**Resources for Classics 203: The City in Antiquity**
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**REFERENCE WORKS**

Extensive encyclopedia with comprehensive coverage of persons, places, events, and themes on the Greek and Roman worlds from the prehistory of the Aegean (2nd millennium BCE) to late antiquity (600-800 CE). The subject index in vol. 16 is not particularly user-friendly; check out these sections: 2, “Social and economic history,” pp. 9-16; 3, “Cultural history and everyday culture,” pp. 16-20; 6, “Archaeology,” pp. 35-39; 7, “History of art, material culture,” pp. 39-42.


Covers archaeological sites, material culture, organizations, institutions, significant people, archaeological methods and theory, and more.

Main Reference DE59.C55 1988 (3 vols.)
Signed, scholarly articles with bibliographies, on all aspects of ancient Greek and Roman civilization. See extensive coverage in “The Visual Arts” section in vol. 3.

Main Reference CB311 .E533 2008 (4 vols.)
Articles on all aspects of daily life in ancient cultures, with dozens of primary source texts. Particularly relevant articles include cover architecture, building techniques and materials, roads and bridges, sacred sites, settlement patterns, and towns and villages.

Main Reference DE5 .C28 2006

*Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life: A Tour through History from Ancient Times to the Present.*
Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2004


Main Reference DF16 .E52 2006

Main Reference DG270 .B86 2002

Art Reference DE59.P7, also included in the Perseus Digital Library

Art Reference G1046.E15A8 1977

Art Reference DE5 .E5 1996

ebook, connect via OBIS, Art Reference NA212.L45 1988

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. The OhioLINK Library Catalog combines the holdings of 90 college and university libraries across Ohio. Both catalogs can be searched by Author or Title for a specific author or work, or by Subject Heading or Keyword for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

For subject heading searches – selected useful Library of Congress Subject Headings:

Search for the names of specific cities, e.g.,

- Alexandria (Egypt)
- Bergama (Turkey) [i.e., Pergamon, Pergamum]
- Corinth ( Greece)
- Athens ( Greece)
- İstanbul (Turkey) [i.e., Constantinople, Byzantium]
- Plos ( Greece)
- Tadmur (Syria) [i.e., Tadmor, Palmyra]

Add “Greece,” “Rome,” “Egypt,” etc. as a geographical subheading after these subject headings, e.g., “Architecture – Syria,” “Temples – Greece,” etc. Or add “History” as a topic sub-heading.

- Archaeological sites
- Architecture
- Architecture, Domestic
- Cities and towns
- Public spaces
- City and town life
- City planning
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Extinct cities
- Urbanization

Add “Antiquities,” “Civilization,” “History,” or “Maps,” after these geographical subject headings, e.g.

- Turkey – Antiquities,” “Egypt – Civilization,” “ Greece – History,” etc.
- Africa, North
- Egypt
- Greece
- Magna Graecia (Italy)
- Mediterranean Region
- Middle East
- Rome
- Syria
- Turkey

Search for more generic subjects about ancient cultures, cities, architecture, e.g.,

- Architecture, Ancient
- Architecture, Classical
- Architecture, Egyptian
- Architecture, Greek
- Architecture, Roman
- Cities and towns, Ancient
- Civilization, Ancient
- Civilization, Classical
- Civilization, Greco-Roman

DATABASES FOR FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY CLASSICS JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

Search tips:
- try alternate spellings and different city names – many have changed over time, some more than once
- use truncation ( wildcard characters) to search for root words with any ending (i.e., architecture*)
• limit search results to English if you don’t read foreign languages

**TOCS-IN, Tables of Contents of Journals of Interest to Classicists.** Collaboratively maintained by 80 volunteers from 16 countries.
http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/amphoras/tocs.html
Searchable tables of contents for a selection of classics, Near Eastern studies, and religion journals. Use check boxes to simultaneously search pre-1992 journals and essays in books.

**L’Annee Philologique.** 1924-present.
Indexes articles in journals, collections, and conference proceedings covering all aspects of classical studies. Historical coverage ranges from prehistory to the Middle Ages.

To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” where available in research databases, or search Journal Finder from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

**DATABASES FOR FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS IN RELATED DISCIPLINES**

**Academic Search Complete**
Indexes articles from 8,000+ general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; over 80% of the journals indexed are peer-reviewed; almost 60% of the journals indexed include full text.

**Anthropology Plus**
Indexes journal articles, reports, commentaries, and edited works in the fields of social, cultural, physical, biological, and linguistic anthropology, ethnology, archaeology, folklore, material culture, and interdisciplinary studies from the late 19th century to today.

**Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals**
Indexes articles in architecture, urban design, historic preservation, and urban planning.

**Index Islamicus**
Indexes publications about the Middle East, Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, and Muslim minorities elsewhere.

**DIGITAL RESOURCES, COLLABORATIVE WEB SITES**

**ARTstor**
http://www.artstor.org/
Database of more than one million images in the arts, architecture, humanities, and social sciences.

**The Perseus Digital Library.** Maintained by the Classics Department, Tufts University.
http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/
Covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world through English translations of primary texts, and secondary sources such as atlases, encyclopedias, images, site plans, and maps.

**Historic Cities.** Maintained by the Historic Cities Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Jewish National and University Library.
http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html
Contains maps, literature, documents, books, web links, and other relevant material on historic cities. Especially strong on Europe; for this class, only Alexandria and Istanbul are included.

**Encyclopedia of Egyptology.** Maintained by UCLA Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.
http://escholarship.org/uc/nelc_uee
Provides access to peer-reviewed articles on a broad range of topics on ancient Egypt. Very much a work in progress; 1,500 articles are planned with just 135 currently available.
SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, but not all, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject-specific databases
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably do have access

HELP WITH RESEARCH

ebook, connect via OBIS , print copy Main Reference Z253 .U69 2010 (and other locations, ck. OBIS)

Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin’s.  
http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/  
See the Humanities section for examples of how to cite resources using MLA style.  
See the History section for examples of how to cite resources using Chicago style.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK:
- how it works: ~90 OhioLINK member libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other; does not include delivery of journal articles
- to request: do-it-yourself searching and online requesting (barcode is the number on back of OCID)

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)
- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available via OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries provide materials to each other; includes delivery of scanned or photocopied articles from journals
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan“ from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online

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Friday  10am–noon & 1–5pm  
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