



## LOGSDON SEMINARY RESEARCH GUIDE D. MIN PROGRAM

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Although the D.Min. is a practical degree, the program relies upon the knowledge gained from the most current research available. Therefore, you will need access to a variety of resources to complete your research, reading, and writing. Below you will find a list of research tools that will assist you as you progress through the program. At the conclusion of this document you will find contact information for the theological librarian, Teresa Ellis. If you have any questions concerning your research needs, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Ellis.

### **Finding Books**

Find books and other items available at the Hardin-Simmons University Library through the **ALC Online Catalog (Abilene Library Consortium Online Catalog)**. When off-campus you may access the Library webpage at [www.hsutx.edu/library](http://www.hsutx.edu/library) and click on the **Library Books and More** tab.

Search for topics using Keyword or Library of Congress Subject Headings. When searching by Keyword, remember to search various synonyms. The following is a list of selected LC Subjects which may be useful in researching ministry.

Christian Converts	Christian Management	Missions
Christian Drama	Church Membership	Pastoral Counseling
Christian Education	Church Music	Pastoral Psychology
Christian Leadership	Church Officers	Pastoral Theology
Church	Church Renewal	Prayers
Church Controversy	Church Work	Preaching
Church Committees	Clergy	Psychology, Religious
Church Facilities	Clergy – Office	Sermons
Church Finance	Evangelistic Work	Theology, Practical
Church Growth	Liturgics	

Non-religious LC Subject Headings may be useful as well. For example: Family Psychotherapy, Intergenerational Relations

LC Subject Headings may in some cases be narrowed. For example:

Conflict Management – Religious Aspects – Christianity

Race relations – Religious Aspects – Christianity

Advertising – Churches

\*\* A reference librarian can help you structure these searches.

Once you have identified items in the ALC Catalog that may be useful for your research, click on the title of the book to find its call number and location. Items on Religion that are in the “Main Collection” will generally be on the first floor of the Richardson Library. Below are descriptions for the Library of Congress classification system.

Library of Congress Classification	Description	Location	Floor
B	Philosophy	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BC	Logic	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BD	Speculative Philosophy	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BF	Psychology	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BH	Aesthetics	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BJ	Ethics	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BL	Religions, Mythology, Rationalism	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BM	Judaism	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BP	Islam, Bahaism, Theosophy, etc.	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BQ	Buddhism	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BR	Christianity	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BS	The Bible	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BT	Doctrinal Theology	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BV	Practical Theology (worship, clergy, local church, missions, evangelism, pastoral theology, etc.)	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>
BX	Christian Denominations	Richardson Library	1 <sup>st</sup>

## **Finding Books not available through HSU**

### **HSU Database Access**

1. Enter [www.hsutx.edu](http://www.hsutx.edu) and then click on Library (located at the top of the screen above the search box) or go directly to [www.hsutx.edu/library](http://www.hsutx.edu/library).
2. Click on Subject Guide (located at the top of the screen).
3. Click on Theology, Ministry, & Religion.
4. Enter barcode number (this is the 13 digit number located on the back of your HSU ID card that begins with 13070). This number should also be available to you on HSU Central if you have misplaced your ID.
5. Enter your search term in the search box.
6. Limit your search to books by clicking on books found on the left side of the screen under Source Types.

### **WorldCat**

You may access **WorldCat** on the library homepage by clicking on the Database tab (located in the center of the screen just above the search box). Click on the alphabetical list option and then choose W to find the WorldCat database. Find books (and other resources) located at libraries around the world. If HSU does not own the item you will need for your research, you may request the material through [InterLibraryLoan Services](#). To request the material through ILL, click on the **ILL** icon located at the top of the screen and complete the form. Please allow 10 to 12 working days for delivery.

## **Finding Journal Articles**

### **HSU Database Access**

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2. Click on Subject Guide (located at the top of the screen).

3. Click on Theology, Ministry, & Religion.
4. Enter barcode number (this is the 13 digit number located on the back of your HSU ID card that begins with 13070)
5. Enter your search term in the search box to search a variety of databases or choose ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials shown on the left side of the screen.
6. Limit your search to full-text if you get a large number of hits. You may also use other limiters found on the left side of the screen.

### **HSU Databases for Theology, Ministry, & Religion**

- **ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials** – Full Text (EBSCO)
- **Ministry Matters** – Full-Text ebooks (*The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* and *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*)
- **Religion and Philosophy Collection** – Full Text (EBSCO)
- **Biblical Archaeology Society Archive** – Full Text (EBSCO)
- **New Testament Abstracts** – Abstracts/Linked to some Full Text (EBSCO)
- **Old Testament Abstracts** – Abstracts/Linked to some Full Text (EBSCO)
- **Philosopher's Index** – Index/Linked to some Full Text (EBSCO)
- **JSTOR** – Full Text (Direct)
- **WorldCat Dissertations** –
- **E-books from Ebrary** – Full Text
- **E-books on Ebscohost** – Full Text
- **Oxford Biblical Studies Online** – Full Text

### **HSU Databases in Related Fields**

- **Academic Search Complete** – Full Text (EBSCO)
- **Articles First** - (First Search)
- **ECO** – (First Search)

### **Other Electronic Resources**

- **HSU Electronic Journals** – A search interface allowing the user to find full-text journal subscriptions available to HSU community from any subscribed database. Search by journal title or by subject area. (Direct)
- **Directory of Open Access Journals** – Directory of scientific and scholarly journals, many of which provide free access to full text articles. Covers research in religion among other topics. (Web)

### **Web Sites**

- **Bible Gateway** – A tool for reading and researching the Bible in a choice of versions, translations, and languages. Find and compare particular passages by keyword, phrase, or scripture reference.
- **Google Scholar** – Provides a search of scholarly literature across many disciplines and sources.
- **In His Own: Perspective on the World of Jesus** – A tool for the historical study of Christian Scriptures.

## **Basic Search Tips**

(Using ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials)

For detailed instructions on various search features for the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials click on the **Choose Database** link above the search box and then the **Detailed View** link at the top of the page and then the **More Information** link under the ATLA summary. (For example: **Boolean Operators** using **and** – If you are searching for articles on Martin Luther's contribution to the Protestant Reformation and you use the search term martin luther you will get results for 2,554 full-text articles. However, by using the Boolean Operator **and** you can narrow or focus your search in the following way: martin luther **and** reformation. This search results in 293 full-text articles that should represent what you are looking for more accurately. Read through the use of the other Boolean Operators **not** and **or** as well as the other tips listed.)

1. Enter search term in **Search** box.
2. Select **Full Text** on the left side of the screen to get results with full text material only. (**Full Text** means that the entire article is available online.)
3. Select **Academic Journals** under **Source Type** if you want to get results with articles only rather than book reviews, essays, etc.
4. If you are looking for articles on a particular scripture passage you may enter that passage in the **Search** box **or** you may click on **Scriptures** located on the blue menu bar at the top of the page. Remember to look at your passage within its context – perhaps requesting an entire chapter. (There is a short tutorial for this feature located on the Theology, Ministry, & Religion Subject Guide page.)
5. When you find an article you want, click on the link at the bottom of the record. This link will be **PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text**,
6. If the article you want is not available in full-text, then click on the **Full Text through LinkSource**. This link will take you to the HSU Electronic Journals page and will indicate whether this article can be found in full-text in another HSU database or whether you need to order the article through InterLibrary Loan.
7. If the article has a gold bar at the top of the page, click on the **TOC** (table of contents) to see if there are other articles in this particular journal issue pertinent to your topic.
8. To obtain the citation for an article once you have found the full-text article you should look at the icons on the right side of the screen and click on the yellow piece of paper. As you scroll over the icon it will indicate "Cite." Scroll down to **Chicago/Turabian: Humanities**. This is the citation for the Turabian Style Manual used by Logsdon. You may either print this citation or cut and paste it to your document.

## **Contact Information**

If you need assistance with materials please contact **Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theological Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary** at [tellis@hsutx.edu](mailto:tellis@hsutx.edu) or 325-671-2159. If you email with book requests, you should give the following information concerning the book(s): title, author, publication date. If you have questions concerning the search process, please indicate the steps that you have already taken in your search. This will assist the librarian in her attempt to help redirect your search.

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