

How to Use the Dewey Decimal System

The Dewey Decimal System coordinates materials on the same subject and on related subjects to make items easier to find on the library shelves. This system organizes information into 10 broad categories. Each major category is divided into 9 sub-categories. Each sub-category is further divided into 9 specialized topics that can be broken down even further by adding decimals. Each division becomes more specific.

The major Dewey Decimal divisions are:

- 100 Philosophy and Psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 Social Sciences
- 400 Language
- 500 Science
- 600 Technology
- 700 Arts and Recreation
- 800 Literature
- 900 History and Geography

The Dewey Decimal System Hundred Divisions are:

000 Generalities	100 Philosophy and Psychology	200 Religion
010 Bibliography	110 Metaphysics	210 Philosophy and Theory of Religion
020 Library and Information Sciences	120 Epistemology, Causation, Humankind	220 Bible
030 General Encyclopedias	130 Astrology, Parapsychology, and Paranormal Phenomena	230 Christian Theology
040 (Unassigned)	140 Specific Philosophical Schools	240 Christian Moral and Devotional Theology
050 General Periodicals	150 Psychology	250 Local Church & Religious Orders
060 General Organizations and Museums	160 Logic	260 Social and Ecclesiastical Theology
070 Journalism, Newspapers, Publishing	170 Ethics (Moral Philosophy, Bioethics)	270 History of Christianity
080 General Collections	180 Ancient, Medieval, Oriental Philosophy	280 Christian Denominations and Sects
090 Manuscripts, Rare Books	190 Modern Western Philosophy	290 Comparative and Other Religions

300 Social Sciences	400 Language	500 Natural Science and Mathematics
310 General statistics	410 Linguistics	510 Mathematics
320 Political Science	420 English and Old English	520 Astronomy and Allied Sciences
330 Economics	430 German and Related Languages	530 Physics
340 Law	440 French and Related Languages	540 Chemistry and Allied Sciences
350 Public Administration and Military Science	450 Italian, Romanian and Related Languages	550 Earth Sciences
360 Social problems & services	460 Spanish and Portuguese Languages	560 Fossils and Prehistoric Life
370 Education	470 Italic languages (Latin)	570 Biology and Life Sciences
380 Commerce, Communications, Transport.	480 Classical and Modern Greek Languages	580 Plants (Botany)
390 Customs, Etiquette, Folklore	490 Other Languages	590 Animals (Zoology)

600 Technology (Applied Sciences)	700 The Arts	800 Literature and Rhetoric
610 Medical Sciences (Medicine, Psychiatry)	710 Landscaping and Area Planning	810 American Literature in English
620 Engineering	720 Architecture	820 English Literature
630 Agriculture	730 Sculpture	830 German Literature
640 Home economics and Family Living	740 Drawing and Decorative Arts	840 French and Related Literatures
650 Management and Public Relations	750 Paintings and Painters	850 Italian, Romanian and Related Literatures
660 Chemical engineering	760 Graphic Arts, Print Making	860 Spanish and Portuguese Literatures
670 Manufacturing	770 Photography	870 Italic (Latin) Literatures
680 Manufacturing specific products	780 Music	880 Classical and Modern Greek Literatures
690 Buildings	790 Sports, Games and Entertainment	890 Literatures of Other Languages

900 Geography and History		
910 Geography and Travel	940 General History of Europe	970 General History of North America
920 Biography and Genealogy	950 General History of Asia (Far East)	980 General History of South America
930 History of the Ancient World (to ca. 499 A.D.)	960 General History of Africa	990 General History of Other Areas