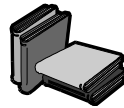


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Common Scholarly Abbreviations

abbr.	abbreviation, abbreviated	e.g.	for example (Latin <i>exempli gratia</i>)
abr.	abridgment, abridged	enl.	enlarged
acad.	academy	esp.	especially
adapt.	adapter, adaptation, adapted by	et al.	and others (Latin <i>et alii, et aliae</i>)
app.	appendix	et seq.	and following (Latin <i>et sequentes</i>)
art.	article	etc.	and so forth (Latin <i>et cetera</i>)
assn.	association	ex., exx.	examples
assoc.	associate, associated	fac.	faculty
attrib.	attributed to	fig., figs	figure(s)
aux.	auxiliary	f., ff.	following
b.	born	fig., figs	figure(s)
bib.	biblical	fl.	flourished, <i>or</i> reached greatest development or influence (Latin <i>floruit</i>)
bibliog.	bibliographer, bibliography, bibliographic	fr.	from
biog.	biographer, biography, biographical	front.	frontispiece
bk.	book	fut.	future
bull.	bulletin	fwd.	foreword, foreword by
©	copyright	gen.	general
c.	approximately, (Latin <i>circa</i>) e.g. c. 1992	govt.	government
cf.	compare (Latin <i>confer</i>)	hist.	historian, history, historical
ch.	chapter	i.e.	that is (Latin <i>id est</i>)
col.	column	ibid.	in the same work (Latin <i>ibidem</i>)
coll.	college	id.	in the same place (or the same) (Latin <i>idem</i>)
colloq.	colloquial	illus.	illustrator, illustration, illustrated by
comp., comps.	compiler(s), compiled by	inc.	including; incorporated
conf.	conference	inf.	below (Latin <i>infra</i>)
Cong.	Congress	inst.	institute, institution
Const.	Constitution	intl.	international
cont.	contents; continued	introd.	introduction, introduced by
(contd.)	continued	irreg.	irregular
dept.	department	jour.	journal
dev.	development, developed by	Jr.	Junior
diss.	dissertation	l., ll.	line, lines
dist.	district	lang.	language
distr.	distributor, distributed by	leg.	legal
div.	division	legis.	legislator, legislation, legislature, legislative
doc.	document	lit.	literally; literature, literacy
ed., eds.	editor(s)		
edn, edns	edition(s)		
educ.	education, educational		

loc. cit.	in the place cited (Latin <i>loco citato</i>)	pub.	publisher, publication, published by
ltd.	limited	q.v., qq.v.	which see (Latin <i>quod vide</i>); qq.v. is the plural
mag.	magazine	qtd.	quoted
misc.	miscellaneous	r.	reigned
mod.	modern	rec.	record, recorded
ms., mss.	manuscript, manuscripts	reg.	registered; regular
n, nn	note, notes	rel.	release
narr.	narrator, narrated by	rept.	report, reported by
natl.	national	res.	resolution
NB	take notice (Latin <i>nota bene</i>)	resp.	respectively
n.d.	no date of publication	rev.	review, reviewed by; revision, revised by
no.	number	rpm	revolutions per minute
nonstand.	nonstandard	rpt.	reprint, reprinted by
n.p.	no place of publication; no publisher	sc.	scene
n. pag.	no pagination	sec., s., ss.	section (s. and ss. for legislation)
ns	new series	ser.	series
numb.	numbered	sess.	session
obs.	obsolete	sic	thus in the source or used like this (Latin <i>sice</i>)
op.	opus (work)	soc.	society
op. cit.	in the work cited (Latin <i>opere citato</i>)	Sr.	Senior
orig.	original, originally	st.	stanza
os	old series; original series	Stat.	Statues at Large
p., pp.	page, pages	substand.	substandard
par., para.,		sup.	above (Latin <i>supra</i>)
paras	paragraph(s)	supp.	supplement
part.	participle	syn.	synonym
passim	here and there, throughout (a word, not an abbreviation)	trans.	transitive; translator, translation, translated by
philol.	philological	ts., tss.	typescript, typescripts
philos.	philosophical	U	University
poss.	possessive	usu.	usually
pref.	preface, preface by	var.	variant
pres.	present	vers.	version
proc.	proceedings	vide	see (Latin <i>videlicet</i>)
pron.	pronoun	vol., vols	volume(s)
pronunc.	pronunciation	vs.	versus
PS	postscript	writ.	writer, written by
pseud.	pseudonym		
pt., pts	part(s)		

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