



**Philosophy Strategic Research Guide**  
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Developing **KEY WORDS**, KNOWING WHERE TO LOOK, AVOIDING PLAGIARISM, EVALUATING SOURCES:

- **Key words:** From the USC Libraries Main Search <https://libraries.usc.edu/> use the example key word phrase or one of your own:
  - “moral antirealism”

Developing a Search Strategy for your Research Assignment:

1. **What is your assignment prompt?** What questions do you need to answer or assess about the topic.
2. Brainstorm for keywords and key phrases that express the major concepts or issues involved, including synonyms and related terms.
3. Once you have your keywords and key phrases, you are ready to start searching.

Don't forget to use a Citation Manager! **REFWORKS:** <http://libguides.usc.edu/RefWorks>

The **major index** for philosophy is the *Philosopher's Index*, available online through the library's electronic resources page. There are also other indexes and abstracts available electronically **for students of philosophy**.

These are:

- PsycINFO
- Historical Abstracts with America: History and Life
- General Science Abstracts
- History of Science, Technology & Medicine
- MLA Bibliography
- Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts

### **Major Full-Text and Multi-Subject Article Databases:**

**JSTOR:** A growing full text collection of core social science, humanities, and science journals. Some back-files date back to the early 1800s. Fields covered include: anthropology, ecology, economics, education, finance, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology, literature, biology.

**ProQuest Research Library:** is a ProQuest Research Library is a multi-disciplinary index suitable for both undergraduates and graduate students. It covers dozens of subject areas and indexes thousands of general and scholarly titles and provides full-text for a significant number of the articles included. It is an excellent starting place for research for a paper, particularly if one isn't sure where to begin their research.

**Project MUSE:** MUSE provides access to the complete content (including all images) of nearly 500 current scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences.

**Oxford Scholarship Online:** (OSO) provides scholarly ebooks on a wide range of subjects. Chapters can be downloaded as PDFs. Subject areas include Biology, Business and Management, Classical Studies, Economics and Finance, History, Law, Linguistics, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Palliative Care, **Philosophy**, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health and Epidemiology, Religion, Social Work, and Sociology. OSO also includes the full text of some publications from other university presses.

**OmniFile Full Text Mega (H.W. Wilson)** contains a wealth of essential material for learning and detailed research in a single, easily-searched database. With the full text of articles from over 2,500 publications, and indexing and abstracts from nearly 3,600 publications, this database provides invaluable support for research in all core undergraduate subjects and for cross-disciplinary work.

### Subject/Topic Specific Databases and Subscriptions

**Arts & Humanities Full Text:** This database features hundreds of titles covering Art, Architecture, Design, History, Philosophy, Music, Literature, Theatre and Cultural Studies. It is designed to complement the following indexes: ABM, Avery, BHA, BHI, DAAI, Index Islamicus, MLA, Philosopher's Index and RILM.

**Philosophy Database:** This full-text journal and dissertations database is specifically designed for researchers of all aspects of the interdisciplinary field of Philosophy. Philosophy Database contains the full-text of more than 160 philosophy scholarly journals as well as more than 1,000 modern and influential dissertations. Content covers the period 1860 to the present and is updated on a regular basis with new issues and new journal titles.

**Philosopher's Index:** Indexes and abstracts articles from over 500 English and foreign language philosophy journals.

**PhilPapers:** Philosophical Research Online PhilPapers is a comprehensive index and bibliography of philosophy maintained by the community of philosophers. Using advanced trawling techniques and large scale crowdsourcing, the website monitor all sources of research content in philosophy.

**Philosophy Documentation Center** Philosophy Online is an ongoing project developed jointly by the Philosophy Documentation Center and IntelLex Corporation as a platform for full text and bibliographic resources in philosophy.

**Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, Religion and Culture** Complete online access to all the monographs in the Cambridge Companions series in philosophy, religion, and culture.

**Gale Religion & Philosophy Collection** Religion and Philosophy Collection provides access to scholarly journals and magazines of interest to both researchers and general users. The database offers balanced content that covers topics across a wide range of philosophies and religions.

### Streaming Service and Video Databases:

**Kanopy Streaming Service** is a streaming video service that provides access to videos on the following topics: Film & Popular; Education (k-12); Global Studies & Languages; Health; Media & Communication; and Social Sciences.

**Academic Video Online Premium** is a multidisciplinary collection of videos that touches on the curriculum needs of virtually every department allowing students and researchers alike to analyze unique and valuable content from over 500 producers and distributors around the world.

### General Background Information Databases:

**Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy** The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy is a freely available online encyclopedia pertaining to all issues in philosophy and written by contemporary philosophers from various institutions of higher learning.

**Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy** Articles cover all major subject areas within philosophy. All schools and traditions in both western and non-western philosophy are examined. Current bibliographies are provided after each article.

**Blackwell Reference Online** A large online library of authoritative and up-to-date scholarship across the social sciences. With more than 380 reference volumes available, and dozens more added each year, it is the largest social science and humanities reference collection available online.

**Credo Reference** is a digital reference library that places a world of factual information at your fingertips. Containing a selection from 645 high-quality reference books from the world's leading publishers, Credo Reference is the ideal place to start any research.

### Additional Databases of Interest:

**Cambridge Digital Library: Newton Papers** Cambridge University Library holds the largest and most important collection of the scientific works of Isaac Newton (1642-1727), which is presented on this site.

**Schillers Werke** Friedrich Schiller's (1759-1805) literary works, his writings on history, and his philosophical and critical works have been extremely influential. Schillers Werke comprises the whole of the Nationalausgabe, the finest and most complete critical edition of his works, letters, and conversations.

**Loeb Classical Library** The Loeb Classical Library is fully searchable, perpetually growing, virtual library of all that is important in Greek and Latin literature. Epic and lyric poetry; tragedy and comedy; history, travel, philosophy, and oratory; the great medical writers and mathematicians; those Church Fathers who made particular use of pagan culture—in short, our entire Greek and Latin Classical heritage is represented here with up-to-date texts and accurate English translations. More than 520 volumes of Latin, Greek, and English texts are available.

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