

## PSCI 227--ECONOMICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

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The location and call number of each publication is given in parentheses at the end of its bibliographic entry. All publications in this guide are shelved on the 4th level (the main floor) unless otherwise stated.

### Finding Books and U.S. Government Documents on Acorn

Acorn is the computer library catalog, which contains records for almost all books in all Vanderbilt libraries. It also includes records for most U.S. government publications distributed after July 1976. It lists which periodicals we subscribe to, but does not list individual articles.

From the "Central Library/Science and Engineering Reference Databases" screen or from the Vanderbilt Library home page, click on "Acorn," the Library catalog. You can search Acorn by author, title, keyword, and other ways.

To look for books by a specific author, enter the author's name (surname first), click on the "begins with" bullet and then on "author."

To look for a specific book, enter the first few words of the title, click on the "begins with" bullet and then on "title."

To look for items on a topic, enter the keywords for the topic, click on the "keyword" bullet and then on "keyword anywhere." For keyword searching only, use a \$ to substitute for word endings.

After finding the call numbers for the books you want, check the location chart by the main elevators to find out the level on which those books are shelved. Look at other books shelved near the books listed in Acorn, since they will be about similar subjects.

### Keyword Searches

- (1) Use the **and** Boolean operator **between** two different concepts to get **only** the records that contain both concepts. Use the **or** Boolean operator to connect similar terms **within** a concept to get **all** the records that contain either term.
- (2) Use truncation symbols to get all forms of a term.
- (3) If using both **and** and **or** in the same search, use nesting (putting a parenthesis before the first term and after the last term) to combine the terms **within** a concept before connecting the concepts together.

EXAMPLE: (wordA1\$ or wordA2\$) and (wordB1\$ or wordB2\$)  
(el salvador or nicaragua) and (foreign relations or military assistance)

After entering your first search, look at the subject headings or descriptors to find other terms to modify your search.

After finding the call numbers for the books you want, check the location chart by the main elevators to find out the level on which those books are shelved.

### Finding Periodical and Newspaper Articles

**Within Central Library:** "Reference Databases: Central Library/Science and Engineering Library" is the default screen at networked computer terminals. If the terminal you want to use is displaying another screen, you can click on the <home> key at the top of the screen. Click on "Social Sciences Databases" or on the appropriate alphabetical list of databases near the bottom of the screen.

**Outside the library:** At the Vanderbilt Library home page (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/>), click on "Research Databases" (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/elecdata.html>) and choose the database you want. "ABC Pol Sci" is available only within the library.)

*ABC Pol Sci* <computer file>, 1984-. (Reference Databases)

Indexes the tables of contents of more than 300 international journals in political science and related such disciplines as law, sociology, and economics. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

**EconLit** (American Economic Association) <computer file>, 1969-. (Reference Databases: Social Science Databases)  
Indexes and selected abstracts of more than 400 worldwide economic journals, books, and other publications. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

- \* **PAIS on Silver Platter** <computer file>, 1976-. (Reference Databases)  
Electronic version for 1976 to date of *Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin*, 1916-. Covers current events and issues, including economic and social conditions, government and politics, and international relations. Indexes the broadest range of materials--books, pamphlets, and publications of the U.S. government and of international organizations, in addition to selected articles in 1400 periodicals, including *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report* and *National Journal*, scholarly journals like *The American Political Science Review*, and opinion magazines like *National Review* and *New Republic*. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

For periodicals and for some monographs, you can click on "check for holdings" to see if we receive the item. If Vanderbilt receives a given periodical, make sure we received the issue that the article is in.

**LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe** <computer file>, 1973-. (Reference Databases)  
Index to full-text news, business news and company financial information, legal research, medical and health information, and general reference sources. Best source for newspaper articles. Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings.

**Proquest Direct** <computer file>. (Reference Databases)  
Provides citations and summaries of articles from over 4,000 publications, with many in full-text. Indexes a broad range of social sciences publications, numerous general-interest magazines such as *Time* and *Newsweek*, and recent issues of major newspapers. Use the ? (question mark) to substitute for word endings.

**To get full-text versions of articles for some journals, go to the Vanderbilt Library home page (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/>) and then click on:**

- \* **Electronic Journals** <computer file>. (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/ejournals.html>)  
List of all journals available in electronic format at Vanderbilt. Includes JSTOR (Journal Storage project) (Internet: <http://www.jstor.org/>) and Proquest Direct periodicals.

## Finding Internet Sites

### Vanderbilt Sites

**Within Central Library:** "Reference Databases: Central Library/Science and Engineering Library" is the default screen at networked computer terminals. From that screen click on "Social Sciences Databases," then on "Links to Social Science Web Sites" (near the top of the page), and then on the subject guide that you want.

**Outside the library:** At the Vanderbilt Library home page (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/>), click on "Subject Guides," and choose the page you want.

- \* **Comparative Politics and International Relations** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/compinte.html>)

**Current News** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/news.html>)

**Government Information** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/govt.html>)

**Political Science** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/polsci.html>)

### Other Comprehensive Sites

- \* **Contemporary Conflicts** <computer file>--War, Peace and Security Guide, Department of National Defence (Canada). (Internet: <http://www.cfsc.dnd.ca/links/wars/index.html>)

**Foreign and International Materials** <computer file>--Louisiana State Univ. (Internet: [http://www.lsu.edu/guests/poli/public\\_html/foreign.html](http://www.lsu.edu/guests/poli/public_html/foreign.html))  
Includes sections on Ireland and Bosnia.

**Foreign Government Resources on the Web** <computer file>--Univ. of Michigan Document Center. (Internet: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/foreign.html>)

**Political Science Resources: International Relations** <computer file>--Univ. of Michigan Documents Center. (Internet: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/psintl.html>)

**War, Peace and Security Guide** <computer file>--Information Resource Centre, Canadian Forces College, Department of National Defence (Canada). (Internet: <http://www.cfsc.dnd.ca/links/>)

**WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources** <computer file> --Elizabethtown (PA) College. (Internet: <http://www.etown.edu/vl/>)

## Trade, Aid, and Sanctions

**U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.info.usaid.gov/>)

**U.S. International Trade Administration** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/>)

**United States Trade Representative** <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.ustr.gov/>)

**Yahoo! Economic Sanctions - U.S. Policy** <computer file> (Internet: [http://www.yahoo.com/Government/U\\_S\\_Government/Politics/Foreign\\_Policy/](http://www.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Politics/Foreign_Policy/))

## Finding U. S. Government Information

### A. Indexes

Almost all U.S. government publications (also known as documents) issued after 1976 are listed on Acorn. You can also use *PAIS* (see above) or these indexes to identify and locate U.S. government information on your subject:

**Congressional Universe** <computer file>, 1990-. (Reference Databases: Government Information Databases)  
Indexes U.S. Congressional hearings (transcripts of testimony before Congressional committees) and committee prints (staff studies and related material) and documents from other Congressional units. Includes text and status of Congressional bills; information about members of Congress and their districts, text of prepared statements before Congressional hearings, text of *National Journal* articles, and text of *Congressional Record* and *Federal Register*. Analysis of appropriate bills gives information about relevant public policies. Includes:  
*CIS/Index* (paper version: GOVT REF Alcove Z1223.A66--North Wall) - search for hearings by subject, title, and witness name and affiliation  
Publications - search the full-text of committee reports and prints, house and Senate Documents, bills, and *The Congressional Record*.  
Testimony - search hearings by witness name, by committee, or by keyword  
Inside - search *National Journal* and *Congress Daily*  
Also search for bills, laws, regulations, members of Congress (biographies, votes, campaign finance), committee rosters and schedules, and hot bills and topics.

**GPO on Silver Platter** <computer file>, 1976-. (GOVT Workstation #2 and Reference Databases)  
Electronic version for 1976 to date of *The Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications*, 1895- (GOVT REF Alcove GP3.8--South Wall). The most comprehensive finding aid for U.S. government publications. A catalog of all documents received by the Government Printing Office. Subject headings are the same as for Acorn. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

### B. News Magazines

\* **Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report**, 1946-. (GOVT Ref Alcove JK1.C15--West Wall)  
Referred to as "CQ." Weekly newsmagazine that covers Congressional committee and floor activities, political campaigns, lobbying, and executive and judicial activities. Includes special supplements on elections and new sessions of Congress. Cumulative index (yellow pages) and is indexed in *PAIS*. Available online (Reference Databases)

**National Journal**, 1969-. (GOVT Ref Alcove JK1.N28--West Wall)  
Weekly newsmagazine of politics and government, including all three branches of government. While it covers many of the same topics as the *CQ Weekly Report*, for each subject it gives a more comprehensive summary and background report on an irregular basis rather than reporting developments week by week. Indexed in *PAIS*. Available online from *Proquest Direct* and *Congressional Universe*.

### C. Transcripts

\* **Congressional Hearings** (GOVT paper or microfiche Y 4. \_\_)  
Testimony on proposed legislation, an existing government program, or an event by representatives of the administration, members of Congress, state and local officials, interest group representatives, and others. Indexed in *Congressional Universe* <computer file>, 1970- (Reference Databases: Government Information Databases) and *CIS/Index*, 1970- (GOVT REF Alcove Z1223.A66--North Wall).

**Congressional Record** [title varies], 1789-. (GOVT X\_\_)

Official record of the floor debates and votes of Congress. Speeches about a bill can be found on the day it was introduced in each chamber of Congress and during the debates before it is voted on in each chamber. Online version: *Congressional Record Online via GPO Access* <computer file> (Internet: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces150.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces150.html)). Also available on *Congressional Universe* <computer file>, 1970- (Reference Databases).

**Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States**, 1929-1933, 1945-. (GOVT AE2.114 for 1984-; GOVT GS4.113 for 1929-1933, 1945-1983)

**Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents**, 1965-. (GOVT AE2.109 from July 1986; GOVT GS4.114 to June 1986)  
Text of statements, messages, and press conferences of the President. Online version (1993-) *White House Electronic Publications* <computer file> (Internet: <http://www.pub.whitehouse.gov/WH/Publications/html/Publications.html>).

**World News Connection: Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS)**--NTIS Fedworld. (Reference Databases)

The latest two years of full text and summaries of foreign newspaper articles, speeches, TV & radio broadcasts, books, and reports translated into English. (Internet: <http://wnc.fedworld.gov/ntis/home.html> - Vanderbilt IP addresses only.)

**D. Other Sources**

**Country Reports on Economic Policy and Trade Practices** (U.S. Dept. of State), 1990-. (GOVT REF Y 4.In8/16:C83/995--South Wall)

For each country includes key economic indicators, general macroeconomic trends, exchange rate policies, structural policies, debt management policies, barriers to U.S. exports and investment, export subsidies policies, protection of U.S. intellectual property, and worker rights. Also online (Internet: [http://www.state.gov/www/issues/economic/trade\\_reports/index.html](http://www.state.gov/www/issues/economic/trade_reports/index.html)).

[**National Trade Data Bank**] **Globus and NTDB** <computer file> (Reference Databases)

STAT-USA--GLOBUS (Global Business Opportunities) provides daily trade leads and procurement leads. (National Trade Data Bank) provides access to *Country Commercial Guides*, *Market Research Reports*, and *Best Market Reports*; export opportunities by industry, country, and product; import and export statistics; and demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions in over 200 countries. The International Trade Library contains more than 40,000 documents, including *Background Notes* and *Foreign Labor Trends*, related to international trade that are full-text searchable and searchable by country or product. GLOBUS and NTDB also provide daily foreign exchange rates.

**Reference Books**

The call number for books on Congress and the Presidency usually begin with JK; those on international relations usually begin with JX; those on defense and military issues usually begin with U or V.

**Guide to American Foreign Relations since 1700**. Edited by Richard Dean Burns. Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-Clio, 1983. (READY REF Z6465.U5G84 1983)  
Comprehensive, annotated bibliography of books and articles divided chronologically into forty chapters.

**Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy: Studies of the Principal Movements and Ideas**. Edited by Alexander DeConde. New York: Scribners, 1978. 3 vols. (REF JX1407.E53)

**Encyclopedia of Arms Control and Disarmament**. Edited by Richard Dean Burns. New York: Scribners, 1993. 3 vols. (REF JX1974.E57 1993)

**The American Presidency: A Bibliography**. Compiled by Robert U. Goehlert and Fenton Martin. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1987. 506 pp. (REF Z1249.P7M357 1987)

**The American Presidents: A Bibliography**. Compiled by Robert U. Goehlert and Fenton Martin. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1987. 756 pp. (REF Z1249.P7M36 1987)

*Presidency* covers Presidential powers, organization, relation with the Congress and courts, relations with the media, foreign policy, domestic policy, Presidential nomination and election, tenure, and other topics dealing with the Presidency as an institution of organization. *Presidents* covers individual Presidents, their private lives, public careers, and writings.

**The United States Congress: A Bibliography**. Compiled by Robert U. Goehlert and John R. Sayre. New York: Free Press, 1982. (REF Z7165.U5G575)

**The United States Congress: An Annotated Bibliography, 1980-1993**. Compiled by Robert U. Goehlert and Fenton S. Martin. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1995. (REF Z7165.U5G644 1994)

**U.S. National Security Policy Groups: Institutional Profiles**. New York: Greenwood Press, 1990. (REF UA 23 .W364 1990)

## Keyword Searching

Keyword searching allows you to search for a word or phrase from the title, author, subject headings, or other parts of an entry in a database. Search by keyword if you want to search by topic rather than for a particular author or book. You can also search by keyword if you want to combine terms from more than one subject heading or from different parts of an entry (for example, the author's surname and an important word from the title of one of the author's books).

**Boolean operators:** Connect each keyword or phrase with the others by **and** or **or**.

**AND** narrows a search by retrieving **only** records that contain all of your search terms. The computer displays only the parts of the sets that overlap.

EXAMPLE: **discrimination and housing** will retrieve only records that contain both discrimination and housing.

EXAMPLE: **soviet union and cold war**

EXAMPLE: **china and national security**

EXAMPLE: **ethnic relations and political aspects**

**OR** broadens a search by retrieving **all** records that contain even one of your search terms. The computer adds together sets of records.

EXAMPLE: **gender or sex** will retrieve all records that contain either gender or sex or both.

EXAMPLE: **middle east or near east**

Do NOT include words like act, program, united, states, department, and bureau. They appear in too many citations.

**Keyword truncation** allows you to look for all words that match the beginning (or "root") characters of your keyword, even if the endings differ. You use a truncation symbol as a "wild card" to stand for the different possible endings.

**\$** is the keyword truncation symbol for Acorn

EXAMPLE: **teen\$** may retrieve **teen, teenager, teenagers, teenaged, teenybopper**, etc.

EXAMPLE: **race or racial or afro-american\$ or black\$ or minorit\$**

**\*** is the keyword truncation symbol for Silver Platter databases (*PAIS* and *GPO*)

**?** is the keyword truncation symbol for *Proquest Direct*

**!** is the keyword truncation symbol for *LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe*

**Nesting** is using parentheses around the keywords **within** a concept. This indicates that you want the terms within a concept to be combined first before connecting the concepts together.

EXAMPLE: **soviet union and (military or armed forces)**

EXAMPLE: **(atrocities or genocide) and serbia**

EXAMPLE: **(gun or guns or firearms) and (control or regulat\$ or legislat\$)**

**Summary of Basic Search:** (1) Use the **and** Boolean operator **between** two different concepts to get **only** the records that contain both concepts. Use the **or** Boolean operator to connect similar terms **within** a concept to get **all** the records that contain either term. (2) Use nesting to combine the terms within a concept before connecting the concepts together. (3) Use truncation symbols to get all forms of a term.

EXAMPLE: **(wordA1\$ or wordA2\$) and (wordB1\$ or wordB2\$)**

On Acorn and other databases you can follow up your keyword search with a subject search. Use the subject headings listed in the records that the keyword search retrieves.

***IntlEc / JOLIS Library Catalog*** (World Bank and International Monetary Fund) <computer file>. (Reference Databases: Social Science Databases or <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/intle-j.html>)  
Focuses on economic development, monetary policy, international trade, global economic trends, aid issues, and other subject areas pertinent to research on international economic and financial topics. Click on JOLIS Catalog. The second screen contains the database description. Click on JOLIS Catalog again to go to the search form. You can indicate specific “search limits” at the bottom half of the third screen, including limiting the “item type” to “article” or “chapter.”