Resources for Classics 203: The City in Antiquity
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REFERENCE WORKS

**Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online** (“TGN”). Los Angeles, CA: J. Paul Getty Trust, e-book. A structured vocabulary containing nearly 1 million place names representing approximately 900,000 places; an excellent starting point for research on variant place names.


FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online borrowing is available through the OhioLINK Library Catalog, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through SearchOhio, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable 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) Istanbuly (Turkey) [i.e., Constantinople, Byzantium]
Antioch (Turkey) Pylos (Greece) [i.e., Pilos, Navarino]
Bergama (Turkey) [i.e., Pergamon, Pergamum] Tadmur (Syria) [i.e., Tadmor, Palmyra]


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

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

Search for more generic subjects about ancient cultures, cities, architecture:

Architecture, Ancient Architecture, Roman Civilization, Greco-Roman
Architecture, Classical Cities and towns, Ancient Classical antiquities
Architecture, Egyptian Civilization, Ancient
Architecture, Greek Civilization, Classical
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., architectur*)
• 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’Année 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!” when available in research databases, or select the Journal Finder tab on Library home page or from 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.

Art Full Text (1984-present) / Art Index Retrospective (1929-1984)
Together, these two databases index journals covering pre-historical to contemporary art.

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.

Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies
Indexes research, policy, and scholarly publications on the countries and peoples of the Middle East, Central Asia, and North Africa across all subject areas.

DIGITAL RESOURCES, COLLABORATIVE WEB SITES

ARTstor. Nonprofit organization serving universities, museums, schools, and libraries worldwide.
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. Alexandria, Istanbul, and Pilos are included.

Ancient History Encyclopedia, http://www.ancient.eu
A popular, non-profit website on ancient history with contributors from all over the world, serving history enthusiasts, teachers, and students. Check out the “Ancient Atlas” option under “Tools” for some interesting maps.

ABZU, http://www.etana.org/abzubib
A guide to networked open access data relevant to the study and public presentation of the Ancient Near East and the Ancient Mediterranean world. Part of a larger site, ETANA: Electronic Tools and Ancient Near East Archives, a multi-institutional collaborative electronic publishing project designed to enhance the study of the history and culture of the ancient Near East.

Gnomen Online Index, http://www.englisch.gnomon-online.de (for English interface).
Index of resources for Classics (Universitaet Eichstatt).

Encyclopedia of Egyptology. Maintained by UCLA Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.
http://escholarship.org/uc/nelc_uese
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 152 currently available.

FASTI Online, http://www.fastionline.org
A database of archaeological excavations since the year 2000; good for Istanbul/Constantinople.

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
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- 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)

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using Chicago (as well as APA and MLA) citation styles.
HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK/SearchOhio
- how it works: 115 Ohio library systems lend materials (primarily books) to each other
  - does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)
- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
- 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
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Drop-in help at the Research Help Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need
- Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
- Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
- Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

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