	Philosophy of education
B 41 E5 1967 V.1-8	The Encyclopedia of philosophy	AC 1 G72 V.34	Mathematical principles of natural philosophy
B 41 E5 1996	The encyclopedia of philosophy. Supplement	CB 151 O37 1998	The Wilson chronology of ideas
BF 31 O94	The Oxford companion to the mind	BD 21 W47 2004	Western philosophy : an illustrated guide

## CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

General materials on are shelved in the B section. To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

BH Aesthetics    BD 143-236 Epistemology    BJ Ethics    BC Logic    BD 95-131 Metaphysics    B-BD Philosophy

## LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are

looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

#### Examples of keywords:

bundle theory	functionalism	natural law theory	philosophy of psychology
cognitive science	humanism	Nietzsche	postmodernism
David Hume	metaphysics	normative ethics	semantic theory
existentialism	Michel Foucault	personal identity	teleological argument

#### **DATABASES & INDEXES:**

access: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

Periodical articles and newspaper articles are located in the NLC Library Databases and Indexes.

**Academic Search Premier:** A multi-disciplinary database providing full text journal coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical science, and ethnic studies. Fulltext. Updated monthly. 1984-current

**Canadian MAS Fulltext:** All subjects, popular focus, some Canadian coverage, 1984-current.

**CBCA Fulltext Reference:** Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982- present.

**CPI.Q:** Provides coverage of current events, health, technology, arts, history, culture, and business. 400 Canadian periodicals with 137 fulltext. 1988-present.

**Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)** - "Categorized, searchable links to free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals": <http://www.doaj.org/>

**Humanities Index:** Literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983-current. Updated monthly.

**Ingenta:** Indexes over 17,000 scholarly journals in all subject areas.

**MAS Ultra:** Contains full text for nearly 550 magazines, 91,600 biographies, 75,000 primary source documents, and 250 reference books. 1984 - current.

**Modern Language Association:** A bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations published by the MLA. I

**Readers Guide to Periodical Literature:** Subjects include popular literature, current events, business, fashion, politics, crafts, foods, sports, history & science. 1983-current.

**Social Science Index:** Indexes journals in the Social Sciences

#### **WEB SITES**

##### **GENERAL**

EpistemeLinks: <http://www.epistemelinks.com/index.aspx>

Intute – Arts & Humanities: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/>

Noesis: <http://hippias.evansville.edu/>

Philosophy Around the Web: [http://users.ox.ac.uk/~worc0337/phil\\_index.html](http://users.ox.ac.uk/~worc0337/phil_index.html)

Philosophy Pages: <http://www.philosophypages.com>

Philosophy Since the Enlightenment: <http://www.philosopher.org.uk/>

PHILWEB – Philosophy Resources off and online: <http://www.phillwebb.net/default.htm>

Philosophy @ <large> - University of Liverpool: <http://www.liv.ac.uk/pal/subject/index.htm>

Philosophy of Religion: [http://www3.baylor.edu/~Scott\\_Moore/Phi\\_Rel\\_info.html](http://www3.baylor.edu/~Scott_Moore/Phi_Rel_info.html)

Voice of the Shuttle: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/>

##### **ONLINE JOURNAL**

Aesthetics: <http://aesthetics-online.org/>

##### **REFERENCE**

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy: <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/>

Internet Philosopher: <http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/he/tutorial/philosophy>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: <http://plato.stanford.edu/>

##### **SEARCH ENGINES**

Psearch – philosophy search engine: <http://philosophy.hku.hk/psearch/>

Scirus: <http://www.scirus.com>