

Mesoamerica: Anthropology Resources

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Where to find...

Reference Resources

(subject encyclopedias, handbooks, guides, and specialized dictionaries)

General Reference Resources

Anthropology at the University Libraries

<http://library.albany.edu/subject/guides/anthrlib.htm>

Mesoamerica

Carrasco, David, ed. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures: The Civilizations of Mexico and Central America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. 3 v. (Ref F1218.6 O95 2000)

Covington, Paula H, ed.. *Latin America and the Caribbean: a Critical Guide to Research Sources*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1992. Section devoted to *Anthropology*: 57-98 (Ref F1408 Z999 L385x 1992)

Evans, Susan, and David Webster, eds. *Archaeology of Ancient Mexico and Central America: an Encyclopedia*. New York: Garland Publishing, 2001. (Ref F1218.6 A73 2001)

Malinowski, Sharon, and Anna Sheets, eds. *The Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes*. Detroit: Gale, 1998. 4 v. Volume II includes section devoted to Middle America, p. 402-448 (Ref E 77 G15 1998)

Muser, Curt, comp. *Facts and Artifacts of Ancient Middle America: a Glossary of Terms and Words Used in the Archaeology and Art History of Pre-Columbian Mexico and Central America*. New York: Dutton, 1978. (Ref F1219 M97 1978)

Olson, James S. *The Indians of Central and South America: an Ethnohistorical Dictionary*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1991. (Ref 1434 O45 1991)

Wauchope, Robert, ed. *Handbook of Middle American Indians*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1964-2000. 16 v., 6 Sup. (Ref F1434 H3)

Where to find...

Mesoamerican Codices in the University Libraries

Facsimiles of Mesoamerican Codices in the University Libraries

<http://library.albany.edu/subject/codices.htm>



Where to find...

Books and Journal Articles

Keywords are terms considered to be “key” to finding information. *You might find them useful for your catalog and database searches.* Some examples:

- **Keywords in different languages.** Central America, Centroamérica, América Central...
- **Synonyms.**
 - Indigenous groups of Central America, Indians of Central America, Indigenous peoples of Central America...
 - Meso-American Indians, Mesoamerican Indians, Precolumbian Indians...
- **Related keywords.** Anthropology, Archaeology, Ethnology, Social Anthropology, Ethnohistory, Anthroinguistics...



Online Catalogs

University at Albany Online Catalog (MINERVA)

<http://minerva.albany.edu>

► Subject Headings Search

- ① Access the Online Catalog (Minerva): <http://minerva.albany.edu>
- ② Select *Subject heading begins with...* under the *Search Type* menu (on the right side of the screen)
- ③ Type in your subject heading in the dialog box. Click on the *Go* button
- ④ A list of subject headings will be retrieved. On the right side of the screen, you will see the number of records assigned to each subject heading.



The following Library of Congress Subject Headings are useful for searching resources by subject in our online catalog. This list only includes some examples of subject headings frequently used that *may be subdivided geographically*.

Indians of Central America
Indians of Mexico
Indians, Treatment of
Aztecs
Mayas
Nahuas
Olmecs

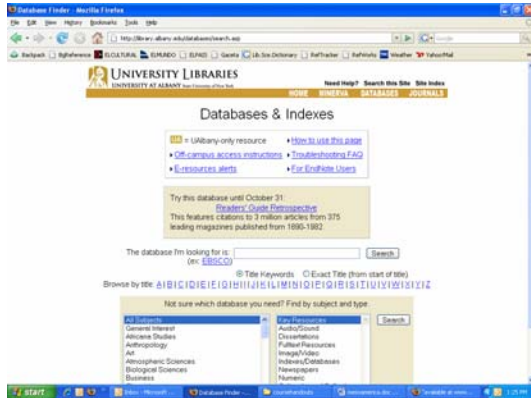


Worldcat

It is a worldwide union catalog created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 member institutions. Most of the US academic libraries are represented in this catalog.

Access this database through the *Database Finder*

<http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>



All databases available at:

<http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>



Anthropological Literature

Coverage: Late 19th century to the present

Fulltext? No

Description: Bibliographic index to articles and essays on anthropology and archaeology, including art history, demography, economics, psychology, and religious studies received at the Tozzer Library, Harvard University.

Truncation: ?. For example, searching for **hispan?** will find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism", etc.

eHRAF Collection of Ethnography

Coverage: 1991-

Fulltext? Yes

Description: It covers information on all aspects of social and cultural life from selected cultures around the world (including Mesoamerican cultures). This is a useful tool both for beginning studies of specific cultures and for cross-cultural studies of specific topics.

Note: Many of the cultures not treated on the electronic version may be found in the HRAF (Human Relations Area File) collection in the microforms room of the University Library.

Handbook of Latin American Studies (HLAS)

Coverage: 1935-

Fulltext? Links to journals subscribed by the library and freely available resources are included for records from volume 50 (1990) forward.

Description: A bibliography on Latin America consisting of works selected and annotated by scholars and edited by the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress.

- From volume 50 onward, you can also access HLAS via: <http://hlasopac.loc.gov/>

This option offers additional features such as Boolean search and the possibility to save and send emails with your results.

- HLAS is also available in print: (Ref Z 1605 H23)

Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)

Coverage: 1970-

Fulltext? You can limit your searches to citations to full-text only. Links would take you to either journals the library subscribes to or to freely available articles on the web.

Description: Provides access to bibliographic information of scholarly articles and book reviews from key journals worldwide primarily on Latin American and U.S. Latino topics.

Truncation: *No symbol is needed to truncate.* For example, searching for **hispan** will find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism", etc.



International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

Coverage: 1951-

Fulltext? You can limit your searches to records with a URL field. Links would take you to journals the library subscribes to.

Description: Indexes both core and specialized journals and books in the social sciences, including Anthropology.

Truncation: *. For example, searching for **hispan*** will find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism", etc.

Note: This is the online equivalent of the *International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology* and the *International Bibliography of Anthropology*



Other Databases of Interest

Ethnic Newswatch, Historical Abstracts, Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts, and Social Sciences Abstracts.



Where to find...

Internet Resources

▶ **Internet Resources in Anthropology**

<http://library.albany.edu/subject/anthropology.htm>

Selected by Kay Shaffer, University Libraries, University at Albany



▶ **Anthropological Index Online**

<http://aio.anthropology.org.uk/aio/AIO.html>

Index to periodicals (1950s onward) in the Anthropology Library at the British Museum (incorporating the former Royal Anthropological Institute library).

▶ **Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies**

<http://www.famsi.org/>



▶ **LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center. Anthropology & Archaeology**

<http://www1.lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/anthropology/>

Other Useful Resources:

▶ **Ethnologue. Languages of the World**

<http://www.ethnologue.com/>

▶ **Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina, El Caribe, España, y Portugal (Red AL y C)**

<http://www.redalyc.com/>