MULTI-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIAS


The definitive English-language philosophy encyclopedia. Over 2,000 articles – thematic, biographical, and national – ranging from 500 to 15,000 words in length, written by over 1,200 renowned authors from around the world.


Over 2100 lengthy articles with extensive bibliographies on every aspect of Eastern and Western philosophy, ancient, medieval, and modern.

**The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy** [Available online: http://www.iep.utm.edu]

Almost 500 peer-reviewed articles contributed by professional philosophers or graduate students.

**Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy** [Available online: http://plato.stanford.edu/]

Peer-reviewed articles contributed by professional philosophers.


The major English-language encyclopedia on Catholic topics. There is an article entitled “Philosophy, Articles on” which provides an overview of the encyclopedia’s philosophical content and identifies several hundred entries relating to philosophy.


Essay-length articles on the history of ideas in a wide range of topics, including the natural sciences, anthropology, religion, history, economics, and law.

**Enciclopedia Filosofica.** Venice: Istituto per la Collaborazione Culturale, 1957. 4 volumes.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 44 .I8]

The major Italian-language encyclopedia of philosophy with over 12,000 articles, ranging from brief definitional ones to very lengthy ones with bibliographies. This work is still useful particularly for continental and religious philosophy and for its bibliographies.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 43 .R56]

The major German-language encyclopedia of philosophy, of first importance in advanced work. Scholarly articles with bibliographies on philosophical concepts and terms. Does not include biographical articles.

**GENERAL DICTIONARIES AND HANDBOOKS**

Most of these works have short articles (usually without long bibliographies) on individual philosophers, philosophical concepts, and terms.

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]  
[Print version: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 51 .O94 2005]

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]  

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 41 .C35 1999]

**A Dictionary of Philosophical Terms and Names.** Edited by Garth Kemerling.  
[Available online: http://www.philosophypages.com/dy]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 72 .C595 1999]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 41 .D52 1984]
[Available free online: http://www.ditext.com/runes/]
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 41 .D5 1960]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 49 .P4]

Lengthy definitions of Greek words used by Plato, Aristotle, and other ancient philosophers.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 72 .B34 1987]

A manual for the history of philosophy with brief introductions to major thinkers and schools. Very readable for the undergraduate.

**BRANCHES OF PHILOSOPHY – DICTIONARIES AND HANDBOOKS**

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – B 804 .H17 1988]

A systematic (rather than alphabetical) arrangement of the major topics of interest in western (primarily Anglo-American) philosophy. Each of the thirty-seven chapters provides an overview of one of these topics (e.g. the existence of God, the will, philosophy of history, aesthetics).

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 163 .E53 1997]

Over 270 articles with bibliographies on ancient philosophers (e.g. Anaximander), concepts (e.g. The Infinite, The Problem of Change), and themes (e.g. Classical Aesthetics, Greek Science).

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 721 .M45 1992]

Articles on the life and works of over fifty medieval philosophers.

**A Dictionary of Scholastic Philosophy.** Edited by Bernard Wuellner. 2nd ed. Milwaukee, WI: Bruce, 1966.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 50 .S35 W8]

Brief definitions of words and phrases as used particularly by Aristotle and Saint Thomas Aquinas.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DB 286 .D54 1997]

Articles about topics of interest in the Enlightenment (e.g. censorship; inspiration; travel).
[Victoria Pratt Reference Area – B 5005 .N38]

Articles on major thinkers, schools of thought, philosophical texts, terms, and concepts from both the Middle East and the Far East.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 121 .C66 1997]

Introductory essays on Persian, Indian, Buddhist, Chinese, Japanese, and Islamic philosophy.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BD 111 .H225 1991]

Over 470 articles on historical and contemporary metaphysicians (e.g. Aristotle, Hegel, Fodor), schools (e.g. Arabic, Encyclopaedists, Port Royal), periods (e.g. Greek, Renaissance), and concepts (e.g. logic, plenitude).

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – H 57 .D45 1999]

Articles on over 200 of the leading figures in the study of culture, highlighting their key concepts, main arguments, major works, and formative influences.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 104 .B56 1996]

Articles on over 1,000 philosophers from the twentieth century. Bibliographies include both major publications and critical literature. A “Guide to Schools and Movements” gives brief descriptions or different philosophical schools (e.g. existentialism) and lists associated philosophers.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 105 .W6 K47 1989]

Biographical articles on some 150 women thinkers from ancient times to the twentieth century. Each article includes a bibliography of “works by” and “works about”.


This reference series, centred on analytic philosophy, but also covering important aspects of the continental traditions and of non-Western philosophies, is made up of over fifty volumes each dealing with a particular subject area (e.g. aesthetics, environmental philosophy, philosophy in the Middle Ages) or with a particular philosopher (e.g. Aristotle, Hume). Some volumes are arranged in a dictionary format with entries about people, terms and movements; other volumes are arranged as a collection of essays.
**SUMMARIES**

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 29 .W68 1982]

Summaries of major philosophical classics (e.g. Plato’s *Apology*, Heidegger’s *Being and Time*) arranged chronologically. For each summarized classic work, there are also summaries of at least two secondary studies commenting upon the classic work. Also includes an annotated bibliography for each work. *Masterpieces of World Philosophy in Summary Form* [St. Michael's 3rd Floor – B 21 .M25] is a shorter version of this set containing only the summaries.

**MANUALS**

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 52.7 .G73 2003]

This work is designed as a complement to any philosophy textbook. It includes a manual of style for researching and writing philosophy papers, an introduction to the basic principles of argument, information on how to avoid fallacies, and detailed instructions for writing papers usually required in philosophy classes (e.g. issue position papers, ethics papers, history of philosophy papers).

[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – B 52.7 .F45 2002]

This booklet is intended to help college students who are enrolled in an introductory course in philosophy and are required to write a philosophical paper. It includes information on selecting a topic, avoiding plagiarism, and avoiding mistakes in grammar and philosophical diction. It also includes a section on basic logic.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – B 52.7 .V38 2006]

A concise, self-guided manual that covers the basics of argumentative essay writing with step-by-step instructions for each phase of the writing process, including formulating a thesis, creating an outline, and writing a final draft.
**FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES**

*The Philosopher’s Index.*
[Available online (1967 – present) for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]
[Print version: Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – Z7127 .P47]

The major North American index to books and journal articles on philosophical topics. Each entry includes an abstract summarizing the work. The electronic version does not include citations for book reviews which are only present in the print edition.

*Repertoire Bibliographique de la Philosophie.*
[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – Z 7127 .R42 (1949 – present)]

The major European index to books and journal articles on philosophical topics. No abstracts.

*Poiesis: Philosophy Online Serials.*
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca]

The full-text of over forty major philosophy journals online.

*PhilPapers.*
[Available online: http://philpapers.org]

A comprehensive directory of online philosophy articles and books by academic philosophers. An excellent way of keeping aware of current publications.

**BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 72 .B97 2006]

An annotated list of the most important reference books in philosophy.

*Bibliography of Philosophy (Bibliographie de la Philosophie).*
[Regis College Library (1954 – present)]

Abstracts of philosophical books; the abstracts are written in the same language as the original work.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 35 .G83]

A bibliography listing bibliographies on individual philosophers (e.g. Hume) or philosophical topics (e.g. atheism; Dutch philosophy).
WEB GUIDES

There are dozens of guides to philosophy resources on the web. Among the most useful are the following:

**Guide to Philosophy on the Internet**
[http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/philinks.htm]

**World Wide Web Virtual Library: Philosophy**
[http://www.bristol.ac.uk/philosophy/department/resources/virtual.html]

ASSOCIATIONS

**American Catholic Philosophical Association**
[http://www.acpaweb.org/]

**American Philosophical Association**
[http://www.apaonline.org]

**Canadian Philosophical Association**
[http://www.acppecpa.ca]

**Society of Christian Philosophers**
[http://www.societyofchristianphilosophers.com]