

SUMMARIES

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A Brief Introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification

History and Current Use

The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system is a general knowledge organization tool that is continuously revised to keep pace with knowledge. The system was conceived by Melvil Dewey in 1873 and first published in 1876. The DDC is published by OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. OCLC owns all copyright rights in the Dewey Decimal Classification, and licenses the system for a variety of uses.

The DDC is the most widely used classification system in the world. Libraries in more than 135 countries use the DDC to organize and provide access to their collections, and DDC numbers are featured in the national bibliographies of more than 60 countries. Libraries of every type apply Dewey numbers on a daily basis and share these numbers through a variety of means (including WorldCat, the OCLC Online Union Catalog). Dewey is also used for other purposes, e.g., as a browsing mechanism for resources on the web.

The DDC has been translated into over thirty languages. Translations of the latest full and abridged editions of the DDC are completed, planned, or underway in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Development

One of Dewey's great strengths is that the system is developed and maintained in a national bibliographic agency, the Library of Congress. The Dewey editorial office is located in the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress, where classification specialists annually assign over 110,000 DDC numbers to records for works cataloged by the Library. Having the editorial office within the Decimal Classification Division enables the editors to detect trends in the literature that must be incorporated into the Classification. The editors prepare proposed schedule revisions and expansions, and forward the proposals to the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) for review and recommended action.

EPC is a ten-member international board whose main function is to advise the editors and OCLC on matters relating to changes, innovations, and the general development of the Classification. EPC represents the interests of DDC users; its members come from national, public, special, and academic libraries, and from library schools.

Editions

The DDC is published in full and abridged editions in print and electronic versions. The abridged edition is a logical truncation of the notational and structural hierarchy of the corresponding full edition on which it is based, and is intended for general collections of 20,000 titles or less. WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey, the electronic versions of the full and abridged editions, respectively, are updated frequently and contain additional index entries and mapped vocabulary. The electronic versions and supplemental web postings are the chief sources of ongoing updates to the DDC. On the Dewey web site (www.oclc.org/dewey), selected new

numbers and changes to the DDC are posted monthly, and mappings between selected new Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Dewey numbers are posted biweekly.

Structure and Notation

The DDC is built on sound principles that make it ideal as a general knowledge organization tool: meaningful notation in universally recognized Arabic numerals, well-defined categories, well-developed hierarchies, and a rich network of relationships among topics. In the DDC, basic classes are organized by disciplines or fields of study. At the broadest level, the DDC is divided into ten *main classes*, which together cover the entire world of knowledge. Each main class is further divided into ten *divisions*, and each division into ten *sections* (not all the numbers for the divisions and sections have been used). The main structure of the DDC is presented in the *DDC Summaries* following this introduction. The headings associated with the numbers in the summaries have been edited for browsing purposes, and do not necessarily match the complete headings found in the schedules.

The *first summary* contains the ten main classes. The first digit in each three-digit number represents the main class. For example, 600 represents technology.

The *second summary* contains the hundred divisions. The second digit in each three-digit number indicates the division. For example, 60 is used for general works on technology, 610 for medicine and health, 620 for engineering, 630 for agriculture.

The *third summary* contains the thousand sections. The third digit in each three-digit number indicates the section. Thus, 610 is used for general works on medicine and health, 611 for human anatomy, 612 for human physiology, 613 for personal health and safety.

Arabic numerals are used to represent each class in the DDC. A decimal point follows the third digit in a class number, after which division by ten continues to the specific degree of classification needed.

A subject may appear in more than one discipline. For example, "clothing" has aspects that fall under several disciplines. The psychological influence of clothing belongs in 155.95 as part of the discipline of psychology; customs associated with clothing belong in 391 as part of the discipline of customs; and clothing in the sense of fashion design belongs in 746.92 as part of the discipline of the arts.

Hierarchy

Hierarchy in the DDC is expressed through structure and notation. Structural hierarchy means that all topics (aside from the ten main classes) are part of all the broader topics above them. Any note regarding the nature of a class holds true for all the subordinate classes, including logically subordinate topics classed at coordinate numbers.

Notational hierarchy is expressed by length of notation. Numbers at any given level are usually subordinate to a class whose notation is one digit shorter; coordinate with a class whose notation has the same number of significant digits;

and superordinate to a class with numbers one or more digits longer. The underlined digits in the following example demonstrate this notational hierarchy:

<u>600</u>	Technology
<u>630</u>	Agriculture and related technologies
<u>636</u>	Animal husbandry
<u>636.7</u>	Dogs
<u>636.8</u>	Cats

“Dogs” and “Cats” are more specific than (i.e., are subordinate to) “Animal husbandry”; they are equally specific as (i.e., are coordinate with) each other; and “Animal husbandry” is less specific than (i.e., is superordinate to) “Dogs” and “Cats.”

Sometimes, other devices must be used to express the hierarchy when it is not possible or desirable to do so through the notation. Special headings, notes, and entries indicate relationships among topics that violate notational hierarchy.

Arrangement of the DDC

The print version of the latest full edition of the DDC, Edition 22, is composed of the following major parts in four volumes:

Volume 1

- (A) New Features in Edition 22: A brief explanation of the special features and changes in DDC 22
- (B) Introduction: A description of the DDC and how to use it
- (C) Glossary: Short definitions of terms used in the DDC
- (D) Index to the Introduction and Glossary
- (E) Manual: A guide to the use of the DDC that is made up primarily of extended discussions of problem areas in the application of the DDC. Information in the Manual is arranged by the numbers in the tables and schedules
- (F) Tables: Six numbered tables of notation that can be added to class numbers to provide greater specificity
- (G) Lists that compare Editions 21 and 22: Relocations and Discontinuations; Reused Numbers

Volume 2

- (H) DDC Summaries: The top three levels of the DDC
- (I) Schedules: The organization of knowledge from 000–599

Volume 3

(J) Schedules: The organization of knowledge from 600–999

Volume 4

(K) Relative Index: An alphabetical list of subjects with the disciplines in which they are treated subarranged alphabetically under each entry

Entries

Entries in the schedules and tables are composed of a DDC number in the number column (the column at the left margin), a heading describing the class that the number represents, and often one or more notes. All entries (numbers, headings, and notes) should be read in the context of the hierarchy.

In the print version of the DDC, the first three digits of schedule numbers (main classes, divisions, sections) appear only once in the number column, when first used. They are repeated at the top of each page where their subdivisions continue. Subordinate numbers appear in the number column, beginning with a decimal point, with the initial three digits understood.

Some numbers in the schedules and tables are enclosed in parentheses or square brackets. Numbers and notes in parentheses provide options to standard practice. Numbers in square brackets represent topics that have been relocated or discontinued, or are unassigned. Square brackets are also used for standard subdivision concepts that are represented in another location. Numbers in square brackets are never used.

Number Building

Only a fraction of potential DDC numbers are included in the schedules. It is often necessary to build or synthesize a number that is not specifically listed in the schedules. Such built numbers allow for greater depth of content analysis. There are four sources of notation for building numbers: (A) Table 1 Standard Subdivisions; (B) Tables 2–6; (C) other parts of the schedules; and (D) add tables in the schedules.

Number building is initiated only upon instructions in the schedules (except for the addition of standard subdivisions, which may take place anywhere unless there is an instruction to the contrary). Number building begins with a base number (always stated in the instruction note) to which another number is added.

More Information

The Dewey web site (www.oclc.org/dewey) contains up-to-date information about the DDC, DDC products and services, and DDC licensing. For more information about the structure and application of the Dewey Decimal Classification, consult the introduction in volume 1 of DDC 22 (also available online in WebDewey and on the Dewey web site). A more in-depth introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification may be found in *Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application*, 3d ed., by Lois Mai Chan and Joan S. Mitchell (Dublin, Ohio: OCLC, 2003).

Summaries

Summaries

First Summary

The Ten Main Classes

- 000 Computer science, information & general works
- 100 Philosophy & psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 Social sciences
- 400 Language
- 500 Science
- 600 Technology
- 700 Arts & recreation
- 800 Literature
- 900 History & geography

Consult schedules for complete and exact headings

Second Summary

The Hundred Divisions

000	Computer science, knowledge & systems	500	Science
010	Bibliographies	510	Mathematics
020	Library & information sciences	520	Astronomy
030	Encyclopedias & books of facts	530	Physics
040	[Unassigned]	540	Chemistry
050	Magazines, journals & serials	550	Earth sciences & geology
060	Associations, organizations & museums	560	Fossils & prehistoric life
070	News media, journalism & publishing	570	Life sciences; biology
080	Quotations	580	Plants (Botany)
090	Manuscripts & rare books	590	Animals (Zoology)
100	Philosophy	600	Technology
110	Metaphysics	610	Medicine & health
120	Epistemology	620	Engineering
130	Parapsychology & occultism	630	Agriculture
140	Philosophical schools of thought	640	Home & family management
150	Psychology	650	Management & public relations
160	Logic	660	Chemical engineering
170	Ethics	670	Manufacturing
180	Ancient, medieval & eastern philosophy	680	Manufacture for specific uses
190	Modern western philosophy	690	Building & construction
200	Religion	700	Arts
210	Philosophy & theory of religion	710	Landscaping & area planning
220	The Bible	720	Architecture
230	Christianity & Christian theology	730	Sculpture, ceramics & metalwork
240	Christian practice & observance	740	Drawing & decorative arts
250	Christian pastoral practice & religious orders	750	Painting
260	Christian organization, social work & worship	760	Graphic arts
270	History of Christianity	770	Photography & computer art
280	Christian denominations	780	Music
290	Other religions	790	Sports, games & entertainment
300	Social sciences, sociology & anthropology	800	Literature, rhetoric & criticism
310	Statistics	810	American literature in English
320	Political science	820	English & Old English literatures
330	Economics	830	German & related literatures
340	Law	840	French & related literatures
350	Public administration & military science	850	Italian, Romanian & related literatures
360	Social problems & social services	860	Spanish & Portuguese literatures
370	Education	870	Latin & Italic literatures
380	Commerce, communications & transportation	880	Classical & modern Greek literatures
390	Customs, etiquette & folklore	890	Other literatures
400	Language	900	History
410	Linguistics	910	Geography & travel
420	English & Old English languages	920	Biography & genealogy
430	German & related languages	930	History of ancient world (to ca. 499)
440	French & related languages	940	History of Europe
450	Italian, Romanian & related languages	950	History of Asia
460	Spanish & Portuguese languages	960	History of Africa
470	Latin & Italic languages	970	History of North America
480	Classical & modern Greek languages	980	History of South America
490	Other languages	990	History of other areas

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Third Summary

The Thousand Sections

000 Computer science, information & general works	050 General serial publications
001 Knowledge	051 Serials in American English
002 The book	052 Serials in English
003 Systems	053 Serials in other Germanic languages
004 Data processing & computer science	054 Serials in French, Occitan & Catalan
005 Computer programming, programs & data	055 In Italian, Romanian & related languages
006 Special computer methods	056 Serials in Spanish & Portuguese
007 [Unassigned]	057 Serials in Slavic languages
008 [Unassigned]	058 Serials in Scandinavian languages
009 [Unassigned]	059 Serials in other languages
010 Bibliography	060 General organizations & museum science
011 Bibliographies	061 Organizations in North America
012 Bibliographies of individuals	062 Organizations in British Isles; in England
013 [Unassigned]	063 Organizations in central Europe; in Germany
014 Of anonymous & pseudonymous works	064 Organizations in France & Monaco
015 Bibliographies of works from specific places	065 Organizations in Italy & adjacent islands
016 Bibliographies of works on specific subjects	066 In Iberian Peninsula & adjacent islands
017 General subject catalogs	067 Organizations in eastern Europe; in Russia
018 Catalogs arranged by author, date, etc.	068 Organizations in other geographic areas
019 Dictionary catalogs	069 Museum science
020 Library & information sciences	070 News media, journalism & publishing
021 Library relationships	071 Newspapers in North America
022 Administration of physical plant	072 Newspapers in British Isles; in England
023 Personnel management	073 Newspapers in central Europe; in Germany
024 [Unassigned]	074 Newspapers in France & Monaco
025 Library operations	075 Newspapers in Italy & adjacent islands
026 Libraries for specific subjects	076 In Iberian Peninsula & adjacent islands
027 General libraries	077 Newspapers in eastern Europe; in Russia
028 Reading & use of other information media	078 Newspapers in Scandinavia
029 [Unassigned]	079 Newspapers in other geographic areas
030 General encyclopedic works	080 General collections
031 Encyclopedias in American English	081 Collections in American English
032 Encyclopedias in English	082 Collections in English
033 In other Germanic languages	083 Collections in other Germanic languages
034 Encyclopedias in French, Occitan & Catalan	084 Collections in French, Occitan & Catalan
035 In Italian, Romanian & related languages	085 In Italian, Romanian & related languages
036 Encyclopedias in Spanish & Portuguese	086 Collections in Spanish & Portuguese
037 Encyclopedias in Slavic languages	087 Collections in Slavic languages
038 Encyclopedias in Scandinavian languages	088 Collections in Scandinavian languages
039 Encyclopedias in other languages	089 Collections in other languages
040 [Unassigned]	090 Manuscripts & rare books
041 [Unassigned]	091 Manuscripts
042 [Unassigned]	092 Block books
043 [Unassigned]	093 Incunabula
044 [Unassigned]	094 Printed books
045 [Unassigned]	095 Books notable for bindings
046 [Unassigned]	096 Books notable for illustrations
047 [Unassigned]	097 Books notable for ownership or origin
048 [Unassigned]	098 Prohibited works, forgeries & hoaxes
049 [Unassigned]	099 Books notable for format

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| 100 | Philosophy & psychology | 150 | Psychology |
| 101 | Theory of philosophy | 151 | [Unassigned] |
| 102 | Miscellany | 152 | Perception, movement, emotions & drives |
| 103 | Dictionaries & encyclopedias | 153 | Mental processes & intelligence |
| 104 | [Unassigned] | 154 | Subconscious & altered states |
| 105 | Serial publications | 155 | Differential & developmental psychology |
| 106 | Organizations & management | 156 | Comparative psychology |
| 107 | Education, research & related topics | 157 | [Unassigned] |
| 108 | Kinds of persons treatment | 158 | Applied psychology |
| 109 | Historical & collected persons treatment | 159 | [Unassigned] |
| 110 | Metaphysics | 160 | Logic |
| 111 | Ontology | 161 | Induction |
| 112 | [Unassigned] | 162 | Deduction |
| 113 | Cosmology | 163 | [Unassigned] |
| 114 | Space | 164 | [Unassigned] |
| 115 | Time | 165 | Fallacies & sources of error |
| 116 | Change | 166 | Syllogisms |
| 117 | Structure | 167 | Hypotheses |
| 118 | Force & energy | 168 | Argument & persuasion |
| 119 | Number & quantity | 169 | Analogy |
| 120 | Epistemology, causation & humankind | 170 | Ethics |
| 121 | Epistemology | 171 | Ethical systems |
| 122 | Causation | 172 | Political ethics |
| 123 | Determinism & indeterminism | 173 | Ethics of family relationships |
| 124 | Teleology | 174 | Occupational ethics |
| 125 | [Unassigned] | 175 | Ethics of recreation & leisure |
| 126 | The self | 176 | Ethics of sex & reproduction |
| 127 | The unconscious & the subconscious | 177 | Ethics of social relations |
| 128 | Humankind | 178 | Ethics of consumption |
| 129 | Origin & destiny of individual souls | 179 | Other ethical norms |
| 130 | Parapsychology & occultism | 180 | Ancient, medieval & eastern philosophy |
| 131 | Parapsychological & occult methods | 181 | Eastern philosophy |
| 132 | [Unassigned] | 182 | Pre-Socratic Greek philosophies |
| 133 | Specific topics in parapsychology & occultism | 183 | Socratic & related philosophies |
| 134 | [Unassigned] | 184 | Platonic philosophy |
| 135 | Dreams & mysteries | 185 | Aristotelian philosophy |
| 136 | [Unassigned] | 186 | Skeptic & Neoplatonic philosophies |
| 137 | Divinatory graphology | 187 | Epicurean philosophy |
| 138 | Physiognomy | 188 | Stoic philosophy |
| 139 | Phrenology | 189 | Medieval western philosophy |
| 140 | Specific philosophical schools | 190 | Modern western philosophy |
| 141 | Idealism & related systems | 191 | Philosophy of United States & Canada |
| 142 | Critical philosophy | 192 | Philosophy of British Isles |
| 143 | Bergsonism & intuitionism | 193 | Philosophy of Germany & Austria |
| 144 | Humanism & related systems | 194 | Philosophy of France |
| 145 | Sensationalism | 195 | Philosophy of Italy |
| 146 | Naturalism & related systems | 196 | Philosophy of Spain & Portugal |
| 147 | Pantheism & related systems | 197 | Philosophy of former Soviet Union |
| 148 | Eclecticism, liberalism & traditionalism | 198 | Philosophy of Scandinavia |
| 149 | Other philosophical systems | 199 | Philosophy in other geographic areas |

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Summaries

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| 200 Religion | 250 Christian orders & local church |
| 201 Religious mythology & social theology | 251 Preaching |
| 202 Doctrines | 252 Texts of sermons |
| 203 Public worship & other practices | 253 Pastoral office & work |
| 204 Religious experience, life & practice | 254 Parish administration |
| 205 Religious ethics | 255 Religious congregations & orders |
| 206 Leaders & organization | 256 [Unassigned] |
| 207 Missions & religious education | 257 [Unassigned] |
| 208 Sources | 258 [Unassigned] |
| 209 Sects & reform movements | 259 Pastoral care of families & kinds of persons |
| 210 Philosophy & theory of religion | 260 Social & ecclesiastical theology |
| 211 Concepts of God | 261 Social theology |
| 212 Existence, knowability & attributes of God | 262 Ecclesiology |
| 213 Creation | 263 Days, times & places of observance |
| 214 Theodicy | 264 Public worship |
| 215 Science & religion | 265 Sacraments, other rites & acts |
| 216 [Unassigned] | 266 Missions |
| 217 [Unassigned] | 267 Associations for religious work |
| 218 Humankind | 268 Religious education |
| 219 [Unassigned] | 269 Spiritual renewal |
| 220 Bible | 270 History of Christianity & Christian church |
| 221 Old Testament (Tanakh) | 271 Religious orders in church history |
| 222 Historical books of Old Testament | 272 Persecutions in church history |
| 223 Poetic books of Old Testament | 273 Doctrinal controversies & heresies |
| 224 Prophetic books of Old Testament | 274 History of Christianity in Europe |
| 225 New Testament | 275 History of Christianity in Asia |
| 226 Gospels & Acts | 276 History of Christianity in Africa |
| 227 Epistles | 277 History of Christianity in North America |
| 228 Revelation (Apocalypse) | 278 History of Christianity in South America |
| 229 Apocrypha & pseudepigrapha | 279 History of Christianity in other areas |
| 230 Christianity & Christian theology | 280 Christian denominations & sects |
| 231 God | 281 Early church & Eastern churches |
| 232 Jesus Christ & his family | 282 Roman Catholic Church |
| 233 Humankind | 283 Anglican churches |
| 234 Salvation & grace | 284 Protestants of Continental origin |
| 235 Spiritual beings | 285 Presbyterian, Reformed & Congregational |
| 236 Eschatology | 286 Baptist, Disciples of Christ & Adventist |
| 237 [Unassigned] | 287 Methodist & related churches |
| 238 Creeds & catechisms | 288 [Unassigned] |
| 239 Apologetics & polemics | 289 Other denominations & sects |
| 240 Christian moral & devotional theology | 290 Other religions |
| 241 Christian ethics | 291 [Unassigned] |
| 242 Devotional literature | 292 Greek & Roman religion |
| 243 Evangelistic writings for individuals | 293 Germanic religion |
| 244 [Unassigned] | 294 Religions of Indic origin |
| 245 [Unassigned] | 295 Zoroastrianism |
| 246 Use of art in Christianity | 296 Judaism |
| 247 Church furnishings & articles | 297 Islam, Babism & Bahai Faith |
| 248 Christian experience, practice & life | 298 (Optional number) |
| 249 Christian observances in family life | 299 Religions not provided for elsewhere |

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|---|---|
| 300 Social sciences | 350 Public administration & military science |
| 301 Sociology & anthropology | 351 Public administration |
| 302 Social interaction | 352 General considerations of public administration |
| 303 Social processes | 353 Specific fields of public administration |
| 304 Factors affecting social behavior | 354 Administration of economy & environment |
| 305 Social groups | 355 Military science |
| 306 Culture & institutions | 356 Infantry forces & warfare |
| 307 Communities | 357 Mounted forces & warfare |
| 308 [Unassigned] | 358 Air & other specialized forces |
| 309 [Unassigned] | 359 Sea forces & warfare |
| 310 Collections of general statistics | 360 Social problems & services; associations |
| 311 [Unassigned] | 361 Social problems & social welfare in general |
| 312 [Unassigned] | 362 Social welfare problems & services |
| 313 [Unassigned] | 363 Other social problems & services |
| 314 General statistics of Europe | 364 Criminology |
| 315 General statistics of Asia | 365 Penal & related institutions |
| 316 General statistics of Africa | 366 Associations |
| 317 General statistics of North America | 367 General clubs |
| 318 General statistics of South America | 368 Insurance |
| 319 General statistics of other areas | 369 Miscellaneous kinds of associations |
| 320 Political science | 370 Education |
| 321 Systems of governments & states | 371 Schools & their activities; special education |
| 322 Relation of state to organized groups | 372 Elementary education |
| 323 Civil & political rights | 373 Secondary education |
| 324 The political process | 374 Adult education |
| 325 International migration & colonization | 375 Curricula |
| 326 Slavery & emancipation | 376 [Unassigned] |
| 327 International relations | 377 [Unassigned] |
| 328 The legislative process | 378 Higher education |
| 329 [Unassigned] | 379 Public policy issues in education |
| 330 Economics | 380 Commerce, communications & transportation |
| 331 Labor economics | 381 Commerce |
| 332 Financial economics | 382 International commerce |
| 333 Economics of land & energy | 383 Postal communication |
| 334 Cooperatives | 384 Communications; telecommunication |
| 335 Socialism & related systems | 385 Railroad transportation |
| 336 Public finance | 386 Inland waterway & ferry transportation |
| 337 International economics | 387 Water, air & space transportation |
| 338 Production | 388 Transportation; ground transportation |
| 339 Macroeconomics & related topics | 389 Metrology & standardization |
| 340 Law | 390 Customs, etiquette & folklore |
| 341 Law of nations | 391 Costume & personal appearance |
| 342 Constitutional & administrative law | 392 Customs of life cycle & domestic life |
| 343 Military, tax, trade & industrial law | 393 Death customs |
| 344 Labor, social, education & cultural law | 394 General customs |
| 345 Criminal law | 395 Etiquette (Manners) |
| 346 Private law | 396 [Unassigned] |
| 347 Civil procedure & courts | 397 [Unassigned] |
| 348 Laws, regulations & cases | 398 Folklore |
| 349 Law of specific jurisdictions & areas | 399 Customs of war & diplomacy |

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- 400 Language
 401 Philosophy & theory
 402 Miscellany
 403 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
 404 Special topics
 405 Serial publications
 406 Organizations & management
 407 Education, research & related topics
 408 Kinds of persons treatment
 409 Geographic & persons treatment
- 410 Linguistics
 411 Writing systems
 412 Etymology
 413 Dictionaries
 414 Phonology & phonetics
 415 Grammar
 416 [Unassigned]
 417 Dialectology & historical linguistics
 418 Standard usage & applied linguistics
 419 Sign languages
- 420 English & Old English
 421 English writing system & phonology
 422 English etymology
 423 English dictionaries
 424 [Unassigned]
 425 English grammar
 426 [Unassigned]
 427 English language variations
 428 Standard English usage
 429 Old English (Anglo-Saxon)
- 430 Germanic languages; German
 431 German writing systems & phonology
 432 German etymology
 433 German dictionaries
 434 [Unassigned]
 435 German grammar
 436 [Unassigned]
 437 German language variations
 438 Standard German usage
 439 Other Germanic languages
- 440 Romance languages; French
 441 French writing systems & phonology
 442 French etymology
 443 French dictionaries
 444 [Unassigned]
 445 French grammar
 446 [Unassigned]
 447 French language variations
 448 Standard French usage
 449 Occitan & Catalan
- 450 Italian, Romanian & related languages
 451 Italian writing systems & phonology
 452 Italian etymology
 453 Italian dictionaries
 454 [Unassigned]
 455 Italian grammar
 456 [Unassigned]
 457 Italian language variations
 458 Standard Italian usage
 459 Romanian & related languages
- 460 Spanish & Portuguese languages
 461 Spanish writing systems & phonology
 462 Spanish etymology
 463 Spanish dictionaries
 464 [Unassigned]
 465 Spanish grammar
 466 [Unassigned]
 467 Spanish language variations
 468 Standard Spanish usage
 469 Portuguese
- 470 Italic languages; Latin
 471 Classical Latin writing & phonology
 472 Classical Latin etymology
 473 Classical Latin dictionaries
 474 [Unassigned]
 475 Classical Latin grammar
 476 [Unassigned]
 477 Old, postclassical & Vulgar Latin
 478 Classical Latin usage
 479 Other Italic languages
- 480 Hellenic languages; classical Greek
 481 Classical Greek writing & phonology
 482 Classical Greek etymology
 483 Classical Greek dictionaries
 484 [Unassigned]
 485 Classical Greek grammar
 486 [Unassigned]
 487 Preclassical & postclassical Greek
 488 Classical Greek usage
 489 Other Hellenic languages
- 490 Other languages
 491 East Indo-European & Celtic languages
 492 Afro-Asiatic languages; Semitic languages
 493 Non-Semitic Afro-Asiatic languages
 494 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean & Dravidian
 495 Languages of East & Southeast Asia
 496 African languages
 497 North American native languages
 498 South American native languages
 499 Austronesian & other languages

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|-----|--|-----|--|
| 500 | Natural sciences & mathematics | 550 | Earth sciences |
| 501 | Philosophy & theory | 551 | Geology, hydrology & meteorology |
| 502 | Miscellany | 552 | Petrology |
| 503 | Dictionaries & encyclopedias | 553 | Economic geology |
| 504 | [Unassigned] | 554 | Earth sciences of Europe |
| 505 | Serial publications | 555 | Earth sciences of Asia |
| 506 | Organizations & management | 556 | Earth sciences of Africa |
| 507 | Education, research & related topics | 557 | Earth sciences of North America |
| 508 | Natural history | 558 | Earth sciences of South America |
| 509 | Historical, geographic & persons treatment | 559 | Earth sciences of other areas |
| 510 | Mathematics | 560 | Paleontology; paleozoology |
| 511 | General principles of mathematics | 561 | Paleobotany; fossil microorganisms |
| 512 | Algebra | 562 | Fossil invertebrates |
| 513 | Arithmetic | 563 | Fossil marine & seashore invertebrates |
| 514 | Topology | 564 | Fossil mollusks & molluscoids |
| 515 | Analysis | 565 | Fossil arthropods |
| 516 | Geometry | 566 | Fossil chordates |
| 517 | [Unassigned] | 567 | Fossil cold-blooded vertebrates; fossil fishes |
| 518 | Numerical analysis | 568 | Fossil birds |
| 519 | Probabilities & applied mathematics | 569 | Fossil mammals |
| 520 | Astronomy & allied sciences | 570 | Life sciences; biology |
| 521 | Celestial mechanics | 571 | Physiology & related subjects |
| 522 | Techniques, equipment & materials | 572 | Biochemistry |
| 523 | Specific celestial bodies & phenomena | 573 | Specific physiological systems in animals |
| 524 | [Unassigned] | 574 | [Unassigned] |
| 525 | Earth (Astronomical geography) | 575 | Specific parts of & systems in plants |
| 526 | Mathematical geography | 576 | Genetics & evolution |
| 527 | Celestial navigation | 577 | Ecology |
| 528 | Ephemerides | 578 | Natural history of organisms |
| 529 | Chronology | 579 | Microorganisms, fungi & algae |
| 530 | Physics | 580 | Plants (Botany) |
| 531 | Classical mechanics; solid mechanics | 581 | Specific topics in natural history |
| 532 | Fluid mechanics; liquid mechanics | 582 | Plants noted for characteristics & flowers |
| 533 | Gas mechanics | 583 | Dicotyledons |
| 534 | Sound & related vibrations | 584 | Monocotyledons |
| 535 | Light & infrared & ultraviolet phenomena | 585 | Gymnosperms; conifers |
| 536 | Heat | 586 | Seedless plants |
| 537 | Electricity & electronics | 587 | Vascular seedless plants |
| 538 | Magnetism | 588 | Bryophytes |
| 539 | Modern physics | 589 | [Unassigned] |
| 540 | Chemistry & allied sciences | 590 | Animals (Zoology) |
| 541 | Physical chemistry | 591 | Specific topics in natural history |
| 542 | Techniques, equipment & materials | 592 | Invertebrates |
| 543 | Analytical chemistry | 593 | Marine & seashore invertebrates |
| 544 | [Unassigned] | 594 | Mollusks & molluscoids |
| 545 | [Unassigned] | 595 | Arthropods |
| 546 | Inorganic chemistry | 596 | Chordates |
| 547 | Organic chemistry | 597 | Cold-blooded vertebrates; fishes |
| 548 | Crystallography | 598 | Birds |
| 549 | Mineralogy | 599 | Mammals |

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Summaries

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| 600 Technology | 650 Management & auxiliary services |
| 601 Philosophy & theory | 651 Office services |
| 602 Miscellany | 652 Processes of written communication |
| 603 Dictionaries & encyclopedias | 653 Shorthand |
| 604 Special topics | 654 [Unassigned] |
| 605 Serial publications | 655 [Unassigned] |
| 606 Organizations | 656 [Unassigned] |
| 607 Education, research & related topics | 657 Accounting |
| 608 Inventions & patents | 658 General management |
| 609 Historical, geographic & persons treatment | 659 Advertising & public relations |
| 610 Medicine & health | 660 Chemical engineering |
| 611 Human anatomy, cytology & histology | 661 Industrial chemicals |
| 612 Human physiology | 662 Explosives, fuels & related products |
| 613 Personal health & safety | 663 Beverage technology |
| 614 Incidence & prevention of disease | 664 Food technology |
| 615 Pharmacology & therapeutics | 665 Industrial oils, fats, waxes & gases |
| 616 Diseases | 666 Ceramic & allied technologies |
| 617 Surgery & related medical specialties | 667 Cleaning, color & coating technologies |
| 618 Gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics & geriatrics | 668 Technology of other organic products |
| 619 [Unassigned] | 669 Metallurgy |
| 620 Engineering & allied operations | 670 Manufacturing |
| 621 Applied physics | 671 Metalworking & primary metal products |
| 622 Mining & related operations | 672 Iron, steel & other iron alloys |
| 623 Military & nautical engineering | 673 Nonferrous metals |
| 624 Civil engineering | 674 Lumber processing, wood products & cork |
| 625 Engineering of railroads & roads | 675 Leather & fur processing |
| 626 [Unassigned] | 676 Pulp & paper technology |
| 627 Hydraulic engineering | 677 Textiles |
| 628 Sanitary & municipal engineering | 678 Elastomers & elastomer products |
| 629 Other branches of engineering | 679 Other products of specific materials |
| 630 Agriculture & related technologies | 680 Manufacture for specific uses |
| 631 Techniques, equipment & materials | 681 Precision instruments & other devices |
| 632 Plant injuries, diseases & pests | 682 Small forge work (Blacksmithing) |
| 633 Field & plantation crops | 683 Hardware & household appliances |
| 634 Orchards, fruits & forestry | 684 Furnishings & home workshops |
| 635 Garden crops (Horticulture) | 685 Leather, fur goods & related products |
| 636 Animal husbandry | 686 Printing & related activities |
| 637 Processing dairy & related products | 687 Clothing & accessories |
| 638 Insect culture | 688 Other final products & packaging |
| 639 Hunting, fishing & conservation | 689 [Unassigned] |
| 640 Home & family management | 690 Buildings |
| 641 Food & drink | 691 Building materials |
| 642 Meals & table service | 692 Auxiliary construction practices |
| 643 Housing & household equipment | 693 Specific materials & purposes |
| 644 Household utilities | 694 Wood construction & carpentry |
| 645 Household furnishings | 695 Roof covering |
| 646 Sewing, clothing & personal living | 696 Utilities |
| 647 Management of public households | 697 Heating, ventilating & air-conditioning |
| 648 Housekeeping | 698 Detail finishing |
| 649 Child rearing & home care of persons | 699 [Unassigned] |

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- 700 The arts; fine & decorative arts
701 Philosophy of fine & decorative arts
702 Miscellany of fine & decorative arts
703 Dictionaries of fine & decorative arts
704 Special topics in fine & decorative arts
705 Serial publications of fine & decorative arts
706 Organizations & management
707 Education, research & related topics
708 Galleries, museums & private collections
709 Historical, geographic & persons treatment
- 710 Civic & landscape art
711 Area planning
712 Landscape architecture
713 Landscape architecture of trafficways
714 Water features
715 Woody plants
716 Herbaceous plants
717 Structures in landscape architecture
718 Landscape design of cemeteries
719 Natural landscapes
- 720 Architecture
721 Architectural structure
722 Architecture to ca. 300
723 Architecture from ca. 300 to 1399
724 Architecture from 1400
725 Public structures
726 Buildings for religious purposes
727 Buildings for education & research
728 Residential & related buildings
729 Design & decoration
- 730 Plastic arts; sculpture
731 Processes, forms & subjects of sculpture
732 Sculpture to ca. 500
733 Greek, Etruscan & Roman sculpture
734 Sculpture from ca. 500 to 1399
735 Sculpture from 1400
736 Carving & carvings
737 Numismatics & sigillography
738 Ceramic arts
739 Art metalwork
- 740 Drawing & decorative arts
741 Drawing & drawings
742 Perspective
743 Drawing & drawings by subject
744 [Unassigned]
745 Decorative arts
746 Textile arts
747 Interior decoration
748 Glass
749 Furniture & accessories
- 750 Painting & paintings
751 Techniques, equipment, materials & forms
752 Color
753 Symbolism, allegory, mythology & legend
754 Genre paintings
755 Religion
756 [Unassigned]
757 Human figures
758 Other subjects
759 Historical, geographic & persons treatment
- 760 Graphic arts; printmaking & prints
761 Relief processes (Block printing)
762 [Unassigned]
763 Lithographic processes
764 Chromolithography & serigraphy
765 Metal engraving
766 Mezzotinting, aquatinting & related processes
767 Etching & drypoint
768 [Unassigned]
769 Prints
- 770 Photography, photographs & computer art
771 Techniques, equipment & materials
772 Metallic salt processes
773 Pigment processes of printing
774 Holography
775 Digital photography
776 Computer art (Digital art)
777 [Unassigned]
778 Fields & kinds of photography
779 Photographs
- 780 Music
781 General principles & musical forms
782 Vocal music
783 Music for single voices; the voice
784 Instruments & instrumental ensembles
785 Ensembles with one instrument per part
786 Keyboard & other instruments
787 Stringed instruments
788 Wind instruments
789 (Optional number)
- 790 Recreational & performing arts
791 Public performances
792 Stage presentations
793 Indoor games & amusements
794 Indoor games of skill
795 Games of chance
796 Athletic & outdoor sports & games
797 Aquatic & air sports
798 Equestrian sports & animal racing
799 Fishing, hunting & shooting

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- 800 Literature & rhetoric
 801 Philosophy & theory
 802 Miscellany
 803 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
 804 [Unassigned]
 805 Serial publications
 806 Organizations & management
 807 Education, research & related topics
 808 Rhetoric & collections of literature
 809 History, description & criticism
- 810 American literature in English
 811 American poetry in English
 812 American drama in English
 813 American fiction in English
 814 American essays in English
 815 American speeches in English
 816 American letters in English
 817 American humor & satire in English
 818 American miscellaneous writings
 819 (Optional number)
- 820 English & Old English literatures
 821 English poetry
 822 English drama
 823 English fiction
 824 English essays
 825 English speeches
 826 English letters
 827 English humor & satire
 828 English miscellaneous writings
 829 Old English (Anglo-Saxon)
- 830 Literatures of Germanic languages
 831 German poetry
 832 German drama
 833 German fiction
 834 German essays
 835 German speeches
 836 German letters
 837 German humor & satire
 838 German miscellaneous writings
 839 Other Germanic literatures
- 840 Literatures of Romance languages
 841 French poetry
 842 French drama
 843 French fiction
 844 French essays
 845 French speeches
 846 French letters
 847 French humor & satire
 848 French miscellaneous writings
 849 Occitan & Catalan literatures
- 850 Italian, Romanian & related literatures
 851 Italian poetry
 852 Italian drama
 853 Italian fiction
 854 Italian essays
 855 Italian speeches
 856 Italian letters
 857 Italian humor & satire
 858 Italian miscellaneous writings
 859 Romanian & related literatures
- 860 Spanish & Portuguese literatures
 861 Spanish poetry
 862 Spanish drama
 863 Spanish fiction
 864 Spanish essays
 865 Spanish speeches
 866 Spanish letters
 867 Spanish humor & satire
 868 Spanish miscellaneous writings
 869 Portuguese literature
- 870 Italic literatures; Latin literature
 871 Latin poetry
 872 Latin dramatic poetry & drama
 873 Latin epic poetry & fiction
 874 Latin lyric poetry
 875 Latin speeches
 876 Latin letters
 877 Latin humor & satire
 878 Latin miscellaneous writings
 879 Literatures of other Italic languages
- 880 Hellenic literatures; classical Greek
 881 Classical Greek poetry
 882 Classical Greek dramatic poetry & drama
 883 Classical Greek epic poetry & fiction
 884 Classical Greek lyric poetry
 885 Classical Greek speeches
 886 Classical Greek letters
 887 Classical Greek humor & satire
 888 Classical Greek miscellaneous writings
 889 Modern Greek literature
- 890 Literatures of other languages
 891 East Indo-European & Celtic literatures
 892 Afro-Asiatic literatures; Semitic literatures
 893 Non-Semitic Afro-Asiatic literatures
 894 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean & Dravidian
 895 Literatures of East & Southeast Asia
 896 African literatures
 897 North American native literatures
 898 South American native literatures
 899 Austronesian & other literatures

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- 900 History & geography
901 Philosophy & theory
902 Miscellany
903 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
904 Collected accounts of events
905 Serial publications
906 Organizations & management
907 Education, research & related topics
908 Kinds of persons treatment
909 World history
- 910 Geography & travel
911 Historical geography
912 Atlases, maps, charts & plans
913 Geography of & travel in ancient world
914 Geography of & travel in Europe
915 Geography of & travel in Asia
916 Geography of & travel in Africa
917 Geography of & travel in North America
918 Geography of & travel in South America
919 Geography of & travel in other areas
- 920 Biography, genealogy & insignia
921 (Optional number)
922 (Optional number)
923 (Optional number)
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929 Genealogy, names & insignia
- 930 History of ancient world to ca. 499
931 China to 420
932 Egypt to 640
933 Palestine to 70
934 India to 647
935 Mesopotamia & Iranian Plateau to 637
936 Europe north & west of Italy to ca. 499
937 Italy & adjacent territories to 476
938 Greece to 323
939 Other parts of ancient world to ca. 640
- 940 History of Europe
941 British Isles
942 England & Wales
943 Central Europe; Germany
944 France & Monaco
945 Italian Peninsula & adjacent islands
946 Iberian Peninsula & adjacent islands
947 Eastern Europe; Russia
948 Scandinavia
949 Other parts of Europe
- 950 History of Asia; Far East
951 China & adjacent areas
952 Japan
953 Arabian Peninsula & adjacent areas
954 South Asia; India
955 Iran
956 Middle East (Near East)
957 Siberia (Asiatic Russia)
958 Central Asia
959 Southeast Asia
- 960 History of Africa
961 Tunisia & Libya
962 Egypt & Sudan
963 Ethiopia & Eritrea
964 Northwest African coast & offshore islands
965 Algeria
966 West Africa & offshore islands
967 Central Africa & offshore islands
968 Southern Africa; Republic of South Africa
969 South Indian Ocean islands
- 970 History of North America
971 Canada
972 Middle America; Mexico
973 United States
974 Northeastern United States
975 Southeastern United States
976 South central United States
977 North central United States
978 Western United States
979 Great Basin & Pacific Slope region
- 980 History of South America
981 Brazil
982 Argentina
983 Chile
984 Bolivia
985 Peru
986 Colombia & Ecuador
987 Venezuela
988 Guiana
989 Paraguay & Uruguay
- 990 History of other areas
991 [Unassigned]
992 [Unassigned]
993 New Zealand
994 Australia
995 Melanesia; New Guinea
996 Other parts of Pacific; Polynesia
997 Atlantic Ocean islands
998 Arctic islands & Antarctica
999 Extraterrestrial worlds

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