

The University of Edinburgh Main Library

Outline of the Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme

.0 General Works

- .01 Bibliography
- .02 Library science
- .04 General collected essays
- .05 General periodicals
- .06 General societies
- .07 Newspaper journalism
- .08 Collected works
- .09 Manuscripts and rare books

.1 Philosophy

- .11 Metaphysics
- .12 Metaphysical theories
- .13 Branches of psychology
- .14 Philosophical topics
- .15 General psychology
- .16 Logic
- .17 Ethics
- .18 Ancient & mediaeval philosophy
- .19 Modern philosophy

.2 Religion

- .21 Natural theology
- .22 Bible
- .23 Doctrinal theology
- .24 Devotional and practical
- .25 Pastoral theology
- .26 Christian church
- .27 Christian church history
- .28 Christian churches and sects
- .29 Other religions

.3 Social Sciences

- .31 Statistics
- .32 Political science
- .33 Economics
- .34 Law
- .35 Public administration
- .36 Social welfare
- .37 Education
- .38 Public services and utilities
- .39 Customs and folklore

.4 Language

- .41 Comparative linguistics
- .42 English and Anglo-Saxon
- .43 Germanic languages
- .44 French, Provençal, Catalan
- .45 Italian, Rumanian
- .46 Spanish, Portuguese
- .47 Latin
- .48 Classical and modern Greek
- .49 Other languages

.5 Pure Science

- .51 Mathematics
- .52 Astronomy
- .53 Physics
- .54 Chemistry
- .55 Geology
- .56 Paleontology
- .57 Anthropology and biology
- .571 Prehistoric Archaeology
- .58 Botany
- .59 Zoology

.6 Technology

- .61 Medicine
- .62 Engineering
- .63 Agriculture
- .64 Home Economics
- .65 Business
- .66 Chemical technology
- .669 Metallurgy
- .67 Manufactures
- .68 Manufactures
- .69 Building construction

.7 Arts

- .71 Landscape and civic art
- .72 Architecture
- .73 Sculpture
- .74 Drawing and decorative arts
- .75 Painting
- .76 Prints and print making
- .77 Photography
- .78 Music
- .79 Recreation

.8 Literature

- .81 American literature in English
- .82 English and Anglo-Saxon
- .83 Germanic
- .84 French, Provençal, Catalan
- .85 Italian, Rumanian
- .86 Spanish, Portuguese
- .87 Latin
- .88 Classical and modern Greek
- .89 Other literatures

.9 History

- .9(3) Ancient history
- .9(4) Europe
- .9(5) Asia
- .9(6) Africa
- .9(7) North America
- .9(8) South America
- .9(9) Other parts of world
- .91 Geography, travels
- .913 Archaeology
- .92 General biography

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Geographical Divisions

Geographical locations are indicated by the use of numbers in brackets added to the classification number for specific subjects.

For example, books on education are classified at .37, but books on education in Scotland are classified at .37(41). The number in brackets is common in all subjects.

The following are some of the more commonly used divisions:

- (32) Ancient Egypt
- (37) Ancient Rome
- (38) Ancient Greece

- (4) Europe
- (41) Scotland & Ireland
- (42) Britain
- (43) Germany
- (44) France
- (45) Italy
- (46) Spain & Portugal
- (47) Soviet Union
- (48) Scandinavia
- (492) Netherlands
- (493) Belgium

- (5) Asia
- (5-8) Developing countries
- (51) China
- (52) Japan
- (54) India

- (6) Africa

- (71) Canada
- (73) U.S.A.

- (8) South America

- (93) New Zealand
- (94) Australia

Common Prefixes

Within each subject area there are three commonly used prefixes:

Per.	Periodical	
P	Pamphlet	Shelved in green boxes preceding books with same initial digit.
F	Folio Book	Shelved in separate sequences near the books on the same subject. Fine Art books (.7) are shelved in correct sequence.

All newly acquired books for the Main Library general collections are being classified according to the Library of Congress classification scheme. Please see the separate information sheet for an outline of this scheme.