

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Studies of Power – Gender Studies

Getting started

What information are you seeking? Write down key words from your assignment topic to use in your search. Make a list of keywords and synonyms you will be able to use as search terms.

Keywords	Synonyms

Now start your search for information.

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a dictionary or encyclopaedia. Start with definitions, maps, timelines or biographical snapshots, to put your topic into perspective.

Title	Location	Call Number
International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities	SS&H	HQ1090 .I58 2007
A companion to gender studies	SS&H	HQ1075 .C656 2005
Fifty key concepts in gender studies	SS&H	HQ1180 .P55 2004
Routledge international encyclopedia of women : global women's issues and knowledge v. 1 - 4	SS&H Quarto 3 day	HQ1115 .R69 2000
Encyclopedia of Feminist Theories	SS&H 3 day	HQ1190 .E63 2000
Handbook of Studies on Men and Masculinities	SS&H	HQ1090 .C66 2005
The Routledge companion to feminism and postfeminism	SS&H 3 day	HQ1115.R58 2001

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like **glass ceiling, third wave feminism, politics of gender, gender and media, women in the workforce** or **religion and gender**. (Tips: use a question mark (?) in a word to expand your search e.g. wom?n will find results for both women and woman and use an asterisk (*) at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. Femin** will find results for both feminist and feminism.)

Try the subject search for subjects such as **Feminism -- Religious aspects -- Islam, Masculinity, Feminist Theory, Queer Theory** or **Minority women -- Employment -- Australia**. You can also browse the shelves at the CALL NUMBERS indicated in your research.

Now add resources you have found, using the Keywords you listed for your topic.

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Journals

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources. Looking through journals in the hope of finding relevant material is time consuming. It is better to use full text databases to find articles on your topic. If your school subscribes to databases through UQL Cyberschool, you can access them at school (or home) through your Library network. See your Teacher Librarian for details and passwords. Some of the databases available to schools for free through your local (Brisbane City) Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles>

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high-resolution, scanned scholarly journals. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap, from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available. Subject areas covered include economics, law, history, Asian studies, Middle Eastern studies, language, literature, music, film studies, performing arts, religion and visual arts.
Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (Informit)	Covers agriculture, arts, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, education, history, indigenous studies, law, media, political science, reference, social sciences, science and technology. Content sources include peer reviewed journals, monographs and books, conference proceedings, research papers and reference materials.

Refer to the Keywords you listed previously to use as initial search terms. For example, to find information about specific Gender issues you could search JSTOR, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrase such as **feminism in Australia** in a Keyword search.

Internet resources

To find specific information on the Internet relevant to your assignment search, use the right search tools.

UQL Cyberschool Internet Sites Database – contains selected for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. Modern History.	http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.phtml
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching

Other resources

For some topics you will need to consult specialist information sources.

Quick Reference Collection An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html
News How to Guide Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers
UQ Library Subject Guides Get started – find books, journal articles, using databases, relevant Internet resources and specialised information in your subject area or handy hints on a specific topic.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/findit/index.html