**Graduate Research**

Resources for Students at the Stockton Center

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**Library Home Page:**  [http://library.csustan.edu](http://library.csustan.edu)

**Stockton Library Services page:**  [http://library.csustan.edu/stockton](http://library.csustan.edu/stockton)

*Also linked from the Library Home Page under “Services”*

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**Most Library research tools are linked on the appropriate subject page:**

1) **Library Home Page**
2) **Help/Guides**
3) **Subject Guides**

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**Journal Articles**

Use an appropriate research database to identify scholarly journal articles and other research studies.

From the Library home page, choose:  Journal Articles → Databases by Subject

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**Catalogs:  Books (& other library holdings)**

From the Library home page, choose:  Books → More Book Search Options

**CSU Stanislaus Library Catalog**

- library catalog searches for 200,000 books, videos, theses, etc. held by the library
- for journals it lists the holdings (which volumes and/or years) that are available
- available items can be sent to Stockton using request form on Library’s Stockton page

**Link+**

- searches 8 million books held at selected libraries in California
- available items can be sent to Stockton (if Stockton is chosen on the Link+ request)

**WorldCat**

- searches 50 million books held at libraries around the nation
- request items via Interlibrary Loan (home page or Find IT!) & can be sent to Stockton
Master's Theses

From the Library home page, choose: Help/Guides → Subject Guides → Theses

CSU Stanislaus Theses

- Search the Library Catalog to identify title, author, and call number
  - To search for theses only, change location "entire library collection" to "Theses"
  - To search for theses from a specific department, search subject:
    - California State University, Stanislaus -- Master's Theses -- Department
      - e.g. - California State University, Stanislaus -- Master's Theses -- Psychology
- If available, a CSU Stanislaus thesis can be requested and sent to Stockton using
  the request form (on the Stockton Library Services page)

Theses from Other Universities in the CSU system

- Link+ includes entries for theses at many California universities, including most CSUs
- Search for the word theses and your topic (e.g. theses and child development)
  OR - on the “Advanced Search,” search for the word theses as a subject
- If available, an item on Link+ can be requested and sent to Stockton using the
  REQUEST THIS ITEM link

ProQuest Dissertations Full-Text

- Although it’s mostly Ph.D. dissertations, also includes some Master’s theses

Dissertations

ProQuest Dissertations Full-Text

From the Library home page, choose: Help/Guides → Subject Guides → Dissertations

- Immediate online access to the full-text of most dissertations written for Social
  Science and Humanities degrees since 1997

Subject Databases

From the Library home page, choose: Help/Guides → Subject Guides → (subject)

- Most subject databases include citations to dissertations submitted in that discipline
- To get the full-text of dissertations cited in a subject database:
  - See if the full-text is available in the ProQuest Dissertations Full-Text database
  - If full-text is not in ProQuest, dissertations may be requested via Interlibrary Loan

Dissertation Abstracts

- Brief, one-paragraph descriptions (abstracts) of most dissertations written in the U.S.
- Includes Science and Engineering dissertations (that aren’t listed in ProQuest
  Dissertations)
- To get the full-text of dissertations cited in Dissertation Abstracts:
  - See if the full-text is available in the ProQuest Dissertations Full-Text database
  - If full-text is not in ProQuest, dissertations may be requested via Interlibrary Loan
Getting the Full Text of Articles from a Database

Look for a “Full Text” link:
These links indicate the full text is immediately available in the database.

If no “Full Text” link - look for a Find It! button -
Find It! will search the library’s holdings for that article and provide a menu with links to the appropriate library subscription and/or service.

Find It! menu will present one or more of the following options:

Full text available via (name of library subscription)
Indicates the full-text should be available via another online library subscription.
1) Note year, volume, issue and pages of article.
2) Click name of the service to open a new window displaying the new database.
3) Click appropriate links in new window to access the full-text (often PDF) of the article.

This article is available in the University Library (listed in the Library Catalog)
Indicates the full-text may be available in the library’s print or microfilm collections.
1) Click link to search library catalog.
2) In the appropriate record, look at the holdings.
3) If desired volume/year is available, use the “Request from Main Library” form on the Stockton Library Services page.

Request a copy of this article (Interlibrary Loan)
Indicates the item is not part of the library’s permanent collection.
The link will open an Interlibrary Loan request (see below).
Getting the Text of an Item Listed in a Citation

Electronic Journals at CSU Stanislaus
1. Go to the list of Electronic Journals (under Library Home page – Journal Articles)
2. Search for the title of the journal (not the article!).
3. Check to see if desired journal (and volume/year) is available.
4. Search appropriate service for your article (e.g. author or title of the article).

Books and Print Academic Journals held by the Library (Library Catalog)
1. Identify the title of the book or journal (not the article!)
2. Go to the Library Catalog (Library Home Page - Books)
3. Change Keyword to Title (Begins with).
4. Type title of book or journal.
5. If library has the title, go to full record and look at the holdings.

Books: Check the status. If Available, you can request to have it sent to Stockton using the Request from Main Library – Book Form.

Journal articles: Check the volume/date of the article versus what the library has online, holds in print, or has in microfilm. Journal articles in print or microfilm can be sent to Stockton via the Request from Main Library – Article Form.

Interlibrary Loan
If library does not have the item online or in print, submit a request via Interlibrary Loan (linked on the Stockton Library Services Page).
There is no charge for Interlibrary Loan. Most articles are available online in 2-4 days. Most books will be delivered in 4-7 days.
The first time you use Interlibrary Loan, you will need to register. If you prefer to pick up books in Stockton (instead of coming to Turlock), be sure you note the correct delivery location while registering.

Stockton Request Forms (For delivery to the Stockton Center)
Linked from: Library Home Page ---> Services ---> Stockton Library Services
Items will be available for pick-up at the Stockton Library Access Center (Acacia 1049).

Materials from Main Library
Use for books and journals listed as available in the Library Catalog. Requested items should be available in Stockton in 1-2 business days.

Materials not owned by the Library
Interlibrary Loan: If you have a citation to an article or a book, and the title of the book or journal isn’t listed as available in the Library Catalog or Link+, you can request a copy via Interlibrary Loan.