

Database guide: L'Année Philologique (updated June 2009)

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Introduction

L'Année Philologique is an online bibliography containing records of classical writings and scholarly criticism in the fields of Classics and Ancient History. It is viewed as the most comprehensive research resource for these subjects. It covers the years 1924 onwards.

Although L'Année Philologique is published in France, its menus are in English. Text occasionally appears in other languages, but this should not deter researchers without foreign language knowledge from using this resource.

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Accessing L'Année Philologique

From the Library website at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/is/library/>, select the MetaLib resource gateway link. From MetaLib you can access it via the cross-search by subject menu, or via the Find database link. In either case, click on the link to L'Année Philologique to enter the database. Note that it is indexed under 'A'.

You will need to log in to MetaLib, using your University of Bristol computing services username and password before you can use the database. For off-campus access, please read the information contained in the following link:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/is/library/collections/electronicinformation/externalresources.html>.

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L'Année Philologique search menu



The menu at the top of the home page allows you to select an index to search L'Année Philologique with.



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Searching L'Année Philologique using the *Full text* index

- The *Full text* index is useful for general searches.
- Having clicked the Full text option, a search screen will appear. Enter your search terms as appropriate.
- In the example, scholarship relating to Helen of Troy is being searched for.
- Note that the database assumes that you wish to search for Helen *and* Troy.

- The asterisk  allows you to truncate a term. For example, *philosoph** will retrieve *philosophy*, *philosopher*, *philosophical* and so on.
- You can use the eraser icon  to delete unwanted search terms.

It is important to note the following:

- The Full text index will not lead you to the full text of books or journal articles. Rather, it enables you to search for keywords in records.
- It does not include references to works by ancient authors.

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Working with results

Having searched the database, a set of results will be returned if records match your search terms, as in the illustration below. 21 records have been retrieved.

- To save a search, click on the **Save the search** button. You will be required to create an account to use this function.
- To see basic details of each result, click on the **Read the total** button. A list of the records will be displayed, earliest record first, as shown below.

- To display the full record of a result, click on the open book icon next to it.
- If there is more than one page of results, use the arrows at the top right hand of the page to move between them.

- The example above shows a full record relating to a journal article.
- Note that the title of the journal is abbreviated to its initials (CML). Moving your cursor over the initials will reveal the full journal title (*Classical and Modern Literature*).
- You can move between individual results using the arrows at the top right hand side of the results screen.
- You can also export individual records (refer to the next section for more on this).

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Marking and exporting records

- To mark a record, tick the box to its left. This can be done from the results list page, or from full records.
- Having marked one or more records, click on the *Export* icon at the bottom right of the screen.
- A new window will open, and you will be asked how many records you wish to export (you can export up to 100 records at a time).
- Now you need to choose by what means you wish the records to be exported (email or file download). Choose by clicking on the *Means of retrieving exports* tab.
- You will also need to decide what sort of file type to use for your export (.PDF or .DAT). Note that in order to print from the .DAT format, you will need to press the control key (ctrl) and the 'P' key to bring up the print dialogue box.
- You can export records from L'Année Philologique to EndNote, the reference management program. To learn more about how to do this, it is recommended that you visit the EndNote support web pages at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/is/computing/advice/software/packages/endnote/>.
- Note that if you wish to export records to EndNote, you should select the .DAT format.
- Note that full titles of journals do not appear on exported records.

Use these tabs to choose how to export your chosen references

Export

Entries to export Means of retrieving exports File type

Select entries to export (a maximum of 100 records can be exported) :

Selected entries (1)

Entries not selected (20)

All entries (max. 21)

Entries numbered to

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Running another search

- Select *History* from the left hand menu. This will bring up the search menu containing the indexes.
- Important – if you select *New search*, all previous searches and their results will be erased.

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Combining searches

- If two or more searches have been run, they can be combined.
- L'Année Philologique assigns each search a query number. In the example below, the earlier search for Helen of Troy is known as Q1. It has now been joined by Q2, a full text search for Marriage.
- Notice how the total is 1. L'Année Philologique has automatically combined the two searches so that results must contain the keywords from both queries.
- Click on [Read the total](#) to see the results of the two searches combined.

Search history

Results	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q1 - Full text	Q <u>21</u> (0 other records)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q2 - Full text	Q <u>484</u> (4 other records)
Total : 1 (0 other records)	

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- If you wish to see the results for the second search alone, click on the underlined result number for that search

Combining searches using Boolean operators

- Searches can be combined in several ways using AND, OR, or NOT (known as Boolean operators).
- Use the [Combine](#) button.
- A small box will appear on the screen
- Enter the search query numbers you wish to use (Q1, Q2, etc), and separate them with an operator (click on the operator button)


Combining search criteria

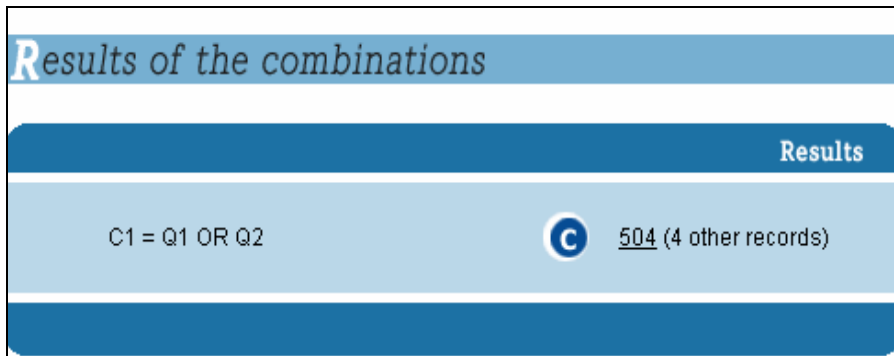
Enter the numbers of the queries and the Boolean operator(s)

and **or** **not**

[Close](#) [Search](#)

- As mentioned above, L'Année Philologique assumes that you want to combine searches using AND.
- Use OR to broaden a search by combining two queries to return references from either query: marriage OR Helen of Troy
- Use NOT to tell L'Année Philologique that results must not contain keywords used in a query: marriage NOT Helen of Troy

- More information about how Boolean operators work can be found at the following link: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/is/library/findinginformation/search-terms/>
- Having combined the searches, a new page will open. To display results, click on the highlighted number to the right of the  icon.
- In the example below, the first search (Q1) has been combined with the second search (Q2), and separated by “OR” to include results from either search.



The screenshot shows a search results interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "Results of the combinations". Below this is a dark blue bar with the word "Results" in white. The main content area is light blue and contains the text "C1 = Q1 OR Q2" on the left, a circular icon with a white 'C' on a blue background in the center, and the text "504 (4 other records)" on the right.

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Using the *Ancient authors* index

- This option is useful as it allows you to find records of editions and translations of texts by authors from the Classical period, and commentaries on their works.
- You can search for authors' names in their anglicised form, but note that results corresponding to your searches will be returned in Latin (Livy = Liuius (Titus)).

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Using the *Subjects and disciplines* index

- This part of L'Année Philologique allows you to search for records by subject headings, for example, literature; law and justice; history and civilization.
- It is very useful for browsing through records relating to a particular branch of Classics and Ancient History.
- These broad headings can be split into more precise subject areas by using the plus signs next to headings where they exist.
- Note that the subjects and disciplines index was revised in 1996 for volume 67 of the printed version of L'Année Philologique.

Search by subjects and disciplines - table from volume 67

Before volume 67

<input type="checkbox"/>	I. - Literature	5314
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	II. - Linguistics	6707
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. - General subjects. Comparative linguistics	732
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. - Mycenaean	160
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. - Greek	2335
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D. - Latin	2107
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. - Other languages	350
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. - Metrics	322
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. - Onomastics	880
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	III. - Textual transmission	1034
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IV. - Non-literary sources	19736

Top headings in index

Sub headings: may be expanded where possible

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Using the *Modern author index*

Use this index to find works by modern critics.

- For best results, search by the critic's surname only, for example, *Martindale*
- A list of matches will display. Tick the box to the left of each name you wish to see results for
- Now click *Confirm selection*, and then *Read the total*
- Full records will be displayed. Downloading options are available (see 'Marking and exporting records' above)

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Using the *Date index*

It is possible to search *L'Année Philologique* using a precise date or a range of dates. Additionally, you can ask the database to perform a search before or after a specified date.

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Limiting the search by language

Select *Other criteria* from the menu bar, and from there *Language*. There are several other options in this function: you can perform a title keyword search by using *Word(s) in the title*, and results can be limited to articles in a journal by selecting *Periodical*, for example.

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Further help

L'Année Philologique contains general help pages, which are reached by pressing the "Help" link on the menu to the left of any main *L'Année Philologique* screen.

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