



# Library Services Course Guide ~ Political Science

## About our Course Guides:

Each page is dedicated to the areas covered by the courses offered here at RPCC. Each page lists various types of resources, including printable guides and handouts, suggested databases for research, selected e-books and books in our collection, and links to relevant online resources.

## For more information on course offerings, visit the following web pages:

Catalogs: <http://www.rpcc.edu/catalogs.cfm>

Technical Programs: <http://www.rpcc.edu/technicalPrograms.cfm>

## Suggested Databases:

Click on any **Databases** link on the Library website to access these. Please note that access from off-campus will require your Library User ID (or Alt ID) & PIN, or, for some resources, a different User ID & Password. See our page on [Using Online Library Resources From Home](#).

- **Academic Search Complete**
- **CQ Researcher**
- **Encyclopædia Britannica Online**
- **History Reference Center**
- **JSTOR - The Scholarly Journal Archive**
- **Oxford Reference Online**

## Selected E-Books:

The **eBook Collection** from EBSCOhost is our largest provider of e-books (electronic copies of printed books PDF format), available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **eBook Collection** has an easy-to-use search interface. You will be prompted to login with your 12-digit Library User ID to access these e-books from off-campus. Please see our Tutorials on eBook Collection from EBSCOhost for more information.

### American Government

- *Comparative Federalism: Theory and Practice*, 2006, by Michael Burgess.
- *Locke, Jefferson and the Justices: Foundations and Failures of the US Government*, 2002, by George M. Stephens.
- *Only in America? The Politics of the United States in Comparative Perspective*, 1998, by Graham K. Wilson.
- *A Revolution in Favor of Government: Origins of the U.S. Constitution and the Making of the American State*, 2003, by Max M. Edling.

### State & Local Government

- *American State and Local Politics: Directions for the 21st Century*, 1999, by Ronald E. Weber.
- *Ex Uno Plura: State Constitutions and their Political Cultures*, 2003, by James T. McHugh.
- *Public Opinion in State Politics*, 2006, by Jeffrey E. Cohen, Ed.
- *The Rise of the States: Evolution of American State Government*, 2002, by Jon C. Teaford.

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## Locations of Political Science Resources in the Library:

Political Science-related topics can be found in resources located in these Library of Congress call number ranges:

- **J** - Political Science.
  - **J87 to J87** - General legislative and executive papers; United States.
- **JA1 to JA92** - Political science (General).
- **JC11 to JC605** - Political theory. Theories of state.
- **JK1 to JK9993** - Political institutions and public administration (United States).
  - **JK501 to JK868** - Executive branch.
  - **JK1012 to JK1432** - Congress. Legislative branch.
  - **JK1507 to JK1603** - Judiciary (see also KF8700 to KF8709).
  - **JK1717 to JK2217** - Political rights; Citizenship, Suffrage, Electoral system.
  - **JK2255 to JK2391** - Political parties.
  - **JK2403 to JK9593** - State government.
- **JS39 to JS8500** - Local and municipal government.
  - **JS300 to JS1583** - United States.
- **KF** - Law of the United States.
  - **KF8700 to KF8709** - Courts. Procedure: Administration of justice. Organization of the judiciary.
- **KFL1 to KFL599** - Louisiana.
  - **KFL45** - Supreme Court.

## Selected Books in the Library:

### American Government

- *America's Constitution: A Biography*  
Call number: **KF 4541 .A87 2005**
- *Encyclopedia of American Government*  
Call number: **JK 9 .E52 1998**, in 4 volumes.
- *Essentials of American Government*  
Call number: **JK 274 .M5143 2000**
- *Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics Series*  
Call number: **JA 61 .S88 1995 REF**, in 5 volumes

### State & Local Government

- *Handbook of State Government Administration*  
Call number: **JK 2443 .H35 2000**
- *Inside the Carnival: Unmasking Louisiana Politics*  
Call number: **JK 4716 .P37 2004**
- *Louisiana Governors: Rulers, Rascals, and Reformers*  
Call number: **F 368 .C69 2008**
- *Louisiana Since the Longs : 1960 to Century's End*  
Call number: **F 376 .L685 1998**

## Online Resources:

The following resources have been reviewed and selected in collaboration with relevant faculty. Please note that websites outside of RPCC are beyond our control. We strive to ensure that the sites that we recommend are reliable and valid sources of high-quality information. Please let us know if you find any consistently dead links.

### American Government

- **Government Departments and Agencies,**

<http://www.usa.gov/Agencies.shtml>

of the **USA.gov**, <http://www.usa.gov/index.shtml>, the official website of the U. S. government.

- **PUBLICCITIZEN,**

<http://www.citizen.org/>

A non-partisan, non-government organization whose mission is to "serve as the people's voice in the nation's capital."

- **ThisNation.com,**

<http://www.thisnation.com/>

This site has no government affiliation and boasts "factual, unbiased information about government and politics in the United States" and includes an online textbook. It is authored by a political science professor from the University of Oklahoma.

- **U. S. Government Manual,**

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/browse-gm-09.html>

The online version of the latest available official handbook of the Federal Government (2009/2010).

- **GPO: FDsys – Federal Digital System,**

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

The U. S. Government Printing Office online access to Federal Government publications.

### State & Local Government

- **Louisiana.gov,**

<http://www.louisiana.gov/>

The official state website.

- **Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana,**

<http://www.la-par.org/>

An independent organization concerned with critical issues facing the state.

- **Louisiana Politics & Elections,**

<http://www.nola.com/politics/>

A section of **nola.com**, <http://www.nola.com/>, the online affiliate of the *Times-Picayune* newspaper.

- **Stateline.org: State Policy & Politics,**

<http://www.stateline.org/live/>

A "nonprofit, nonpartisan" news source from **The PEW Center on the States**,

<http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/>. News and issues are searchable by state, topic, etc. Updated daily.