

Information Type	Description	Tools	Suggested Databases
Encyclopedias, handbooks	Background information. General or specialized.	Catalogue Subject Guides	
Books (scholarly monographs)	Broad, thorough, academic treatment of a subject.	Catalogue Bibliographies	
Scholarly journal articles	Detailed scholarly examination of a topic. Peer-reviewed.	Article indexes (databases) Google Scholar	Web of Science International Bibliography of the Social Sciences International Political Science Abstracts
Newspaper articles	Historical and current.	Article indexes (databases) Internet	Factiva Canadian Newsstand
Magazines, trade journals	Popular or non-scholarly treatment of a subject.	Article indexes (databases) Internet	Proquest Research Library Academic Search Premier
Theses	Master's and doctoral theses and dissertations. Detailed scholarly analysis.	Article indexes (databases) Catalogue, eScholarship@McGill Internet	ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Google Scholar
Government documents	Published by government agencies.	Article indexes (databases) Catalogue Internet	Canadian Research Index McGill's Gov Info page: http://www.mcgill.ca/govinfo/collections/links/
Primary sources	Materials that have not been interpreted by another person, e.g., interviews, questionnaires, letters, diaries, manuscripts.	Article indexes (databases) Catalogue Internet	
Data	Statistics and numerical information.	Catalogue Library databases	McGill's Electronic Data Resource Service: http://www.mcgill.ca/edrs/
Gray literature, think tank publications		Article indexes (databases) Catalogue Internet	CIAO (Colombia International Affairs Online) PAIS International Google Scholar
Book reviews	Published reviews or critiques of books	Article indexes (databases)	

TIP: bibliographies from pertinent works can lead you to more sources!

Check out the library's Political Science **subject guide:** <http://www.mcgill.ca/hssl/collections/links/subject/polisci/>