

Library Survival and Research for Graduate Students

USC Libraries Homepage: (http://www.usc.edu/libraries/)

Discipline Specific LibGuides: (<u>http://libguides.usc.edu/</u>)

Subject Librarians: (<u>http://www.usc.edu/libraries/about/directory/subject_librarian.php</u>)

Locations and Hours for USC Libraries (<u>http://www.usc.edu/libraries/locations/</u>) (<u>http://www.usc.edu/libraries/hours/all_libraries/</u>)

Library Card: Library accounts are automatically created for all currently enrolled students. Accounts for new borrowers will be activated usually within one business day after the creation of their USC ID, which serves as the library access and borrowing card.

This is your PIN #: A 14-digit Library barcode is printed on your USCard, which consists of your 10-digit USC ID + a 4-digit security code printed on the back of the card.

User Name & Password: For USC Libraries is the same as USC E-mail user name and password.

<u>Remote Access</u>: The library's Web site provides seamless access to electronic resources. When you click a link to a restricted resource from the Web site, you will be prompted to log in to the proxy server with your USC ID (the first part of your USC e-mail address) and password. After logging in, you will be directed automatically to the desired resource (<u>http://www.usc.edu/libraries/services/remote_access/#proxy</u>)

<u>ARES:</u> The University of Southern California Libraries' Automated Reserves System (ARES). To access course reserves, enter your **USC email ID** (without the "@usc.edu") as your username and your **USC email password** (<u>https://usc.ares.atlas-sys.com/)</u> <u>ILLiad/IDD:</u> Interlibrary Loan and Instant Document Delivery Request (<u>http://usc.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/logon.html</u>) Libraries4Me@USC Video

<u>Reference:</u> In person at one of our reference desks, 24/7 chat (Ask-A-Librarian) & E-mail reference, or with a subject specialist by appointment (<u>http://www.usc.edu/libraries/services/ask_a_librarian/</u>)

<u>Finding Books & Media:</u> HOMER is the USC Libraries catalog (http://dotsx.usc.edu/newsblog/index.php/main/comments/homer_search_tips_1)

Recommend A Book: We encourage USC faculty, staff and currently enrolled students to recommend items for the libraries' collections. Subject specialist librarians will consider all recommendations and make a final decision on whether to purchase items (http://www.usc.edu/libraries/services/idd/recommend_a_book/options/book/request/)

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Dissertations and Thesis Full Text:

(http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?RQT=306&TS=1185986753&DBId=G647&cfc=1)

Remember Discipline Specific LibGuides are the best resource when doing library research at USC!