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Research Guide: Centre for Planning & the Environment

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How do I begin my thesis?

- Understand how to format and present your work
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How do I format and present my thesis?

- Pratt's Thesis Guidelines http://library.pratt.edu/theses.html#bib
- Thesis title/signature pages and required signatures information for the Centre for Planning & the Environment are not deposited in the library. Please request information from your department
- There are many style guides to help you format your bibliography and footnotes. Ask your professor for the preferred style guide specific to your department. To access style guides, check with a librarian or see http://library.pratt.edu/help.html

Has anyone written a thesis on my subject?

- Check the Pratt Thesis Index; see a Reference Librarian
- Check the online Thesis Index: ProQuest for theses at select institutions:
http://proquest.umi.com/login
http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/

How can I make the most of PrattCat (http://prattcat.pratt.edu/)?

Pratt's online catalog (PrattCat) contains records of all titles located in the Pratt Libraries including books, multimedia, journals, magazines and newspapers. PrattCat is searchable offsite through the library website.

Searching by General Keyword. The search engine looks for important words anywhere in the record. If you search on the word 'environment' you will pull up records containing that word. This can result in a large number of hits, but not all of them may be relevant.

Searching by Subject Keyword. Subject headings are terms that describe what an item is about. If you search on the subject heading 'environment' you will pull up items that are about that subject. This usually results in a smaller but more relevant number of hits.

Selecting your Keywords. Planning & Environment are interdisciplinary – subjects related to planning include: housing, land use, economics, sociology, transportation, environmental studies, recreation planning, public policy, natural resource management, planning law, urban design, heritage preservation.

PRIMARY SUBJECT KEYWORDS

- Cities and towns
- City planning
- Community development, Urban
- Regional planning
- Rural development
- Transportation
- Urban policy

SECONDARY SUBJECT KEYWORDS
- Aerial photography in city planning
- Architecture and society
- Art, Municipal
- Central business districts
- Central places
- Cities and towns - growth
- City traffic
- Civic improvement
- Cluster housing
- Coastal zone management Colonial cities
- Community
- Ecological landscape design
- Flood damage prevention
- Forestry and community
- Gentrification
- Housing
- Hurricane protection
- Industrial location
- Land use - Urban
- Landscape protection
- Neighborhood
- Planned communities
- Regional economic disparities
- Regional economics
- Streets
- Suburbs
- Sustainable architecture
- Urban beautification
- Urban ecology
- Urban economics
- Urban landscape architecture
- Urban renewal
- Urban transportation
- Urbanization
- Zoning

AUTHOR KEYWORDS
- American Society of Planning Officials ASPO
- American Planning Association
- Council of Planning Librarians (important selective bibliographies)
- Institute of Training in Municipal Administration
- New York Department of Housing Preservation & Development Renewal Unit
- New York State Urban Development Corporation
- New York State Office of Planning
- New York State Department of Transportation
- Regional Planning Association NY, NY
- United States: Bureau of the Census

What print materials does Pratt Library offer to start my research?

Bibliographies
- City planning bibliography 016.7114 B561C3 Stacks non-circulating
- Comprehensive urban planning: a selected annotated bibliography with related materials 016.7114 B816 Stacks non-circulating
- Urban planning: a guide to information sources 016.30926 A375 Stacks non-circulating
- Urban environments and human behavior, an annotated bibliography 016.3092 B433 Stacks non-circulating

Dictionaries, Glossaries & Encyclopedias
- A glossary of zoning, development, and planning terms 307.12 G563 Reference 1st floor
- Dictionary of development terminology 309.26 D895 Reference 1st floor
- Encyclopedia of community planning and environmental management 307.76 S387 Reference 1st floor
- Encyclopedia of environmental studies 333.703 A831 Ref 1st floor
- Encyclopedia of urban planning 711.03 E56 Reference 1st floor
- The encyclopedia of housing 363.5 E56 Reference 1st floor
- Encyclopedia of urban America: the cities and suburbs 307.760973 E56 Reference 1st floor
- Encyclopedia of world cities 307.7603 E56 Reference 1st floor
- Encyclopedia of the city 307.7603 E558 Reference 1st floor, PMC Reference
- Encyclopedia of urban cultures 307.7603 E558 Reference 1st floor
- Environmental encyclopedia 363.7003 E61 Reference 1st floor
- Environmental planning: a condensed encyclopedia 333.703 G489 Stacks circulating
- Information sources in urban and regional planning 016.307 D852 Reference 1st floor, Stacks circulating
- International encyclopedia of the social sciences 303 I61 Reference 1st floor, Stacks non-circulating
- The language of cities: a glossary of terms 307.76 A161 Reference 1st floor
- The new illustrated book of development definitions 307.12 M911 Reference 1st floor
- World encyclopedia of cities 307.76 K96 Reference 1st floor

Handbooks & Directories

- Environmental law handbook 344.046097 E61 Reference 1st floor
- Handbook of urban studies 307.76 H236 Stacks circulating
- New York state environmental conservation directory 333.72 N532 Stacks lower level non-circulating
- Online resources for planners 016.711 J44 Reference 1st floor
- Planning and urban design standards 711.P712 Reference 1st floor
- Transportation planning handbook 388.068 T7721 Stacks circulating, PMC Reference
- The urban design handbook: techniques and working methods 711.4 G492 Stacks non-circulating
- Urban planning 307.1216 U72 Reference 1st floor
- Urban planning guide 307.12 U72 Reference 1st floor
- Urban planning: a guide to information sources 016.30926 A375 Stacks non-circulating
- Urban sprawl: a reference handbook 307.760973 W722 Stacks circulating
- World Resources 333.705 W927 Reference 1st floor
- Zoning handbook / New York City Department of City Planning 346.045 N533ZONI Reserves

What online resources does Pratt Library offer for my research?

Although PrattCat includes records for journal, magazine and newspaper titles, you will not find records for individual journal, magazine or newspaper articles. You must search the online databases to locate individual articles.

The following indexes and databases are a good place to start your research. Check the Pratt Library web site under *E-Reference and Find Articles* for more index and database options at http://library.pratt.edu/databases.html

- *Alternative Press Index*
  An international and interdisciplinary index to non-mainstream, alternative sources of information in the humanities and the social sciences, focusing on ecology, labor, socialism, democracy, national liberation, indigenous peoples, and gender issues. Indexes 300 alternative, Left, and radical newspapers, magazines and periodicals.

- *Avery Index*
  Most comprehensive listing of journal articles on architecture and design, history and practice of architecture, landscape architecture, city planning, historic preservation and interior design and decoration. Indexes articles from nearly 800 US and foreign architectural journals published worldwide, 75% of which are not indexed in any other source. Includes articles from previous electronic version as well as records converted from Avery Library card file, with records dating from the 1860s to the present.

- *EBSCO MasterFile Select*
  Contains full text and citations for articles from over 750 journals and newspapers in all subjects.

What resources beyond Pratt Library are available for my research?

Other Libraries

- ALB cards (Academic Libraries of Brooklyn – access to 8 libraries in Brooklyn)
- METRO cards (provide special access to some libraries in NYC)

  **To request the ALB or METRO card, see a Pratt Librarian

- Library of Congress http://catalog.loc.gov/
- WorldCat
  – access to over 1,000 research libraries. Access on PrattCat under *E-Reference and Find Articles*

Print & Electronic Resources at BPL and NYPL

*Click on "Using other Libraries" under "Library Services" on the Pratt Libraries Web site.
** If you don't already have a library card for BPL or NYPL try to get one as soon as possible.

- BPL (Brooklyn Public Library)
  http://search3.webfeat.org/clients/41/basic.html
- NYPL (New York Public Library)
  http://www.nypl.org/databases/index.cfm?act=2&sub=27

Associations & Organizations

- ACSP (Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning) http://www.acsp.org/
  – links to other planning programs, information on careers in planning, upcoming conferences and more.
- ADPSR (Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility) http://www.adpsr.org/
- APA (American Planning Association) http://www.planning.org/
- American Institute of Certified Planners http://www.planning.org/aicp/
- Sustainable Buildings Industry Council http://www.sbicouncil.org/
- URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association)
  – "... a nonprofit association of professionals using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other information technologies to solve challenges in state/provincial and local government agencies and departments." http://www.urisa.org/
- The Urban Institute http://www.urban.org/

Other Planning Web Sites (Libraries, Portal Sites, etc.)

- Fiske Kimball Fine Arts Library, University of Virginia http://www.arch.virginia.edu/planning/
- Environmental Design Library University of California at Berkeley
  – resources for City, Regional & Environmental Planning, Architecture and more
  http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENVI/
- City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  http://www.library.uiuc.edu/cpx/
- Cyburbia: The Urban Planning Portal http://www.cyburbia.org/
- Global Environment Outlook
  – United Nations Environment Program reports on environmental and sustainable development
  http://www.unep.org/geo/
- Planetizen: The Planning & Development Network
  – news, job postings and more of interest to planners http://www.planetizen.com/
- State of the Nation's Ecosystems
  – Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment published reports on the U.S. resources
  http://www.heinzctr.org/ecosystems/
- World Development Report
  – another view…the World Bank reports on economic, social and environmental development
  http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTWDRS/0,,contentMDK:20227703~pagePK:478093~piPK:477627~theSitePK:477624,00.html
  – for a critique of the World Bank and its development policy see the PrattCat for the writings of Joseph E. Stiglitz, formerly the Chief Economist for the World Bank, and relatively recent (2001) winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics
- WWW Virtual Library: Urban Environmental Management
  – worldwide links covering virtually all aspects of urban planning and related disciplines including environment, housing and transportation http://www.gdrc.org/uem/

Atlases

- Atlas of the Biosphere http://www.sage.wisc.edu/atlas/

Open Access Databases & E-Journals

- ACSP (Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning) Update http://www.acsp.org/news/news.htm
- Built Environment http://www.atypon-link.com/ALEX/loi/benv?cookieSet=1
- CenStats: US Census Bureau http://censtats.census.gov/
- Cityscape: US Department of Housing & Urban Development
  http://www.huduser.org/periodicals/cityscape.html
- Columbia Earthscape: an online Resource to the Global Environment http://www.earthscape.org/
- DSpace: MIT https://dspace.mit.edu/index.jsp
- European Environmental Agency http://www.eea.eu.int/
- GreenerBuildings http://www.greenerbuildings.com/
- Habitat Debate: UN-Habitat http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/
- Land Tenure Center Newsletter: Land Tenure Center Univ. of WI/Madison
  http://www.ies.wisc.edu/ltc/newsletter.html
- Making Place Newsletter: Project for Public Spaces http://www.pps.org/info/newsletter/
- Metropolitan: Metropolitan Area Planning Council http://www.mapc.org/whats_new/newsletter.html
- Multi-housing News: VNU eMedia http://www.multi-housingnews.com/multihousing/index.jsp
- National Environmental Directory http://www.environmentaldirectory.net/

- Population Bulletin
  http://www.prb.org/template.cfm?Section=Population_Bulletin1&Template=/PopulationBulletin.cfm
- Revival: University of York http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/poli/prdu/revival.htm
- SPUR Newsletter and Calendar http://www.spur.org/newsletter_archive.shtm
- Sustainable Building Sourcebook http://greenbuilder.com/sourcebook
- UNEP.Net – Environment Network http://www.unep.net/
- United States Environmental Protection Agency http://www.epa.gov/
- US Housing Market Conditions: HUD http://www.huduser.org/periodicals/ushmc.html
- Villes en Développement: ISTED
  http://www.isted.com/VILLES%20EN%20DEVELOPPEMENT/bull_olde.htm#

Statistics

- Center for International Earth Science Information Network http://www.ciesin.org/
- EarthTrends: the Environmental Information Portal http://earthtrends.wri.org/
- Statistical Abstract of the United States http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

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