

# Political Science Library Resource Guide

## Databases & Indexes

**NOTE:** When full-text is not available from one of the Library's databases, please use our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service to obtain materials from other institutions. ILL forms are available from the Library Reference Desk. Please allow up to two weeks for delivery of ILL items.

### Subject Specific

#### **Bulletin of the Public Affairs Information Service; Annual Cumulation**

(Ref Z7163 .P9 1915 – 1990); **PAIS International in Print** (Ref Z7163 .P922 1991 – Mar 2002)  
Public Affairs Information Service indexes selected public and social policy materials and policy oriented literature of the academic social sciences such as economics, finance, law, education, the military, political science, public administration, international law and relations, the environment, demography, public health, science & technology, and selected sources from the general press.

#### **Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)**

(available from the Library's Databases page)

Comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. It publishes a wide range of scholarship from 1991 onward that includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs. Useful as a source for teaching materials including original case studies written by leading international affairs experts, course packs of background readings for history and political science classes, and special features like the analysis of a bin Laden recruitment tape with video. All sections of CIAO are updated monthly.

#### **Congress and the Nation Online** (available from the Library's Databases page)

Generally considered the definitive resource for researchers studying the actions of the U.S. Congress from 1945 to 2004, *Congress and the Nation* provides coverage of the events, trends, and controversies in the U.S. Congress and the presidency, from the administration of Harry S. Truman through the first term of President George W. Bush. This source can be used to find accessible, in-depth reviews and analysis of legislation and policy during each Congressional session and presidential term organized by policy area. In addition to written analysis, tables, graphs, and charts that help explain the issues are also included.

#### **CQ Researcher Online** (via NC LIVE; available from the Library's Databases page)

From Congressional Quarterly, Inc., CQ Researcher provides in-depth, unbiased coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy in the form of single-themed, 12,000-word reports researched and written by a seasoned journalist. Each report provides researchers with an introductory overview; background and chronology on the topic; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements from representatives of opposing positions; and bibliographies of key sources. Reports are published weekly online 44 times a year. Coverage if from 1991 to the present.

#### **CQ Weekly** (via NC LIVE; available from the Library's Databases page)

Nonpartisan news and analysis unavailable anywhere else from Congressional Quarterly's team of over 100 reporters, researchers, and editors on Capitol Hill in the form of in-depth reports on

current congressional issues, plus a complete wrap up the previous week's news, including the status of bills in play, behind-the-scenes maneuvering, committee and floor activity, debates and all roll-call votes. Coverage is from 1983 to the present.

### **CSA Political Science & Government (formerly ABC Pol Sci)**

Ref Z7161 .A214 1969 – present (Ref Row 8)

Index of current periodical literature published in the fields of political science, government and related disciplines as covered in the international academic literature. Citations are organized into 14 major categories, by author, and by specific subject headings.

### **JSTOR** (available from the Library's Databases page)

Interdisciplinary, searchable, full-text archive of almost 1,000 academic journals covering the humanities, social sciences, and life sciences. Journals are always included from volume 1, issue 1 and include previous and related titles. The most recently published issues (past 3-5 years) are not available. However, users can search this material and link to the publisher's site or other online source for access. New content is added on a regular basis as it is made available by the publisher. Advanced search options include author name, title, abstract, and caption for photographs and other images.

### **Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe** (available from the Library's Databases page)

Full-text database covering news, business, and legal sources. The legal portion of Lexis-Nexis includes access to federal, state, and international legislation as well as U.S. federal regulations and court proceedings and decisions. Legal journals, law reviews and other legal periodicals are also included. The News portion provides full-text access to major U.S. newspapers and news magazines, with selected local newspapers also included.

### **Military & Government Collection** (via NC LIVE; available from the Library's Databases page)

Current news pertaining to all branches of the military from periodicals and academic journals. Cover-to-cover full text for nearly 300 journals and periodicals, as well as indexing and abstracts for nearly 400 titles. Many full text titles are available in native (searchable) PDF, or scanned-in-color.

### **NetLibrary** (via NC LIVE; available from the Library's Databases page)

Provides searchable full-text access to eBooks and eAudiobooks and other eContent. Covers political science and related disciplines.

### **Social Sciences Index**

Ref AI 3 .R492x (Ref Row 4)

Apr 1974 – Mar '04 + Jun, Sep, Dec '04 & Mar '05

Cumulative print index of English language periodicals covering selected social sciences including economics, political science, psychology, psychiatry, social work, and sociology.

### **SpringerLink**(available from the Library's Databases page)

Database of *selected* full-text journals in a variety of subject areas including humanities, social sciences and law, and behavioral science. (NOTE: Full-text access to reference materials and e-books is NOT available. Full-text access to the most recent 3 – 6 months of journals may also be restricted.)

## **Related Areas**

### **Academic Search Premier** (via NC LIVE; available from the Library's Databases page)

A multi-disciplinary full text database containing full text for more than 4,500 journals, including more than 3,700 peer-reviewed titles.

**America’s Newspapers** (available from the Library’s Databases page)

Provides unique coverage of local and regional news, including companies, politics, sports, industries, cultural activities, and people in the community, as well as a distinctive focus offering a variety of viewpoints on local and world issues. Paid ads are excluded.

**Cambridge Histories Online** (available from the Library’s Databases page)

Over 270 volumes of the Cambridge History series published since 1960 and covering over 15 different academic subjects including political and social theory. Standard titles include *Cambridge Ancient History*, *Cambridge Medieval History*, and *Cambridge Modern History*. The full-text is searchable across volumes and within an individual volume, and can also be browsed by title, chapter, and section. Full-text is available in PDF.

**Historic Events of the Twentieth Century**

(via NC LIVE; available from the Library’s Databases page)

Designed for student research, these one-stop guides are easy to use, and packed with rich information based on the most recent scholarship. Each guide contains narrative and interpretive topical essays, timelines, biographical profiles of key figures, texts of key primary documents, a glossary, annotated bibliography, photos, and maps.

**InfoTrac OneFile** (available from the Library’s Databases page)

A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science, sports, technology, and many general interest topics. Selected full-text and images.

**MasterFile Premier** (via NC LIVE; available from the Library’s Databases page)

This multidisciplinary database provides full text for nearly 1,750 general reference publications with full text information dating as far back as 1975, including 500 full text reference books, biographies, full text primary source documents, and an Image Collection of photos, maps and flags.

**NewsBank** (available from the Library’s Databases page)

Access to the electronic editions of record for local, regional, and national U.S. newspapers, providing coverage of local and regional news, including companies, politics, sports, industries, cultural activities, and people in the community.

**Note:** In addition to providing access to individual databases, **NC LIVE** also provides a general search interface that allows you to search multiple databases at the same time. Performing this type of search is a good way to identify databases with the most information on a topic, as well as providing multi-disciplinary coverage for a topic.

**NC LIVE** is available at <http://www.nclive.org/index.phtml>.

For more in-depth research, you may wish to use more detailed search strategies in individual databases.

**Internet Resources**

AcademicInfo: Subject Guides for Political Science	<a href="http://www.academicinfo.net/subject-guides">http://www.academicinfo.net/subject-guides</a>
American Presidency Project	<a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
Bills from the North Carolina General Assembly	<a href="http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Legislation/Legislation.html">http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Legislation/Legislation.html</a>

Center for Responsive Politics	<a href="http://www.opensecrets.org/">http://www.opensecrets.org/</a>
Center for Strategic and International Studies	<a href="http://www.csis.org/">http://www.csis.org/</a>
Constitution Society	<a href="http://www.constitution.org/">http://www.constitution.org/</a>
Federal News Service	<a href="http://www.fnsq.com/">http://www.fnsq.com/</a>
FedStats	<a href="http://www.fedstats.gov/">http://www.fedstats.gov/</a>
General Assembly of North Carolina, Directory	<a href="http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/">http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/</a> (Select Representation from the main navigation bar at the top of the NCGA homepage.)
GPO (Government Printing Office) Monthly Catalog	<a href="http://catalog.gpo.gov/">http://catalog.gpo.gov/</a>
History and Politics Out Loud	<a href="http://www.hpol.org/">http://www.hpol.org/</a>
International Crisis Group	<a href="http://www.crisisgroup.org">http://www.crisisgroup.org</a>
Internet Public Library	<a href="http://www.ipl.org/">http://www.ipl.org/</a> (Subject Collections (left side bar) → Law & Government → Political Science)
Librarians' Internet Index: Government	<a href="http://www.lii.org/pub/topic/govlaw">http://www.lii.org/pub/topic/govlaw</a>
North Carolina Community Newspapers (Duke University)	<a href="http://library.duke.edu/research/subject/guides/ncnews/">http://library.duke.edu/research/subject/guides/ncnews/</a>
North Carolina Homepage	<a href="http://www.ncgov.com/">www.ncgov.com/</a>
Political Database of the Americas	<a href="http://pdba.georgetown.edu/">http://pdba.georgetown.edu/</a>
Political Science Resources on the Web (University of Michigan)	<a href="http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/poliscinew.html">http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/poliscinew.html</a>
U.S. Census Bureau	<a href="http://www.census.gov/">http://www.census.gov/</a>
U.S. Department of State	<a href="http://www.state.gov/">http://www.state.gov/</a>
The White House	<a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/</a>

## Reference Resources

### Encyclopedias

- Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Political Thought  
by Miller, David. 2000.  
(Available from the Library's Databases Page through *NetLibrary*)
- Encyclopedia of Arms Control and Disarmament – Ref JX1974 .E57 1993
- Encyclopedia of Democracy – Ref JC423 .E53 1995 (4 vols.)
- Encyclopedia of Human Rights – Ref JC571 .E67 1996
- Encyclopedia of U.S. Foreign Relations – Ref E183.7 .E52 1997 (4 vols.)
- Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History (7 vols.)  
(Available from the Library's Databases Page through *Gale Virtual Reference Library*.)
- Encyclopedia of the American Presidency – Ref JK511 .E53 1994 (4 vols.)

### Dictionaries, Directories, Handbooks

- Blackwell Dictionary of Political Science: A User's Guide to Its Terms  
Bealey, Frank.; Johnson, Allan G., 1999.  
Available from the Library's Databases Page through *NetLibrary*

- Congressional Directory – Ref JK1011 .U5 1911 – present (with some gaps)  
Also available online at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cdirectory/index.html> for the 104th - next most recent Congress. Most recent Congressional Directory if available online at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pictorial/111th/newmems.html>.
- Washington Information Directory (Congressional Quarterly) – Ref F192.3 .W33 + year  
NOTE: Latest edition in Ready Ref
- Political Handbook and Atlas of the World – Ref JF37 .P6 1950 – present (with some gaps)
- Routledge Dictionary of Politics, Robertson, David., 2004.  
Available from the Library's Databases Page from NetLibrary
- Statesman's Yearbook – Ref JA51 .S7 1955 – present (with some gaps); NOTE: Latest edition in Ready Ref
- United Nations Yearbook Ref JX1977 .A3744 1946 – present  
Also available online at <http://unyearbook.un.org/>.

### Other Reference Sources

- Bicentennial Edition: Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970  
Ref HA202 .B87 1976  
Also available online at [http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past\\_years.html](http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past_years.html).
- Book of the States – JK2403 .B6
- Careers and the Study of Political Science – Wx-353170 (Reserve Book)
- Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787: which Framed the Constitution of the United States of America – JK141 1970 .A52 (Reserve Book)  
Also available online at [http://www.constitution.org/dfc/dfc\\_0000.htm](http://www.constitution.org/dfc/dfc_0000.htm).
- Federal Convention and the Formation of the Union - JK146.S6x 1958b (Reserve Book)
- Foreign Relations of the United States – Ref JX233 .A3 1861/99 – 1952/54  
1945 – 1968 available online at [http://www.state.gov/www/about\\_state/history/frusonline.html](http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/history/frusonline.html)  
1969 – 1976 available online at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/nixon/index.htm>
- Historical Guide to the U.S. Government – Ref JK9 .H57 1998
- Information Sources of Political Science – Ref Z7161 .H64 1975 (5 vols.)
- Records of the Federal Convention of 1787 (Max Farrand) – Ref JK146.S6x 1958b  
Supplement to Max Farrand's The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787 – Ref JK141 .U5x Suppl. 1987
- Statistical Abstract of the United States – Ref HA 202 .U5x 1962 – present (with some gaps)  
Also available online at <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>, 1878 – present.
- United States Treaties and Other International Agreements – JX231 .A34  
1996 – 1998 also available online at <http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/tias/>

## For More/Other Resources

### NetLibrary

**E-books** are available from the Library's Databases page via NetLibrary. Please sign up for a personal NetLibrary account using one of the computers in the Library. Once you have created your account, you will be able to access content remotely at [www.netlibrary.com](http://www.netlibrary.com).

A good place to start browsing in NetLibrary is the Reference Center located on the right side of the main page. Go to: **NetLibrary** → Reference Center → Political Science

You can also use the search features in NetLibrary to identify other items of interest in your subject area.

### Alexandria (<http://libraryaccess.bac.edu/>)

Search using the subjects below, or use an All Words search for areas of specific interest, for example "separation of powers," or "postcolonialism." You can add another subject of interest to you using the Boolean search feature.

### Call Numbers

You can also browse the following areas of the collection for additional materials:

**B65** = Political Science and philosophy

**HM33** = Political Science and sociology

**J** = Political Science (General)

**JA81 – JA84** = Political Science – History

**NOTE:** Works on the political processes of a particular country can be found using "Name of Country" AND Politics and Government. Ex. United States AND Politics and Government