

Senate House Library Guides

Philosophy



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PRINTED COLLECTIONS

Collection overview

The Philosophy collection in Senate House Library is a leading national resource. The collections act as the Library for the Royal Institute of Philosophy.

Collection coverage includes the following aspects:

- Historical: ancient philosophy – 21st century ; including works of philosophers, in English and European languages, and critical texts.
- Thematic: eg metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, ethics, logic etc

The collection is particularly strong in modern Western philosophy, especially works by and about individual philosophers – British, American and Continental

Collection location

- Most books and periodicals are located on the **2nd floor, North Block**
- All items available on open access will display the location PHILOSOPHY, with the classmark prefix 66 eg PHILOSOPHY 2nd floor North Block (66) AE N54G 969
- Recent issues of periodicals are on display bays in the Goldsmiths' Room – **4th floor South Block**
- Large books are shelved in a separate sequence – indicated by the prefix 'f' or 'folio' before the location code
- Some items are held in the closed access stacks. These will display the location **Stack Service**. Please ask at the Issue Desk, **4th floor, South Block**, or see our website for further details
- To locate individual titles use the online catalogue

Related collections

The philosophy of a subject is generally shelved with that subject, hence most of the major subject collections will contain books of interest to philosophers eg History, Psychology, Religion etc. Other significant related collections include:

- Area collections of Latin American Studies and United States Studies – intellectual history of countries
- Art – aesthetics
- Classical Studies – texts of ancient philosophers, including Plato and Aristotle
- Languages collections – works of renowned thinkers eg Montesquieu and Diderot
- Psychology – consciousness studies and cognitive science
- Special Collections – especially the De Morgan Library

NB Texts and critical works about specific texts of Plato and Aristotle are located in the Classics section, but general critical works about them are in the Philosophy collection.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Electronic resources can be accessed from the Information Desk or the Digital Resources Centre (4th floor, south block) where printing is provided. Many are also available from other PCs in the Library and can be accessed off-site by Library members. Please check our web pages for access information: www.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/resources/databaseauth.asp

Databases

Databases of particular interest in this subject area include:

- Philosopher's Index 1940–
- Arts and Humanities Citation Index (Web of Knowledge)
- Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online

See our subject information web pages for details of more research tools of relevance to your subject, as well as further collection and gateway information:

www.shl.lon.ac.uk/subjects

Electronic Journals

Search for specific electronic journal titles on the catalogue.

Web resources

Other electronic resources can be found via the Gateways tab www.shl.lon.ac.uk/subjects/philosophy/gateways.shtml. Some of interest to Philosophy researchers include the Episteme links and the Philosophy pages on the INTUTE gateway.

OTHER LIBRARIES

For more information about Philosophy holdings in other academic libraries in the London area, please consult the M25 Consortium of Higher Education Libraries website: www.m25lib.ac.uk. For elsewhere in the UK, consult the Consortium of University and Research Libraries catalogue: www.copac.ac.uk.

CONTACT DETAILS

For further help, please contact the subject librarian, Mura Ghosh, tel: 020 7862 8449, email: mura.ghosh@london.ac.uk

or visit the Information Desk (4th floor, South Block), tel: 020 7862 8461, or email: shl.enquiries@london.ac.uk

Classmarks for Philosophy

All classmarks in this collection have a numerical prefix of 66 eg: PHILOSOPHY 2nd floor north block (66) AE N54G 969

AA–AAB	General histories of philosophy
AAD–AAY	Ancient philosophy
AB	Medieval philosophy
AC	16th–18th century philosophy
AD	19 th –21 st century philosophy, general works divided by country
AE	19 th –21 st century philosophy, individual philosophers
AF	General philosophy, introductions
AG	Systematic philosophy
AH	Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind
AI	Philosophy of human nature
AJ	Ethics
AL	Logic