Finding Background Information

The online and print reference collections are good places to begin looking for information, especially if you
• don’t know much about your topic and need a place to start,
• need help choosing a topic (or broadening it or narrowing it down), or
• need some suggestions for further reading.

The following print and online titles, which are all located in the reference section, and listed in Library of Congress call number order or can be accessed on the A – Z list of databases, may help you with background information or an overview of your topic on Asian religions from antiquity to the present.

*Encyclopedia of Philosophy*  REF B 51 .E53 2006 (Also in *Gale Virtual Reference Library*)
*Encyclopedia of Religion*  REF BL .E46 2005 Also in *GVRL*
*Mythologies*  REF BL 311 .D513 1991 (Vol. 2 includes Asia)
*Critical Survey of Mythology and Folklore: World Mythology*  REF BL 312 .C75 2013
*Encyclopedia of Buddhism*  REF BQ .E62 2004 Also in *GVRL*
*Princeton Dictionary of Buddhism*  REF BQ 130 .P75 2014
*Great Events from History: The Ancient World Prehistory – 476 C.E.*  REF D 65 .G74 2004
*Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*  REF DS 4 .L48 2002
*Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopedia*  REF DS 524 .S68 2004
*Encyclopedia of Modern China*  REF DS 755 .E53 2009

Finding Material in the Catalog

After you have found some general information, you might want longer, more detailed information. One great place to look is in the online catalog. Emory & Henry College belongs to a group, or a consortium, of four libraries called Holston Associated Libraries, and they share a common catalog. Sometimes you will hear library staff members refer to the catalog as HAL. All types of items are in our catalog; besides books, there are DVDs, CDs, maps, electronic books, and other electronic resources. You can search for material in several different ways: by subject, author, title, or keyword. The screenshot below is from a subject search on Buddhism.
Let’s scroll down the list of subject headings. Under **Buddhism and culture**, there’s a link for the title **Buddhism and World Cultures**. Click on the link, and this is the full record you’ll see:

**Note**: Kelly Library participates in a shared catalog with King University, Washington Co. Public Library, and Tazewell County Public Library. Your E&H ID is good at all of these libraries; if you see an title at one of them, you can also request it through the catalog and have it delivered to the campus.
Finding Articles in Periodical Databases

After you have located general overviews in print and online reference resources, and located more detailed information in books through the catalog, you'll need even more specialized information that periodical articles can provide. Kelly Library subscribes to several databases that should be helpful.

**Academic Search Complete**

![Academic Search Complete search interface](image-url)
Religion and Philosophy Collection
This database is from the same publisher as Academic Search Complete; the user interface is the same.

What If the Article Is Not Full-Text?
Let’s use the example from Academic Search Complete above: a 2012 article from the periodical Observatorio. It’s not full-text in ASC. Now what? Check the E-Journals by Title list. Observatorio is full-text in DOAJ. See below.
**E&H OneSearch**

This discovery service searches almost all of the Kelly Library's databases simultaneously.

---

Note: check out **Kanopy**, a streaming-video database; there are many films on Asian religions in it.

### Documentation and Plagiarism

**Plagiarism** is serious academic misconduct. The **E&H Academic Code** clearly states that it is a student’s responsibility to give credit to another person’s exact words or unique ideas. The **Honor Code** reinforces this concept with the statement that one of its elements is “A commitment to abstain from all forms of cheating and plagiarism.” Documenting sources correctly will help you avoid this mistake in your papers and presentations. In high school, you may have already had some experience with the Turabian style of documentation. Three other common styles you may hear your professors mention are **MLA** (Modern Language Association), **APA** (American Psychological Association) and the **Chicago Manual of Style**. The library has guides for all of them. Use the style your instructor prefers. Also, on the library’s Research Tips page, there are links to several helpful sites. The **Long Island University** and the **OWL** (Online Writing Lab at Purdue University) websites are especially helpful.

### Your Best Resource

Your best resource in the library is the people who work here! If you are having problems locating or using any of these resources, please ask a library staff member for assistance. We’re here to help you with your information needs. Kelly Library is open **90+ hours** a week during the regular semester, and reference librarians are available 8am – 7pm Monday – Thursday and 8am-5pm Friday.
Librarians: Jane Caldwell, Jody Hanshew, Janet Kirby, and Holly McCormick
Circulation Staff: Adam Alley, Morgan Bitler, Kat Lilley, Melissa Phelps, and Courtney Sheets

Another valuable resource available to you on this campus is the E&H Writing Center in McGlothlin-Street 233. The tutors there can work with you to improve your papers by giving you advice on grammar, organization and documentation matters; it is not an editing service. For information on operating hours and tutor schedules, call ext. 6723 or check the Writing Center webpage. Note: in the Fall 2017 semester, Kelly Library is hosting a WC tutor on the main floor. Also, you may want to consult with Academic Support Services in the Powell Resource Center at ext. 6144.

One more resource that will help you with your research: Diana Hacker’s grammar and composition book A Writer’s Reference. It contains an excellent section on doing research—how to set realistic deadlines, form a topic and refine it, etc. as well as giving you some practical tips.

Remember: We’re here to help you with your information needs. Please don’t hesitate to ask us for help. You can reach us by:
• calling the Circulation Desk at ext. 6208
• emailing askalibrarian@ehc.edu
• visiting the library in person

Note: You can also access this guide by going to the Guides and Publications page, or Dr. Wells’s Moodle site.

www.library.ehc.edu
askalibrarian@ehc.edu
276.944.6208

https://www.facebook.com/KellyLibrary

EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE

jec / E&H / 10-17