

300 Social sciences

- 310 Collections of general statistics
- 320 Political science
- 330 Economics
- 340 Law
- 350 Public administration & military science
- 360 Social problems & services
- 370 Education
- 380 Commerce, communications, transportation
- 390 Customs, etiquette, folklore

400 Language

- 410 Linguistics
- 420 English & Old English
- 430 Germanic languages
- 440 Romance languages (French)
- 450 Italian, Romanian, Rhaeto-Romanic
- 460 Spanish & Portuguese languages
- 470 Italic languages (Latin)
- 480 Hellenic languages
- 490 Other languages (Irish)

500 Natural sciences & mathematics

- 510 Mathematics
- 520 Astronomy & allied sciences
- 530 Physics
- 540 Chemistry & allied sciences
- 550 Earth sciences
- 560 Paleontology
- 570 Life sciences (Biology)
- 580 Plants
- 590 Animals

600 Technology (Applied sciences)

- 610 Medical sciences
- 620 Engineering
- 630 Agriculture
- 640 Home economics
- 650 Management
- 660 Chemical engineering
- 670 Manufacturing
- 680 Manufacture for specific uses
- 690 Buildings

700 The Arts

- 710 Civic & landscape art
- 720 Architecture
- 730 Sculpture
- 740 Drawing & decorative arts
- 750 Painting and paintings
- 760 Graphic arts (Printmaking)
- 770 Photography
- 780 Music
- 790 Recreational & performing arts

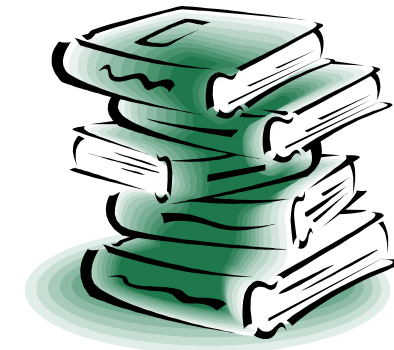
800 Literature & rhetoric

- 810 American literature in English
- 820 English & Old English literatures
- 830 Literatures of Germanic languages
- 840 Literatures of Romance languages
- 850 Italian, Romanian, Rhaeto-Romanic
- 860 Spanish & Portuguese literatures
- 870 Italic literatures (Latin)
- 880 Hellenic literatures (Classical Greek)
- 890 Literatures of other languages (Irish)

900 Geography & history

- 910 Geography & travel
- 920 Biography, genealogy, insignia
- 930 History of the ancient world
- 940 General history of Europe
- 950 General history of Asia
- 960 General history of Africa
- 970 General history of North America
- 980 General history of South America
- 990 General history of other areas

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Classification / How Books are Shelved

Classification is a way of arranging books and other library materials so that they may be easily found.

Library material is usually classified by its subject or discipline using an existing system of classification such as Library of Congress Classification (LC) or Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC).

The system of classification used by GMIT Libraries is DDC.

Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)

In 1876 an American librarian, Melvil Dewey, devised DDC. He divided the world of knowledge into ten main classes as follows:

- 000 Generalities
- 100 Philosophy & Psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 Social Sciences
- 400 Language
- 500 Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- 600 Technology (Applied Sciences)
- 700 The Arts
- 800 Literature & Rhetoric
- 900 Geography & History

Each of the classes has ten divisions which are in turn divided and further divided...The longer a class number is the more specific the subject matter is.

For example:

- 500 Natural Sciences
 - 510 Mathematics
 - 512 Algebra
 - 512.2 Groups and group theory

Although Dewey's system is over 100 years old, constant revisions have ensured that it remains relevant reflecting advances in technology and changes to economic, political and social structures . The latest edition was published in 2003 (Dewey 22)

Dewey Classification in GMIT

Each book or journal that GMIT library acquires is assigned a Dewey class number that identifies its subject matter. This number can be found on the spine of the book. As Dewey is a numerical system the books are arranged on the shelves in numerical order.

001-499 and 700-999 are held on the Ground Floor.
500-699 are held on the First Floor.

Locating Books in GMIT

When searching the library catalogue please note the **location** of the item you require as well as its class number.

Journals, Reference Books, Desk Reserve, Special Collections, Official Publications and Theses are shelved in separate areas to the general book collection.

Please consult the floor plans for details.

DDC Overview

000 Generalities

- 003 Systems
- 004 Data processing
- 005 Computer programming, programs, data
- 006 Special computer needs
- 010 Bibliography
- 020 Library & information sciences
- 030 General encyclopaedic works
- 040 [Currently unassigned]
- 050 General serial publications
- 060 General organizations & museology
- 070 News media, journalism, publishing
- 080 General collections
- 090 Manuscripts and rare books

100 Philosophy & psychology

- 110 Metaphysics
- 120 Epistemology
- 130 Paranormal phenomena
- 140 Specific philosophical schools
- 150 Psychology
- 160 Logic
- 170 Ethics
- 180 Ancient, medieval, Oriental philosophy
- 190 Modern western philosophy

200 Religion

- 210 Philosophy & theory of religion
- 220 Bible
- 230 Christianity
- 240 Christian moral & devotional theology
- 250 Christian orders & local churches
- 260 Social & ecclesiastical theology
- 270 History of Christianity & Christian church
- 280 Christian denominations & sects
- 290 Comparative religion & other religions