



## Index to Theses in Great Britain and Ireland

**Index to Theses** contains bibliographic information on theses accepted for higher degrees by the universities of Great Britain and Ireland from 1716 onwards. Abstracts are included for some of the theses and information about the availability of full text is also provided.

### Access

1. At the Library Homepage (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select **Electronic Resources**.
2. Select **Databases : Title List**.
3. Select **Index to Theses in Great Britain & Ireland** in the alphabetical list of databases.

### Search

- ✦ At the **Index to Theses Home Page**, click on the **Search** button.
- ✦ By default the **Quick Search Page** is displayed. You may select other types of search from the menu on the left.
- ✦ **Simple Search** and **Standard Search** are recommended as they allow you to build up a search query easily.

### Simple Search

1. Specify search criteria in one or more search fields:

- ✦ Enter one or more word(s)/phrase(s).
- ✦ Enter author surname(s).
- ✦ Enter keywords that must appear in abstract.
- ✦ Select a university.
- ✦ Select a subject category.
- ✦ Select a year.

### Simple Search

Find records where:

Title contains

Author contains

Abstract contains

University

Anything

Aberdeen

Abertay, Dundee

Anglia Ruskin

Aston

Bath

Bedfordshire

Class

Anything

A1. Library & Information Science

A2. Religion

A2a. Religion - General

A2b. Christian Religion - Theology

A2c. Christian Religion - History

A2d. Christian Religion - Individual Theologians, Studies of

Year

Anything

2008

2007

2006

Connect fields with  AND  OR.

How many hits do you want displayed per page?

2. Select an appropriate operator to connect the fields.

3. Select the number of records to be displayed per page.

4. Click to start search.

### Standard Search

1. Select a field to search.

Enter class code for a Class search. Click on this link to display a list of class codes together with their respective class names.

### Standard Search

Find records where:

-	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
Title	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
Author	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
Degree	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
Class	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
Year	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
University	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>
Any field	contains	<input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/>

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**Searching Help**

You might find the [full listing of the classification scheme used in Index to Theses](#) useful in formulating your search.

2. Enter word(s)/phrase(s).

3. Select appropriate operator to connect search terms entered in multiple boxes.

4. Click to start search.

## Search tips

- Queries are case-insensitive.  
e.g. *pascal* finds articles containing *pascal* or *Pascal*

- Use Boolean Operators to combine multiple words/phrases:

Operator	Example	Finds
AND	apple <b>and</b> computer	records with both the words <i>apple</i> and <i>computer</i>
OR	handicapped <b>or</b> disabled	records with the word <i>handicapped</i> or <i>disabled</i> or both
AND NOT	computer <b>and not</b> apple	records with the word <i>computer</i> but not <i>apple</i>

- When searching for a phrase which happens to include a Boolean operator keyword, enclose the phrase or the Boolean operator with double quotes (“ ”).  
e.g. “**black and white**” or **black “and” white** will find the exact phrase *black and white*, not records containing both words.
- Use parentheses to specify the order of execution of the Boolean expressions in a query. The expressions in parentheses are evaluated before the rest of the query.  
e.g. For this query: **(environment and (pollution or contamination)) and not acid rain**, the order of execution is:
  1. **pollution or contamination** → result set 1
  2. **environment and** [result set 1] → result set 2
  3. [result set 2] **and not acid rain**

- Wildcard Symbols:

Wildcard	Function	Example	Finds articles containing...
?	to substitute a single character	wom?n	<i>woman</i> or <i>women</i>
*	to substitute any number of characters in the beginning, middle, or at the end of a word	*employment  behavi*r  manage*	<i>employment, re-employment, unemployment, underemployment, self-employment, etc.</i>  <i>behavior</i> or <i>behaviour</i>  <i>manage, managed, manager, management, etc.</i>

### Display Abstracts

At the search results page, click on the title of a thesis to view the full citation and its abstract, if available.

### Full Text Availability

At the display record page, you will see either of the icons on left-hand side of the screen.



Click the icon “How to obtain full text” to view a page with links to sources of ETDs (Electronic Theses and Dissertations) for the corresponding university. Full text availability depends on the sources.



Click the icon “Link to full text” to access full text of the thesis.

### Print/Download Abstracts

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To print/download the abstracts in PDF format, click on the Print/Save a Copy button of the Adobe Reader.