



Resource Guide

Geography

Electronic Databases

Academic Search Premier

Coverage: 1965, in some cases, to the present (depending upon publication)

Full Text: Yes in some cases.

Description: Academic Search Premier is a full text database of peer-reviewed academic journals, offering critical information from many sources found in no other database. Not only does it contain full text articles from over 2,940 scholarly publications, but one can also find abstracts and indexing for nearly 3,930 scholarly journals. The journals offered cover Human Geography, Physical Geography, and GIS.

Article First

Coverage: The mid-1960s to the present (depending upon the publication)

Full Text: Yes in some cases.

Description: Article First is another comprehensive database of peer-reviewed academic journals. Articles cover the realms of human geography, physical geography, and GIS.

Dissertations and Theses (Full-Text)

Coverage: 1861-current, Texas A&M University: 1997-current

Full Text: Full-text is available for most dissertations and theses from the past few decades.

Description: Contains the full text of dissertations and theses from 1997 to the present written at institutions in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and Europe. Many dissertations from human and physical geography are in the database.

Geo Base

Coverage: 1980-Current.

Full Text: Limited to abstracts of articles.

Description: International index covering various aspects of human geography, physical geography, GIS, geology, and ecology. Includes citations to articles on economic and social geography, cartography, climatology, energy, environment, hydrology, meteorology and volcanology. Includes citations to journals, books, monographs, conference proceedings and reports.

GeoRefS

Coverage: 1785-current

Full Text: Limited to abstracts of articles and other sources.

Description: International index of geology and earth science with content of relevance to physical geography. Citations for geoscience journal articles, books, maps, conference papers, reports and theses. Includes subjects of geochemistry, engineering geology, hydrology, marine geology, oceanography and paleontology.

Science-Direct

Coverage: 1995-Current

Full Text: Many of the articles listed are full-text, some are just abstracts.

Description: Very up-to-date database of articles from academic journals in the sciences. Articles substantively cover research in Human and Physical Geography.

Texas Digital Sanborn Maps

Coverage: Varying coverage from the mid-1860s, older maps are more prevalent.

Full Text: Not Applicable.

Description: Digitized maps providing detailed property and land-use records depicting the architecture of Texas towns and cities (including Corpus Christi) throughout the past one hundred years. The maps enable researchers to trace the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, neighborhoods and communities.

Web of Science

Coverage: 1945-Current.

Full Text: Some with abstracts of articles from other sources.

Description: A very up-to-date multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of the social sciences. It indexes journals across 50 social sciences disciplines, and relevant items from leading scientific and technical journals. Subjects include human geography, physical geography, and GIS.

Internet Resources

GeoHive

Location: <http://www.xist.org/>

Description: GeoHive, is "a site with geopolitical data, statistics on the human population, Earth and more." The website is a good source of info for population statistics of regions, countries, provinces and cities.

Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection

Location: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

Description: Virtual map collection from the University of Texas-Austin's map library. Online access to a very comprehensive set of international, U.S. and Texas maps of various types.

Resources for Geographers, University of Colorado at Boulder

Location: <http://www.colorado.edu/geography/virtdept/resources/contents.htm>

Description: This thorough and up-to-date online collection of Geography-related academic resources is organized into the categories of journals, professional associations and research organizations, map collections, geo-spatial datasets, newsgroups and listservs, academic departments, job and career-related websites, educational resources (including course materials) and software and commercial vendors.

TerraServer-USA

Location: <http://terraserver-usa.com/>

Description: The TerraServer-USA Web site provides free public access to a large database of maps and aerial photographs of the United States.

Print Resources

DICTIONARIES

The Dictionary of Physical Geography (Ref GB10.D53 2000).

A dictionary of more than 2,000 subject entries with a focus on key concepts within Physical Geography including important terms in geomorphology, climatology, biogeography, zoogeography, pedology, the quarternary, GIS, remote sensing and the human impact on the environment.

The Penguin Dictionary of Geography (Ref G63.C562 1998).

A reference work with short, succinct definitions of key terms in both physical and human geography. The book includes more than 1,000 entries related to subfields including social, urban and economic geography, remote sensing, geomorphology, and hydrology from the very broad academic discipline of geography.

Oxford Dictionary of the World (Ref G1035.094 1995). A reference work that provides topographical descriptions of places in every country of the world, along with descriptions of peoples, languages, and religions along with definitions of important geographical and environmental terms. The work includes about 10,000 entries.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Geo-Data: The World Geographical Encyclopedia (Ref G103.5.G36 2003).

This reference work is intended to provide the reader with comprehensive descriptions of the physical geography of the world's 207 countries and dependencies. For each country and dependency, a Key Facts selection is provided with information about the geographic entity's physical area, relative location, coordinates, border length, coastline length, territorial seas, highest point, lowest point, population, largest city and capital city. For each country or dependency entry, information about mountains and hills, inland waterways, coastlines and islands, climate and vegetation, the human population and natural resources is provided along with a map.

Companion Encyclopedia of Geography: The environment and Humankind (Ref G116.C645 1996).

This work from the mid-1990s includes essays by scholars related to issues in Environmental Geography.

World Geographical Encyclopedia (Ref G63 .E5213 1995 v.1-5).

Encyclopedia of world regional geography published in the mid-1990s. The work is broken into volumes organized by region – Africa volume 1, Americas volume 2, Asia volume 3, Europe volume 4, Oceania volume 5.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Bell Library subscribes to the following geography-related journals either in print and/or online. Visit the Periodical Holdings List (PHL) on the Bell Library webpage to obtain access info for any of these publications.

Applied Geography
Economic Geography
Focus on Geography
Gender, Place, and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography
Geografiska Annaler. Series A, Physical Geography
Geografiska Annaler. Series B, Human Geography
Geography
Geography of Mexico
International Journal of Population Geography
Journal of Cultural Geography
Journal of Economic Geography
The Journal of Geography
Journal of Geography in Higher Education
Journal of Historical Geography
Journal of Latin American Geography
Journal of Transport Geography
Philosophy and Geography
Political Geography
Progress in Human Geography
Progress in Physical Geography
Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography
Social and Cultural Geography
Social Science and Medicine Part D Medical Geography

OTHER PRINT

Essentials of World Regional Geography (Fourth Edition). (G128 .E78 2003). World regional geography textbook authored by Christopher J. Salter and Joseph J. Hobbs.

Geography: Realms, Regions and Concepts (Tenth Edition). (G128 .D4 2002). This work authored by H.J. de Blij and Peter Muller represents one of the major and most enduring world regional geography textbooks.

World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives (Second Edition). (G128.P85 2002). World regional geography textbook authored by Lydia Mihelic Pulsipher and Alex Pulsipher.

Government Information

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

CIA World Factbook

Internet

<https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

The CIA World Factbook is a source of relatively up-to-date information about countries around the world. The site contains reference maps, country profiles, rank order lists (on numerous demographic/social variables), and pictures of flags of the world's nations.

U.S. Census Website

Internet

<http://www.census.gov/>

The U.S. Census Bureau website contains extensive population and socioeconomic data which may be compiled at various geographic levels (nation, region, state, county, city, census tract etc.). The site also contains extensive mapping features and access to U.S. Census Bureau maps.

FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

Marcive GPO Index (Jy 1976-present) An index to publications issued by the U.S. Government Printing Office. These publications include annual reports, statistical compilations, Congressional hearings, maps, and general publications on a wide variety of subjects including some of interest to Geographers. Searching may be done by title or series, author or agency, subject, call number, report number, etc. Bell Library is a **selective** Federal Depository Library and receives roughly 45% of the items listed in the index. These are located in the U.S. Government Documents section in the Reference Department. Most federal and state documents may be checked out.

TEXAS STATE DOCUMENTS

Texas State Electronic Library Accessible through Bell Library's Homepage under the "Other Library Catalogs" heading. Contains records referring to Texas State Government Publications. Search, for example, by "Population" or "Cities" or "Counties" to find demographic information about places in Texas. Many of the catalog items are located in the State Government Documents section in the Reference Department.

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