Guide to JSTOR for Classics

About JSTOR

JSTOR is a huge collection of full-text journal articles, from over 2,000 journals, in humanities, social sciences and also some sciences. It is particularly good for Classics, and a useful resource for finding book reviews. The most recent publication years aren’t covered, the cut-off or “moving wall” date usually being three or five years ago. JSTOR now includes books, although Warwick doesn’t yet subscribe to the whole collection of these, so you may not be able to access the full text of a book. JSTOR has its own detailed Help section, with Tutorials and FAQs but this Guide should help you to get started.

If you need one-to-one help with using JSTOR, contact Helen Ireland, Academic Support Librarian for Classics, h.ireland@warwick.ac.uk or email library@warwick.ac.uk

Accessing JSTOR

Search for JSTOR on Library Search, click on the “Database” link, log in with your Warwick username and password and click “Sign in”.

Browsing JSTOR

Click on the Browse tab at the top of the screen, and browse by item Title (journal or book), Publisher or Subject. Browsing by subject, e.g. Classical Studies, allows you to scan lists of journal titles quickly and access a range of years. Classical Studies appears under Humanities but you might also want to browse History, Philosophy, Religion, Archaeology (under Social Sciences), and Art & Art History (under Arts).
The **BROWSE** option also allows you to find a specific journal article quickly.

To find the journal title **Numismatic Chronicle**, select **Journals**, click on letter **N**, and scroll down the list to **Numismatic Chronicle**. You can then choose the range of years you need. This will take you through to the entry for the journal, where you can select the year, volume and pages you want. You can either read the article or download a PDF of it.
Searching JSTOR

From JSTOR Home, carry out a simple search on a topic across the whole of JSTOR but be prepared for a large number of results.

Too many results?

You can focus these results by limiting your search to Journals and sorting by date (Newest or Oldest first), or by relevance. Placing phrases in quotation marks also reduces the number of hits. However, you may still find you have far too many results.

Planning your search and choosing your keywords carefully are crucial for finding the most relevant articles. Keywords are the words or phrases which describe your research topic, e.g. gods, trade, theatrical performance, vase painting, armour. Adding synonyms or alternative terms, for these (e.g. deities, commerce, drama, ceramics, weapons), using the word OR between them, broadens your search. Truncation (typing the stem of the word followed by an asterisk *) picks up alternative word endings, e.g. weapon* will retrieve the words weapon, weapons and weaponry. You will need to transliterate Greek words, e.g. Arete, hetaira, as JSTOR doesn’t currently offer a Greek keyboard.

You can narrow your search by adding other keywords to focus on a specific aspect of the topic, e.g. “theatrical performance” AND masks, or (trade or commerce) AND spice* AND India AND Rome.

If you choose JSTOR’s Advanced search you can add boxes (or “fields”) for your additional search terms, and combine them with AND, OR or NOT, by clicking on the downward arrows, to broaden or narrow your search. You can narrow your search by type of publication, such as article or [book] review, limit to specific years or journal titles, and thus build up a very detailed search. This should produce fewer, but more relevant results.
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