Media Studies Resources
The Catholic University of America

For the most updated resources please refer to the Research Guide:

guides.lib.cua.edu/mediastudies

Our Resources and Services

Everything you need to know about the libraries is available at: libraries.cua.edu

Most of the reference material (non-circulating) in Media Studies is located in the Reference Reading Room on the first floor of Mullen Library. The call number range is PN 1990 to PN 5650. Circulating material can be found in the Mullen Library stacks. Check the SearchBox at libraries.cua.edu for material that could be applicable to your topic.

P 87-96  Communication - Mass Media
P 99-99.4  Semiotics - Signs and Symbols
PN 1990-1992.92  Broadcasting
PN 1991-1991.9  Radio broadcasts
PN 1992.93-1992.95  Non-broadcast video recordings
PN 1993-1999  Motion pictures
PN 4699-5650  Journalism
TR 845-899  Cinematography

Abstracts, Bibliographies and Indices

There is not a single database or source that media studies students can use to gather research at CUA. You will need to browse the list below and make your decisions based on the content of each database. Often you will need to search a variety of databases and consult a number of print materials in building your bibliography.

*Academic Search Complete (Online)*

*Academic Search Complete* is the world's largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full text database containing indexing and abstracts for more than 8,500 journals. It includes full text for more than 8,500 publications, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals, and indexing and abstracts for an additional 13,200 publications in a wide range of academic areas of study. Full-text is available for some publications back to 1887. The database also includes searchable, cited references for more than 1,400 journals.

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Electronic Collections Online (Online)
ECO is a multidisciplinary database that contains citations to over 5,000 journals of varying dates of coverage. While there are a number of communications studies journals that are available for searching, you will want to check the premier abstract in the field of communications studies, Communication Abstracts. ECP has CA from Volume 20 (1998) to Volume 26 (2003). One hundred sixty journals are indexed in CA. You will get more hits if you expand the search to include the entire database. Basic, advanced and expert search features are available.

Film Literature Index (Online)
Based on the print publication of the same title, Film Literature Index covers 350 film and television periodicals (150 fully and 200 selectively) from over 30 countries. Periodicals indexed range from the scholarly to the popular. Over 700,000 citations for articles, book reviews, and other reviews published from 1976 to 2001 are included.
http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/fli/index.jsp

Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life (Online)
Search both databases simultaneously. Covers articles, books, and dissertations on world history, American history and Canadian history. 1450 to the present.

Historical Newspapers (Online)
Digital reproductions of The New York Times (1851 to 2007), The Wall Street Journal (1889 to 1993) and The Washington Post (1877-1994). Individual articles or full pages may be viewed, and the newspaper text is searchable. Great for looking for Broadway play reviews. For theatre reviews in Great Britain, check the Times Digital Archives, which has coverage of the Times of London from 1785-1985.

Humanities International Complete (Online)
A comprehensive database of humanities content, the HIC indexes and abstracts over 2,300 journals and contains over 2.9 million records. More than one thousand journals have full text availability. Coverage goes back as far as 1929.

JSTOR (Online)

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MLA International Bibliography (Online)
Produced by the Modern Language Association of America, the MLA International Bibliography indexes critical scholarship on literature, language, linguistics, drama and theater, and folklore. Coverage includes journal articles, series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings and other materials. The database includes all records indexed from 1925 to the present, approximately 2 million records.

Movie Review Query Engine (Online)
The MRQE (“marquee”) is the Internet’s largest database of movie reviews. Its current coverage includes over 900,000 reviews, news, interviews, and other articles associated with over 100,000 movie titles. Features include the MRQE Metric, which averages print and web reviews to provide a definitive review score for each movie. www.mrqe.com/

ProQuest Research Library (Online)
Multi-subject reference source covering more than 5,000 general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for nearly 3,600 journals. Current news to historical events. 1971 – present.

WorldCat (OCLC Catalog - Online)
OCLC WorldCat database is the OCLC online catalog. It contains over 270 million records representing more than 1.8 billion items in library holdings worldwide. This is an excellent database for acquiring correct bibliographic citations and locating copies of a title in the DC area. www.worldcat.org

Select Print Resources

- An annotated bibliography of English reference books published since 1970 in the subject areas of communication theory, mass communication, rhetoric, speech, applied linguistics, public relations, and advertising. Journalism is also covered.

- The first and perhaps definitive work on communications research measures. Part I consists of four facets of communications studies that use quantitative methods. These are measures of instructional communication, interpersonal communication, mass communication, and organizational communication. The authors of the scales and indexes describe how they developed their profile measures. Over 60 types of instruments, scales, and questionnaires, surveys, tests, and measures are provided.

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- A dictionary with an emphasis on media and communications terms, film excluded. A list of abbreviations and a chronology of media events are included.

- This encyclopedia focuses on the international stage. Many of the entries deal with the current status of media in various countries. Each entry has a glossary of terms, a general overview, an historical review, a “see also” section, and a bibliography for future reference.

- The linkage between semiotics, media, and communications is explored. Semiotics is the study of the meaning of signs; communications deals with how that meaning is expressed; and media studies considers the methods of how meaning is transmitted and received.

- An excellent place to begin searching on topics in American popular culture. Each entry (chapter length) has an overview of the topic, a historical outline, annotated bibliography of reference works, and a history and criticism section. Each chapter ends with an extensive bibliography of other relevant source material.

- This work covers the technological, legal, legislative, economic, and political aspects of communication and mass media. The entries are arranged alphabetically and there is a topical list of entries that is easily skimmed. A general bibliography is provided for overviews in particular topics; these titles are listed because they are considered outstanding books. Each entry has a “see also” reference and a short bibliography for further reading; a photo may accompany an entry.

- This encyclopedia has 569 articles on international figures and topics in communications. Predominately a resource for undergraduates, there is some material that may be of interest to scholars. Many but not all entries have short bibliographies.

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E-Books

All of the e-Books in CUA’s collection may be found using a Title search in SearchBox. Many e-Books can also be found in the Article databases. Below are four significant e-Book databases which you may wish to search:

- **Early English Books Online (EEBO)** contains full-text searchable, digital images of more than 125,000 English-language books published between 1473 and 1700. Subjects: literature, history, philosophy, linguistics, theology, music, fine arts, education, mathematics, and science.
- **Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)** provides full-text searching of 180,000+ digital books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides, etc. published between 1701-1800. Most are English works published in the U.K., with some others included. Subjects: history, geography, social sciences, fine arts, science, technology, medicine, literature, philosophy, religion, law, and general reference.
- **JSTOR** is a digital archive of fully searchable back issues of scholarly journals in anthropology, Asian Afro American studies, ecology, economics, education, finance, general science, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology, and statistics.
- **Nineteenth Century Collections Online (NCCO)** indexes the full-text of books, newspapers, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, diaries, photographs, statistics, literature, government reports, treaties, and other documents produced from 1789 to 1914. Multiple languages are covered. Released in increments beginning in 2012.

For help downloading, printing, and copying e-Books, please refer to the Research Guide: [guides.lib.cua.edu/ebooks](http://guides.lib.cua.edu/ebooks)

Media Collection

We have a growing collection of movies, TV series, radio broadcasts, theatre, and documentaries in our collection. DVDs are held at the Circulation Desk. You can also find streaming media in SearchBox or the Kanopy and Lynda databases.

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