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HIS 262 Technology and Society

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About this Course Guide

Use this course guide for **ALL sections** of HIS262 to guide you through the various library & web resources. Remember to ask for help if you are not finding what you need.

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Where to Begin

Start with the Catalog

Your first job is to find books using the library catalog. Try out these different ways to search:

1. Use [Power search](#): to combine different ideas and keywords or specify formats (books, reference books, videos) to find reference books.

Using [Power search](#), change location field to **Main Library - Reference Collection - 1st Floor** to find reference books in the main library in Williamsport.

When looking for reference books perform a broader search on your topic, e.g instead of shoes try costume or clothing or instead of boilers, try heating or hvac.

To get you started, here is a list of [selected reference books \(PDF\)](#) held in the PCT library.

Books you can check out

When looking for books on your topic that you can check out, combine narrower terms like history and air conditioning as keywords

Click on the Details button next to the record of the books you find and click on the linked subject headings that look promising and may lead you to other books.

Can't find anything on your topic or can't find the entire article here at Penn College?

1. Perform the same searches for books in some of the local [library catalogs](#) or check holdings in any library around the state or country.
2. Search for the full text of an article you located in the FirstSearch databases by browsing the list of [Journal Locator](#).
3. Our Document Delivery service makes getting those far away resources easy for you. It takes about 2 weeks for a book to arrive from another library; our Aerial service gets articles for you in just a few days, sent to your email account.

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Index and Abstract Databases

[FirstSearch](#)

Select from among the following databases in the FirstSearch family. The more specialized databases of FirstSearch offer mostly scholarly research.

1. Use FirstSearch to find scholarly articles and then find out if ProQuest or JSTOR provide the full-text of that publication in the time period you need.
2. Ask the librarian how to perform targeted database searches to find articles in the periodicals the library owns. Check [tips](#) for finding periodicals by curriculum (related to the programs at Penn College) This may be helpful in finding articles related to your technology since the library owns many journals related to technologies.

The following are suggested FirstSearch databases to get you started.

[Contemporary Women's Issues](#)

For issues related to women and technology

[Arts & Humanities Search](#)

Covers art, history, philosophy, literature. Includes some science and social science journals.

ABC-CLIO Databases

[America: History and Life](#)

Especially relevant in general scope to this class

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Databases for HIS262

Search all ProQuest databases at once or search in one of the following that are relevant to technology and society topics. Remember to use **Guided Search** for more friendly and effective search options.

Be sure to check the box labeled peer-reviewed to limit your search to scholarly journals only.

[Wilson Applied Science Full Text](#)

[Career & Technical Education](#)

[ProQuest Research Library](#)

[History Reference Center](#)

Full-text database of books and periodicals on world history.

The journal *Technology and Culture* is indexed generally full-text in ProQuest from July 1996 through October 2001. The latest print and back print issues are available in the library. A great choice for articles focused just on the subject matter of this course. Visit the webpage for the organization responsible for this publication: [The Society for the History of Technology](#) where you can find links to websites about the history of technology.

[JSTOR](#)

A full-text database of scholarly periodicals (generally from the early 20th century to 1999)

Note: You must first put a checkmark beside the category of journals you wish to search!

Newspapers

[LexisNexis Academic](#)

Away from campus?? You can use these databases at home with a computer, an ISP and your network ID and password. Just click on the database on any page.

Web Links

[Making of America](#)

A project of Cornell University, this site provides full text & image coverage of several 19th century periodicals. A good place to look for advertisements. Just do a keyword search and look for the articles labeled 'Advertisement.'

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Print Indexes

Find retrospective articles in *The New York Times*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Popular Science* written during the time your technology was making news and changing the way people lived!

The New York Times print indexes are located on compact shelving just before the back issue periodicals on the second floor. The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, which indexes Ladies Home Journal and Popular Science, can be found there too.

Periodicals on microfilm are found at the end of the back issues section. Distance Learners - our document delivery service will obtain these for you!

In addition, more and more, libraries are putting digital records of historical information on the web. A great place to check out archival info in the history of technology is the [American Memory Project](#) at The Library of Congress.

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