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## Political Science Research Guide

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### I. Introduction

This is a selective guide to Political Science resources available at Xavier University Library Resource Center. It is not a comprehensive listing; it is a good starting point for research in Political Science. For additional information peruse our 320 holdings in person or visit the library's website at [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu). Look at XACweb, the library's online catalog. Additional assistance can always be obtained at the reference desk on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the library at (504)520-7305.

- A. Political Science is the social science discipline which deals with the political behavior and governmental entities. In particular, the discipline orients students to the fundamental concepts and principles of political life. Focus is upon the development of the federalism; the role of ideology, and political participation, and the impact of the individual on politics.
- B. 300 Social Sciences
  - 320 Political Science
  - 321 Systems of governments and states
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  - 325 International Migration and Colonization
  - 326 Slavery and Emancipation
  - 327 International Relations
  - 328 The Legislative Process
  - 340 International Law
  - 342 Constitutional and Administrative Law

### II. Dictionaries

Evans, Graham, and Jeffrey Newnham. 1990. *The dictionary of world politics: a reference guide to concepts, ideas, and institutions*. New York: Simon & Schuster.

R 320.03 E92d 1990

Raymond, Walter John. 1992. *Dictionary of politics: selected American and foreign political and legal terms*. Lawrenceville, Va: Brunswick Pub. Corp.

R 320.03 R273d 1992

Robertson, David. 1993. *A dictionary of modern politics*. London: Europa Publications.

R 320.03 R649d

Wunderlich, Jens-Uwe, and Meera Warriar. 2007. *A dictionary of globalization*. London: Routledge.

R 303.48203 W872d 2007

### III. Handbooks

Greenstein, Fred I., and Nelson W. Polsby. 1975. *Cumulative index, Handbook of political science*. Reading, Mass: Addison-Wesley Pub. Co.

320 H 236g

### IV. Encyclopedias

Greene, Jack P. 1984. *Encyclopedia of American political history: studies of the principal movements and ideas*. New York: Scribner. (3 volumes)

R 320.973 E 56g

## V. Books/Almanacs

Barone, Michael and Grant Ujifusa. *Almanac of American politics the senators, the representatives and the governors: their records and election results, their states and districts.* R 328.73 B625a 2006

Biden, Joseph R. 2007. *Promises to keep: on life and politics.* New York: Random House.  
R 328.73092 b585p 2008

Clinton, Hillary Rodham. 2003. *Living history.* New York: Simon & Schuster.  
R 973.929092 C6411 2003

Dahl, Robert Alan, and Charles Edward Lindblom. 1992. *Politics, economics, and welfare.* New Brunswick, U.S.A.: Transaction Publishers.  
338.9 D131p 1992

Gaus, Gerald F. 2000. *Political Concepts and Political Theories.* Boulder, Colo: Westview Press.  
320.01 G274p 2000

Lane, Ruth. 1997. *Political science in theory and practice: the 'politics' model.* Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe.  
320 L266p, 1997

Liu, Baodong, and James M. Vanderleeuw. 2007. *Race rules: electoral politics in New Orleans, 1965-2006.* Lanham: Lexington Books.  
324.9763 L783r 2007

Machiavelli, Niccolò, and W. K. Marriott. 1908. *The prince.* London: J.M. Dent & Co.  
320.1 M149b 1980

Mueller, Dennis C. 1993. *The Public Choice Approach to Politics.* Economists of the twentieth century. Aldershot, Hants, England: E. Elgar.  
302.13 AM946p 1993

Obama, Barack. 2006. *The audacity of hope: thoughts on reclaiming the American dream.* New York: Crown Publishers.  
R 973.012a 2006

Obama, Barack. 2008. *Change we can believe in: Barack Obama's plan to renew America's promise.* New York: Three Rivers Press.  
R 973.93 12c 2008

Obama, Barack. 2004. *Dreams from my father: a story of race and inheritance.* New York: Three Rivers Press.  
R 973.0405967625009 2004

Plato. 1944. *The Republic of Plato.* New York: Heritage Press.  
321.07 P718j

Read, Leonard Edward. 1954. *Government, an ideal concept.* Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.: Foundation for Economic Education.  
320.520973 R283g 1997

Unger, Roberto Mangabeira. 1975. *Knowledge & politics.* New York: Free Press.

320 B234c 1988

Additional books can be found in the 300s on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors.

## VI. Indexes

*New York Times Index*

R 070 N532

*PAIS International Print*

R 350 P976 1999-2002; 02/2005 - Present

[LexisNexis Academic Universe](#)

*Social Science Index* (library has: volumes 17-28, 29-31, 33)

R 300 S678 1990-2007

## VII. Periodicals

*American Journal of Political Science*

Library has: 1973-Present

[Academic Search Premier](#) | [JSTOR](#) | [ProQuest Direct](#)

*The Center Magazine*

Library has: 1969 - 1973

Periodical 320 C397

*The Journal of Politics*

Library has: 1939 - Present

Periodical 666 C411

[Academic Search Premier](#) | [EBSCO](#) | [JSTOR](#)

*Political Research Quarterly*

Library has: 1993 - Present

Periodical 320 W526

[JSTOR](#) | [ProQuest Direct](#) | [Wilson OmniFile](#)

*Political Science Quarterly*

Library has: 1950 – Present

Periodical 320 P769

[Academic Search Premier](#) | [JSTOR](#) | [ProQuest Direct](#) | [Wilson OmniFile](#)

*PS, Political Science and Politics*

Library has: 1970 - Present

Periodical 320 P769p

[Biography Resource Center](#) | [JSTOR](#) | [ProQuest Direct](#) | [Wilson OmniFile](#)

*The Review of Politics*

Library has: 1950 – Present

Periodical 320 R454

[Academic Search Premier](#) | [JSTOR](#) | [ProQuest Direct](#) | [Wilson OmniFile](#)

*The Social Science Quarterly*

Library has: 1992 – Present

Periodical 300 S678q

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## VIII. On-line Resources

[Academic Search Premier](#) – Comprehensive scholarly full-text database.  
[CQ Researcher](#) – Provides coverage of social trends, criminal justice and international affairs.  
[JSTOR](#) – This database provides full-text articles from political science journals.  
[LexisNexis Academic Universe](#) – Database of news, legal, business research, medical and reference resources.

## **IX. Internet Resources**

GPO Access Home Page | <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>  
Government Printing Office disseminates official information from the federal government.

Louisiana Government | <http://www.louisiana.gov>  
This is the official website for the state of Louisiana with current legislatures and state agencies.

## **X. Organizations/Associations**

American Political Science Association | APSA | <http://apsanet.org>  
Southern Political Science Association | SPSA | [www.spsa.net](http://www.spsa.net)  
The Democratic Party | DNC | <http://www.democrats.org>  
The Republican National Committee | RNC or GOP | <http://www.rnc.org>  
The Constitution Party | CP | <http://constitutionparty.com>  
The Green Party | GP | <http://www.gp.org>  
The Libertarian Party | LP | <http://www.lp.org>

## **XI. Additional Sources**

The New York Times | [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)  
This national newspaper covers U.S. and global politics.

Welcome to the White House | <http://www.whitehouse.gov>  
This is the official site for the White House and the President of the United States.

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