

LIBRARY RESOURCES & SERVICES FOR COMPARATIVE LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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1. OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

More than 2.1 million volumes; another 4 million volumes in microforms; over 300 databases; 70,000+e-journals; 10,000+e-books, 10,000+CDs and over 6,000 films.

- **Library Homepage :** <http://www.stonybrook.edu/library>
The Library homepage gives you access to: STARS (Library Catalog); Databases, E-Journals; E-Books and Texts; Reference Shelf; Research Websites; ILL/Document Delivery; Hours; Ask-A-Librarian
- **Remote Access:** NET ID and NET ID PASSWORD

2. LIBRARY CATALOGS

STARS is the library catalog for Stony Brook University Libraries, serving the West Campus, Southampton, and SBU Manhattan. The Health Sciences Center has a completely different library system (HSL), with its own catalog. You can use and borrow material from HSL. Material at Southampton can be requested through Interlibrary Loan (ILL).

- **Personal Account:** Sign-In with NET ID and NET ID PASSWORD. Renew online.
- **Alert:** New material on your search. Must sign in.
- **New Books List:** <http://magellan.cc.sunysb.edu:4330/newbook/newbook.html>
- **SUBJECT HEADINGS:** When you find a book that looks good, scroll down to the bottom of the screen, and you will see the Library of Congress subject headings. You can click on these links to find more books on that subject.
You can also use these subject headings when searching databases.
 - Learn some basic Library of Congress Subject Headings for your topic.
 - Look for Bibliographies and Indexes in Subject Headings. For primary sources, some common LC Subject Headings include: sources, correspondence, diaries and biography (include memoirs).
- **JOURNAL CATALOG:** Use this first when searching for a journal title. It gives ALL formats of the journal online, print and microforms.
- **WORLDCAT:** Located under DATABASES (W). Holdings for most libraries in the U.S. & Canada, and some overseas. Stony Brook holdings are indicated. Material we don't own you can order via ILL. WorldCat is a good way to see what has been published in your subject area, and how the titles are being classified.

3. ONLINE RESOURCES – DATABASES.

Stony Brook has over 300 databases and online digital collections. The most up-to-date for Comparative Studies is on the Comparative Studies Subject Page.

- From the Library Homepage, click on Databases A-Z
- Select a Subject – From the dropdown menu, choose Comparative Studies
- To go directly to a database, use Search by Title – Click on the letter of the alphabet that begins with the name of the database you want. Example: click on “J” for **JSTOR**.

SOME USEFUL DATABASES FOR COMPARATIVE STUDIES

- **JSTOR** – Over 800 scholarly journals. From late 1600s to approx. 3 years ago. All peer-reviewed and almost all full-text. Few abstracts.
- **Project Muse** – Contains scholarly journals from 1995/2000 to the present. 100% full text.
- **Academic Search Complete** – World’s largest academic multi-disciplinary database. Full text for 7,000 titles, 6,000 of which are peer-reviewed.
- **MLA** - 1920s-present. Citations and selected full-text for over 4,400 journals and 1,000 books. Peer-reviewed literary criticism. Covers literature, linguistics, cultural studies, literary theory, film, etc...
- **Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism** - Fulltext. Topic-based, encyclopedic coverage of literary criticism, theory and history. Long essays written by over 275 leading scholars. Includes bibliographies.
- **Contemporary Authors** – Over 124,000 primarily modern authors, journalists, screenwriters, dramatists, and cartoonists published in or translated into English.
- **Literary Encyclopedia** – 1999-present. Profiles of more than 6000 writers, philosophers and other people; nearly 19,000 works; and 1600 literary and historical topics and events. Updated regularly.

RESEARCH WEBSITES

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/library/eresources/www/complit.html>

4. FEDERATED SEARCHING – GALAXY

Search up to 130 databases from various vendors at the same time. Use Quick Search on the library homepage for 9 large, general databases, or click on “Search 300+Research Databases” to go to the Galaxy homepage.

5. INTER-LIBRARY LOAN (ILL) – From the Library homepage, click on ILL/Document Delivery

If we don’t have something there at SBU, we can get it from another library.

You must set up your account. Only takes a minute. <http://sunysb.hosts.atlas-sys.com/illiad/FirstTime.html>

Allow a few days for articles, longer for books.

6. REGIONAL LIBRARIES

Stony Brook is part of the Research Libraries Group, which allows you to use other major libraries in the region, such as those at Columbia, NYU, Yale, Rutgers, etc. You can't check out material. Use your SBU ID. Call ahead.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

- **E-Journals** – We have over 70,000 E-journals
 - Search by Title: Shows you the different databases that have the title and for which dates.
 - Search by Subject: Click on your subject area. Scroll through all available titles in that subject area.
- **Alerts:** Many databases allow you to create alerts. You will need to set up an account.
 - **For searches:** In EBSCO databases, click on “Search History and Alerts”
 - **For new issues of a journal** – In EBSCO, click on the journal title, then “Journal Alert”
- **EndNote** – Manage your citations and PDFs using EndNote. The software is available for download from Softweb (softweb.cc.sunysb.edu). More information can be found at the SBU EndNote Wiki (<http://sbuendnote.pbworks.com/>)
- **Workshops on EndNote and other resources**
<http://www.stonybrook.edu/library/services/instruction/index.html>
- **GOOGLE SCHOLAR:** Set it up for Stony Brook and WorldCat. Click on Scholar Preferences.
Be aware that Google Scholar does not search all of our databases.