



A Guide to Online Theses and Dissertations

This pathfinder for online theses and dissertations is designed to provide the user with access to free citations, abstracts and full-text documents for the purposes of general research. The sites provide are all free or at least partially free to the researcher. The MTS Library can assist you in your research in biblical, theological and psychological studies. Please visit the library during open hours or contact the library staff at (734) 207-9581 x-323 for further assistance.

<http://www.abes.fr/abes/DesktopDefault.aspx?Loupe=Moin>

Abes: Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur

Provides citations to French dissertations. Knowledge of French is needed to navigate this site.

<http://adt.caul.edu.au>

Australian Digital Theses Program

Provides both citation and full-text access to a few thousand theses and dissertations from Australian universities.

<http://www.bl.uk/services/bsds/dsc/theses.html>

The British Library

The British Library provides citations of theses from British universities since the 1970s, nearly 500,000 from the United States, and from Canada since 1980. Full-text documents may be ordered for a fee.

<http://www.crl.edu>

Center for Research Libraries

"CRL is a consortium of North American universities, colleges, and independent research libraries. The consortium acquires and preserves traditional and digital resources for research and teaching and makes them available to member institutions through interlibrary loan and electronic delivery." Includes over 20,000 doctoral dissertations.

<http://theses.univ-lyon2.fr/>

Cybertheses

Provides French dissertations from 1972 to the present. French is required to navigate.

<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses>

Digital Library and Archives

Digital Library and Archives (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) allows searching for citations and abstracts of over 6,700 theses and dissertations. Free full-text access is provided for more than half of the documents.

<http://www.historians.org/pubs/dissertations/index.cfm>

Directory of Dissertations in Progress

"The Directory contains 3,799 dissertations in progress at 170 academic departments in Canada and the U.S." All citations are from dissertations in progress in the field of history.

<http://www.dissertation.com>

Dissertation.com

This database is still small (only a few hundred documents), but the site allows free, full-text access to the first twenty-five pages of each thesis and dissertation.



<http://www.ndltd.org>

NDLTD - Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations

Provides access to citations from thousands of digital dissertations and theses in PDF format. A large of these documents are available in electronic full-text at no charge.

<http://www.phddata.org>

PhdData: The Universal Index of Dissertations in Progress

PhdData has citations from several thousand dissertations in progress from various parts of the world.

<http://www.lib.umi.com/dissertations>

Proquest Digital Dissertations

Proquest provides the past two years of citations and abstracts in their Digital Dissertations database at no cost.

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/thesescanada/index-e.html>

Theses Canada Portal

Provides access to bibliographic citations for all the theses in the National Library of Canada Theses Collection. Access to full-text theses is available for all items published between January 1, 1998 to August 31, 2002.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20041013193943/www.mkengel.de/thesis/thesis.htm>

Theses Link Collection

This site gives links to dissertation/theses search sites in many different countries, including Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Norway.

<http://www.tren.com>

TREN: Theological Research Exchange Network

TREN provides citations to 10,000 theological theses/dissertations and conference papers. Electronic and/or print documents can then be purchased through this site. The site also offers some of their titles for free in electronic full-text format.

<http://etd.nd.edu/>

University of Notre Dame Electronic Theses and Dissertations

“This is a collection of electronic Masters and Ph.D. theses and dissertations (ETD's) available from the University of Notre Dame. The collection was initiated in 2002 and continues to date. Items are added to the collection as they become available.”

<http://www.unisa.ac.za/Default.asp?Cmd=ViewContent&ContentID=15350>

University of South Africa (Unisa): Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Hundreds of full-text theses and dissertations are available in a wide variety of fields, including practical theology, biblical studies and psychology.

http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/guide_headings.aspx

The Wasbash Center Internet Guide

This is the most exhaustive resource available online for theological, Biblical and religious studies. While the guide itself does not provide theses and dissertations it will point the researcher in the direction of online dissertations in specific fields. The guide includes a variety of resources of interest, including electronic texts, journals, websites, bibliographies and more. The site is maintained by the Wabash librarians and is designed for teachers, however, the site is equally useful for the student.