This guide is meant to help users locate resources on theses and dissertations that are available at Florida Gulf Coast University Library or in other State University Libraries in Florida. The guide is divided into five categories: handbooks and manuals, locating theses and dissertations, identifying theses and dissertations, bibliographies and style manuals. Books about the preparation and writing of theses or dissertations can also be identified in library catalogs through the following subject headings:

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**HANDBOOKS & MANUALS**

The following is a short list of suggested sources on writing theses and dissertations.

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**LOCATING THESE & DISSERTATIONS**

There are variations in the way masters’ theses and dissertations are cataloged in library catalogs. In addition to cataloging by author, title and by the subject matter of the thesis, the type of work, i.e. thesis or dissertation, is also cataloged and searchable. In the FGCU catalog, a thesis is assigned the subject “Dissertations, academic” followed by a subheading for the university where the thesis was done. For example:

Dissertations, academic – Florida Atlantic University.
Theses and dissertations held by other State Universities in Florida may be found in their online public catalogs a bit differently. For example in the University of South Florida (USF) online library catalog, USF theses can be found by searching Dissertations, academic – USF.

1. e.g., to find USF masters theses in the adult education program:
   - Dissertations, academic -- USF -- adult education – masters
     OR
   - Dissertations, academic -- USF -- adult education – doctoral

2. In the University of Florida (UF) online catalog, UF theses are found in this example:
   - Dissertations, academic -- UF -- College of Health Professions

3. In the University of Central Florida (UCF) online catalog, UCF theses can be found by searching simply the subject heading followed by a subheading for the department.
   e.g.:
   - Dissertations, academic -- health and public affairs
   - Dissertations, academic -- health and professional studies

IDENTIFYING THESES & DISSERTATIONS

**ProQuest Theses & Dissertations: A & I. (electronic format via Online Databases)** 1861 to present. Indexes most doctoral dissertations completed in the U.S. at accredited institutions for the last 150 years. Includes some master’s theses (since 1988) and foreign language dissertations. Dissertations published from 1980 forward include 350-word abstracts written by the author. Master’s theses published from 1988 forward include 150-word abstracts. Titles available as native or image PDF formats include free twenty-four page previews. UMI offers over 1.8 million titles for purchase in microform, paper or electronic formats."

Searching is available by granting institutions arranged by state; or by subject area, then by state and granting institution.

**WorldCat Dissertations**

A separate searchable database of all of the citations to dissertations found in the WorldCat database.

Full-text of dissertations is sometimes linked from the record

A copy of a dissertation or a master’s thesis can sometimes be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. Some dissertations and theses are simply not available due to the granting university’s policies.

**BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

Nineteenth annual index of graduate theses and projects in allied health. *Journal of Allied Health* (1997)26, 4, 201-41. (see earlier volumes also)

FGCU Periodicals – Microfilm R690 .J65

Contains entries from 91 institutions, giving author, institution, year, degree, emphasis, discipline, and title, arranged by topic: allied health, biocommunication arts, child development care, clinical psychology, dentistry, environmental health, exercise science, food service, health education, health services, medical laboratories, nurse anesthesia, nursing, nutrition/dietetics, occupational and physical therapy, rehabilitation counseling, respiratory therapy, and speech pathology/audiology.

**STYLE MANUALS**

**Note:** Many style manuals and citation guides are now on the Worldwide Web. For some of those see under "Citation Style Manuals" at the FGCU Library Homepage (http://library.fgcu.edu).


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