

Browsing the Shelves: Library of Congress Classification Outline

If you are adventurous or would like to browse, the first letter of the call number will help you find the general subject areas of the Library of Congress Classification system. By looking at the beginning letters of the call number you can tell what subject area you are in.

A – General Works

AC	Collections. Series. Collected works
AE	Encyclopedias
AG	Dictionaries and other general reference works
AI	Indexes
AM	Museums. Collectors and collecting
AN	Newspapers
AP	Periodicals
AS	Academies and learned societies
AY	Yearbooks. Almanacs. Directories
AZ	History of scholarship and learning. The humanities

B – Philosophy. Psychology. Religion

B	Philosophy (General)
BC	Logic
BD	Speculative philosophy
BF	Psychology
BH	Aesthetics
BJ	Ethics
BL	Religions. Mythology. Rationalism
BM	Judaism
BP	Islam. Bahaim. Theosophy, etc.
BQ	Buddhism
BR	Christianity
BS	The Bible
BT	Doctrinal Theology
BV	Practical Theology
BX	Christian Denominations

C – Auxiliary Sciences of History

C	Auxiliary Sciences of History (General)
CB	History of Civilization
CC	Archaeology
CD	Diplomatics. Archives. Seals
CE	Technical Chronology. Calendar
CJ	Numismatics
CN	Inscriptions. Epigraphy
CR	Heraldry
CS	Genealogy
CT	Biography

D – World History and History of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, etc.

D	History (General)
DA	Great Britain
DAW	Central Europe
DB	Austria – Liechtenstein – Hungary – Czechoslovakia
DC	France – Andorra – Monaco
DD	Germany
DE	Greco-Roman World
DF	Greece
DG	Italy – Malta
DH	Low Countries – Benelux Countries
DJ	Netherlands (Holland)
DJK	Eastern Europe (General)
DK	Russia. Soviet Union. Former Soviet Republics – Poland
DL	Northern Europe. Scandinavia
DP	Spain – Portugal
DQ	Switzerland
DR	Balkan Peninsula
DS	Asia
DT	Africa
DU	Oceania (South Seas)
DX	Gypsies

E – History of the Americas

E America. United States

F – History of the Americas

F United States local history. British America (including Canada). Dutch America. French America. Latin America – Spanish America

G – Geography. Anthropology. Recreation

G Geography (General). Atlases. Maps
GA Mathematical geography. Cartography
GB Physical geography
GC Oceanography
GE Environmental Sciences
GF Human ecology. Anthropogeography
GN Anthropology
GR Folklore
GT Manners and customs (General)
GV Recreation. Leisure

H – Social Sciences

H Social Sciences (General)
HA Statistics
HB Economic theory. Demography
HC Economic history and conditions
HD Industries. Land use. Labor
HE Transportation and communications
HF Commerce
HG Finance
HJ Public finance
HM Sociology (General)
HN Social history and conditions. Social problems. Social reform
HQ The family. Marriage. Women
HS Societies: secret, benevolent, etc.
HT Communities. Classes. Races
HV Social pathology. Social and public welfare. Criminology
HX Socialism. Communism. Anarchism

J – Political Science

J General legislative and executive papers
JA Political science (General)
JC Political theory
JF Political institutions and public administration
JJ Political institutions and public administration (North America)
JK Political institutions and public administration (United States)
JL Political institutions and public administration (Canada, Latin America, etc.)
JN Political institutions and public administration (Europe)
JQ Political institutions and public administration (Asia, Africa, Australia, Pacific Area, etc.)
JS Local government. Municipal government
JV Colonies and colonization. Emigration and immigration. International migration
JX (obsolete) International law, see JZ and KZ
JZ International relations

K – Law

K Law in general. Comparative and uniform law. Jurisprudence
KB Religious law in general. Comparative religious law. Jurisprudence
KBM Jewish law
KBP Islamic law
KBR History of canon law
KBU Law of the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy See
KD-KDK United Kingdom and Ireland
KDZ America. North America
KE Canada
KF United States
KG Latin America – Mexico and Central America – West Indies. Caribbean area.
KH South America
KJ-KKZ Europe
KL-KWX Asia and Eurasia, Africa, Pacific Area, and Antarctica
KZ Law of nations

L – Education

L	Education (General)
LA	History of Education
LB	Theory and practice of education
LC	Special aspects of education
LD	Individual institutions – United States
LE	Individual institutions – America (except United States)
LF	Individual institutions – Europe
LG	Individual institutions – Asia, Africa, Indian Ocean islands, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific islands
LH	College and school magazines and papers
LJ	Student fraternities and societies, United States
LT	Textbooks

M – Music

M	Music
ML	Literature on music
MT	Musical instruction and study

N – Fine Arts

N	Visual arts
NA	Architecture
NB	Sculpture
NC	Drawing. Design. Illustration
ND	Painting
NE	Print media
NK	Decorative arts
NX	Arts in general

P – Language and Literature

P	Philology. Linguistics
PA	Greek language and literature. Latin language and literature
PB	Modern languages. Celtic languages
PC	Romantic languages
PD	Germanic languages. Scandinavian languages
PE	English language
PF	West Germanic languages
PG	Slavic languages. Baltic languages. Albanian language
PH	Uralic languages. Basque language
PJ	Oriental languages and literatures
PK	Indo-Iranian languages and literatures
PL	Languages and literatures of Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania
PM	Hyperborean, Indian, and artificial languages
PN	Literature (General)
PQ	French literature – Italian literature – Spanish literature – Portuguese literature
PR	English literature
PS	American literature
PT	German literature – Dutch literature – Flemish literature since 1830 – Afrikaans literature – Scandinavian literature – Old Norse literature: Old Icelandic and Old Norwegian – Modern Icelandic literature – Faroese literature – Danish literature – Norwegian literature – Swedish literature
PZ	Fiction and juvenile belles lettres

Q – Science

Q	Science (General)
QA	Mathematics
QB	Astronomy
QC	Physics
QD	Chemistry
QE	Geology
QH	Natural history – Biology
QK	Botany
QL	Zoology
QM	Human anatomy
QP	Physiology
QR	Microbiology

R – Medicine

R	Medicine (General)
RA	Public aspects of medicine
RB	Pathology
RC	Internal medicine

RD Surgery
 RE Ophthalmology
 RF Otorhinolaryngology
 RG Gynecology and obstetrics
 RJ Pediatrics
 RK Dentistry
 RL Dermatology
 RM Therapeutics. Pharmacology
 RS Pharmacy and materia medica
 RT Nursing
 RV Botanic, Thomsonian, and eclectic medicine
 RX Homeopathy
 RZ Other systems of medicine

S – Agriculture

S Agriculture (General)
 SB Plant culture
 SD Forestry
 SF Animal culture
 SH Aquaculture. Fisheries. Angling
 SK Hunting sports

T – Technology

T Technology (General)
 TA Engineering (General). Civil engineering
 TC Hydraulic engineering. Ocean engineering
 TD Environmental technology. Sanitary engineering
 TE Highway engineering. Roads and pavements
 TF Railroad engineering and operation
 TG Bridge engineering
 TH Building construction
 TJ Mechanical engineering and machinery
 TK Electrical engineering. Electronics. Nuclear engineering
 TL Motor vehicles. Aeronautics. Astronautics
 TN Mining engineering. Metallurgy
 TP Chemical technology
 TR Photography
 TS Manufactures
 TT Handicrafts. Arts and crafts
 TX Home economics

U – Military Science

U Military Science (General)
 UA Armies: Organization, distribution, military situation
 UB Military administration
 UC Maintenance and transportation
 UD Infantry
 UE Cavalry. Armor
 UF Artillery
 UG Military engineering. Air forces
 UH Other services

V – Naval Science

V Naval science (General)
 VA Navies: Organization, distribution, naval situation
 VB Naval administration
 VC Naval maintenance
 VD Naval seamen
 VE Marines
 VF Naval ordinance
 VG Minor services of navies
 VK Navigation. Merchant marine
 VM Naval architecture. Shipbuilding. Marine engineering

Z – Bibliography. Library Science. Information Resources (General)

Z Books (General). Writing. Paleography. Book industries and trade. Libraries. Bibliography
 ZA Information resources (General)