



Resources for FYSP 187: Ars Moriendi: Death and the Art of Dying
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS – FINDING OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- The A-Z of Death and Dying: Social, Medical, and Cultural Aspects.* Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood, 2014.
Main Reference HQ1073 .A22 2014
- Encyclopedia of Trauma: An Interdisciplinary Guide.* Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2012. e-book
- Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience.* Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2009. e-book
(2 vols)
- Encyclopedia of Disasters: Environmental Catastrophes and Human Tragedies.* Westport, CT:
Greenwood Press, 2008. e-book
- Encyclopedia of War Crimes and Genocide.* New York, NY: Facts on File, 2006
Main Reference HV6322.7 .H67 2006
- The Encyclopedia of Death and Dying.* New York: Facts On File, 2005.
Main Reference HQ1073 .C37 2005
- Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity.* Detroit : Macmillan Reference, 2005.
Main Reference HV6322.7 .E532 2005 (3 vols.)
- Handbook of Death & Dying.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2003.
e-book, Main Reference HQ1073 .H36 2003 (2 vols.)
- Macmillan Encyclopedia of Death and Dying.* New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003.
Main Reference HQ1073 .M33 2003 (2 vols.)
- The Encyclopedia of Suicide.* 2nd ed. New York: Facts On File, 2003.
Main Reference HV6545 .E87 2003
- Encyclopedia of Death and Dying.* London: Routledge, 2001.
Main Reference HQ1073 .E543 2001
- Death and the Afterlife: A Cultural Encyclopedia.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2000.
e-book, Main Library GT3150 .T25 2000
- Encyclopedia of Death.* Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1989.
Main Reference HQ1073.E54 1989

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 libraries at colleges and universities—and through SearchOhio, those of an additional 20 public libraries—across Ohio. Both 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.

Below is a selective list of subject headings that may be useful for research in this class:

Aging	Death	Death – Social aspects
Assisted suicide	Death (Personification)	Death – Symbolic aspects
Bereavement	Death – Moral and ethical aspects	Death in literature
Black humor	Death – Poetry	Euthanasia
Burial	Death – Psychological aspects	Fear of death
Dead	Death – Religious aspects	Funeral rites and ceremonies

Genocide
Grief
Grief therapy
Grim Reaper (Symbolic character)
Immortalism
Immortality

Loss (Psychology)
Mortality
Mourning customs
Right to die
Suicide
War casualties

War -- Moral and ethical aspects

☆ **Also:** search for specific people (authors, artists, etc.) as subjects (as well as authors)

🔍 **Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: death social aspects
3. Scroll down to the geographical sub-division "United States"

Use **KEYWORD** and **ADVANCED** searches to find book chapters/articles, and works on multiple topics:

example: mass death and war

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

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

🔍 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

Multidisciplinary:	☆ <i>Academic Search Complete</i> <i>Web of Science</i> (especially good for science topics)
Anthropology:	<i>Anthropology Plus</i>
Environmental Studies:	<i>Environment Complete</i>
History:	<i>America: History and Life</i> (U.S. and Canadian history and culture) <i>Historical Abstracts</i> (world history and culture)
Literature:	<i>MLA International Bibliography</i>
Media, popular culture:	<i>Communication & Mass Media Complete</i> <i>Film & Television Literature Index</i>
Medicine, health:	<i>MEDLINE (EBSCO version recommended)</i>
Philosophy:	<i>ETHXWeb</i> <i>Philosopher's Index</i>
Psychology:	<i>PsycINFO</i>
Public opinion:	<i>iPOLL Databank at the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research</i>
Religion:	<i>ATLA Religion Database</i>
Sociology:	<i>SocINDEX</i>
Popular magazines/newspapers	<i>MasterFILE Premier</i> <i>Newspaper Source</i>

🔍 **Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the "by subject" drop-down search option, choose Any Subject/Multidisciplinary; find and select Academic Search Complete
3. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept, each connected by "or"
4. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by "or," and click Search
5. Refine results by choosing "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals"

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

Exercise for searching Summon for additional articles relevant to your topic

1. From the library home page, make sure the Summon tab is selected
2. In the Search box, type: anti-aging drugs
3. Under Refine Your Search, select "Scholarly and Peer-Review"

USEFUL WEB SITE

Association for Death Education and Counseling, The Thanatology Association.

<http://www.adec.org>

A professional organization dedicated to death education, care of the dying, grief counseling, and research in thanatology; see especially the "Links & Resources" page.

CITING YOUR SOURCES

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009.


Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

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.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

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OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: 110 Ohio libraries 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 (*not* your T-number)
- 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

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:

- ✓ *Help focus and define research topics*
- ✓ *Find information for papers and projects*
- ✓ *Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials*
- ✓ *Develop effective search strategies for online databases*
- ✓ *Identify useful web sites and internet resources*
- ✓ *Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources*
- ✓ *Track down facts and statistical data*
- ✓ *Learn how to use the library and its resources*

Drop-in help at the Research 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

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page