How to Find Cornell University Theses/Dissertations

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**Scenario One:** If you know the title of the thesis/dissertation, go to the Cornell library catalog:

[newcatalog.library.cornell.edu](http://newcatalog.library.cornell.edu)

**Type the title** (or partial title) in the search box and **choose Title** from the drop-down fields list.

![Library Catalog](image)

**From the result list, click on the title of the thesis to get more information:**

In this example, there are two print copies available. The **Annex copy can be requested** using the **Request Item** button. You will be prompted to choose a library location for pick-up. If you choose, **contactless pickup**, the thesis will be checked out to you and available to “grab and go” in the contactless pickup area of the library you have chosen. If you choose **Service Point**, you will need to go to the service desk of the library, inform the person that you are picking up an item and show your Cornell ID to check it out.

The **Kroch Library copy** can only be viewed on site in the Rare Manuscript collection (basement of Olin Library). It must be requested in advance so that the item can be removed from the vault.
Scenario Two:

Follow the steps in Scenario One to find the item in the catalog by typing the thesis title.

In this example, there is an online version of the thesis available for viewing and a print copy available for checkout.

Click on Connect to Full Text and you will be taken to the Cornell eCommons digital depository and the PDF of the thesis. You can view the thesis online or download a copy.
Scenario Two (continued):

If you prefer to check out the print copy of this thesis, you will find it shelved on the third floor of Mann Library (TX295 2019 Zz436). All theses are grouped together – near the Oversize section. You can retrieve the thesis yourself and check it out at the service desk or you can request that the item be retrieved for you. Again, you can choose Mann Library as a pick-up location or choose another campus library. And you can choose contactless pickup or service point.

Scenario Three:

If you type the title of the dissertation in the search box and get a message like the one below (indicating the title is not available), double check your spelling and re-enter the title. (In this example, the title was entered in the catalog as “Judgment and decision-making – without the “e”!”)

Another option is to do an Author search (see example below), which in this case brings up the record for the thesis.

In this example, the only option is to view the thesis online. This may be because the thesis was submitted in 2021, and the print version may not yet have been cataloged and added to the collection.
**Other Options:**

The **Human Development** theses available in print at Mann Library are grouped under this call number in the theses collection – **TX295**.

You can go to the collection *(located on the 3rd floor at Mann – in the back corner behind the oversize books)* and just browse through the titles to see if anything is of interest. All theses shelved in Mann Library can be checked out at the service desk.

You can also go to the library catalog and type the ***call number in the search box*** and choose **Call Number** from the drop-down field. You then have the option to limit the results to **“at the library”** or **“online”** – those options are **under the Access heading** on the left of the screen.

You also have the option to **sort the results** by descending year, author, title, etc.