

INTRODUCTION

To say that this *Guide* is a simple outline of the Yale Library classification is a paradox, for the scheme is not simple and the explanation will necessarily be rather detailed. There are types of numbers still to be found in the catalog which will not be found in this *Guide*; since these are no longer used, no attempt is made to explain them here. Anyone interested in the history of the classifications used in the Yale Library is referred to the excellent article on the Yale Library classification by Jennette Hitchcock, which appeared in *The Yale University Library Gazette* for January 1953.

Yale's classification was outlined and letters assigned to designate the major fields of knowledge some years ahead of the printing of Library of Congress (LC) schedules. The effort to co-ordinate with and make use of these schedules has resulted in a hybrid classification, demonstrated by the fact that four basic kinds of notation are now in use here; these are explained below. The first line of the call number is the class number and is basically a combination of letters and numbers. The second line of the call number is usually the book number, which is unique for every title in the Library, but it may indicate a geographical or topical division of a subject, in which case the book number follows on the line below. In general, monographs are arranged either alphabetically or chronologically; serials are arranged alphabetically.

The four categories of notation used in the various classes are as follows:

1. *Yale classification.* Included are classes A (General works); F, G, H, and I (Language and literature); V (Music); and P (Law). These classes use a unique system, usually referred to as the Yale classification. Arrangement in the literature classes is generally by period and then alphabetically by author. A special table known as the *Personal Author Scheme* is used for keeping works by and about an author together; this is given at the end of the *Guide*. In class G (Classics) the letters in the first line indicate both classification and arrangement; e.g., Gfa-Gfz are the numbers for Greek authors, the alphabetical indication for the author being "a" and "z" in the above symbols. The Law and Music classes are arranged chronologically. The classification systems used for these subjects bear no relation to those followed in the Law and Music Libraries, where the major collections in these subjects are found.

2. *Library of Congress classification with Yale notation.* Included are B-Be (Auxiliary sciences of history); J (Art); L (Education); N (Social sciences); O (Political science); Uy (Naval science); and X (Bibliography). For these subjects Yale uses the Library of Congress (LC) printed classification schedules for arranging the material; but since the letters which LC uses for these subjects do not correspond to those assigned by Yale, the schedules are annotated with letters and numbers developed by Yale for each topic. When there is an LC card for a book, translation into the Yale number is simple. The book number consists of a date and the beginning letter of the author's name, thus arranging the books in chronological order. The date used in the call number is not a straightforward date of four digits, however, for the first digit is dropped so that to the uninitiated it does not appear to be a date. Thus a book on general economic conditions written by an author whose surname is Brown and published in 1962 has the call number: Nc92.962B. The second edition published in 1966 will have the number: Nc92.962Bb.

3. *Library of Congress classification.* Included are classes D (World history) and Q (Science). For these subjects the class numbers of the LC schedules are used as printed. The book number may also be the same as LC's, but this occurs only when there is an LC card for the book in hand and the book number has not already been used for another book. Note that in the *Guide* there is a column headed "Class no. (obsolete)". This indicates that the material classified prior to the adoption of the LC classification will be found under the obsolete number in the stacks.

4. *Library of Congress classification with the Yale letter for the subject prefixed or substituted.* Included are classes C (American history); E (Geography; oceanography); K (Philosophy and psychology); T (Medicine); UT (Technology); UW (Military history); UZS (Agriculture); and ZNJ (Numismatics). The determination of the classification number for a book is the same as in 3 above except that LC numbers are modified either by putting the letter which signifies the class at Yale before the LC number, or by substituting the Yale letter for the one used by LC. For example, E151 is the LC class number for general history of the United States. Yale's letter for American

history is C, and E has been used for another subject, so the class number becomes CE151. For Medicine Yale's letter T is substituted for LC's R. The book numbers arrange the books alphabetically.

Class M (Religion) is not included in the above categories because it differs from the other classes, having gone through several phases of classification. Most of the present classification is based on the LC schedule, although part of it is an original Yale scheme. Some of the book numbers are alphabetical and some chronological.

The use of the Library of Congress classification by libraries is increasing rapidly. There are two reasons: first, detailed printed classification schedules are available for the major fields of knowledge and kept up-to-date by the issuance of quarterly supplements; second, the cards printed by LC for the books it catalogs carry the complete call number for each book. Any library accepting LC classification without question, or without adaptation because of local exigencies, is able to take advantage of the work done by LC. The Yale Library has adopted the LC classification wherever it seemed possible without wholesale reclassification of the collections, which would be very expensive. Every decision to implement the LC schedules has had to be carefully considered, however, since in most cases it has meant dividing the material on a given subject. Everyone using the stacks must understand that much of the old material remains in the outmoded call numbers, thus separating older books from newer acquisitions.

At the end of the *Guide* there is a table explaining the arrangements of editions in the chronologically developed classes, also one for the Personal Author Scheme used in the literature classes. A brief statement of the classifications used for special collections in Sterling and in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library is included, as well as a list of the departmental and college libraries. The major school libraries have their own classification systems.

SUB-CLASSIFICATION METHODS

Various methods are used to keep similar materials together. The class number generally accomplishes this but there are areas where it is desirable to be more specific; this is attained by referring to whatever table is appropriate to the book in hand.

The Personal Author Scheme, used in the literature classes, is given in some detail on pages 9-10, because it is somewhat artificially developed. A simple explanation of the other methods will make them understandable since they are based on an alphabetical arrangement; the many different tables used would necessitate an infinite number of explanatory pages which would be confusing.

In the science classes, divisions of a topical nature are often needed. For example, special elements in inorganic chemistry are brought together. Books on particular elements are arranged alphabetically by the chemical symbol of each element under the general number QD181. Thus the second line of the call number becomes B1 for Boron, C1 for Carbon, G2 for Gallium, and so on. A similar method is used for books about a particular order of birds. Under the general number QL696 are found the books devoted to one order, such as C6 for Columbiformes, P2 for Passeriformes, P7 for Psittaciformes, and so forth. There are endless lists of this sort divided alphabetically in a way appropriate to the main subject.

In other classes, a geographical division is often desirable. Books which are concerned with the foreign relations of the United States with a particular country are kept together alphabetically by the name of the second country involved; e.g., the first line of the call number is CE181.8 and when these relations are entirely concerned with Great Britain, the second line of the call number is G7. This keeps all books on this subject together rather than mixing them up with other countries with which the United States is concerned. A number is assigned to each country so that the countries are arranged in alphabetical order.

A variation of this geographical arrangement is used in classes other than history; the principle is the same but many countries are grouped by continent, or by political affiliation. This table was devised for the N (Social sciences) class, based directly on the table provided by the Library of Congress in its subject schedule, and is referred to as the "N table" wherever used. In many respects it is archaic, since most of the changes

brought about by the Second World War are not reflected in the table. The "N table" is generally used in those classes referred to on page 2 as the second method of notation. Material on a particular geographical location is brought together but not necessarily under the latest name of the area in question.

An example of what seems to be a discrepancy is illustrated by *Iran*, formerly called *Persia*. In order to keep all material on Iran together, the original number assigned to it is still used, i.e. P4. Thus a book on the petroleum industry and trade of Iran will be found under Ndy36.P4. In classes referred to on page 2 as notation systems 3 and 4, I will be used for Iran, a common example being foreign relations with the United States.

A change in political affiliation in recent years, again resulting in an apparently incorrect number, is illustrated by *Algeria*. Since it was a French possession when the "N table" was organized, the designation for it became F65. This number is still used in the second line of the call number in notation system 2, whereas A6 is used in systems 3 and 4.

The method of assigning a call number to a country which will bring all those on a particular continent together is best shown by the countries in South America. All South American countries are alphabetized under S in notation system 2, but under their own names in systems 3 and 4. As an example, Brazil has been assigned S64 in the "N table", so a book on the iron industry and trade of Brazil will be classed as Ndy31.S64, while the foreign relations of Brazil with the United States will be found in CE181.8.B7.

For those who use the catalog as the first approach to finding material, these differences are no problem. To the person browsing in the stacks, it is no doubt bewildering. It is hoped the above explanations will help in understanding the system.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Rare books in all fields of knowledge which are bought for the general collection in the Beinecke Library are classified according to the system used in Sterling. They were formerly classed in Z, which is now obsolete. In addition, several collections are housed in Beinecke for which special classification schemes were developed. Since the books do not circulate and the user depends on the staff or curators in Beinecke to make the book available to him once he has found the entry in the catalog, the classification schemes will not be explained here. In each case, the scheme was devised to effect the most efficient handling of the material, since each collection has a definite and limited scope, governed either by period or locality covered, or by authors included. The major collections in Beinecke with special classifications are:

Yale Collection of American Literature	Za
James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts and Letters	Za and Zan
Western Americana	Zc
Yale Collection of German Literature	Zg
American Tracts	American Tracts
British Tracts	British Tracts
European Tracts	European Tracts
Incunabula	Zi

There are also special collections in Sterling. The Philosophy Library and the Graphic Arts Collection are housed separately from the main stacks but the books are classified according to the Yale classification. Each of the other three collections has its own classification scheme, devised to best handle the material included in it. They are: Y (Yale Memorabilia); Franklin (a collection devoted to Benjamin Franklin and his era), and L & B (Linonia and Brothers).

DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The classifications used for departmental libraries are (1) the Yale classification, (2) the Library of Congress classification, or (3) a special scheme

devised for the library. In general, the science libraries are classified according to the LC scheme, while most of the others follow the Yale system. Because of these variations in classification systems, call numbers of books in these libraries frequently differ from those for the same title in the Sterling Library.

The college libraries, with three exceptions, are arranged according to a simple scheme and use no book numbers. The Ezra Stiles, Morse, and Timothy Dwight College Libraries are classified according to the Yale classification.

The table below indicates the system followed for each library.

<i>Yale Classification</i>	<i>LC Classification</i>	<i>Special</i>
Art	Administrative Sciences	American Oriental Society
Computer Center	Anthropology	Chemistry
Connecticut Hall	Bingham	Drama
Dwight Hall	Biophysics	Forestry
Episcopal	Engineering and Applied Sciences	Mathematics
German Reading Room	Engineering and Applied Sciences (Hammond)	
Hillel Foundation	Geography	All college libraries except those listed under Yale classification
History Seminar	Geology	
More House	Kline Science	
Political Science	Observatory	
Romance Seminar	Ornithology	
Semitic Reference	Statistics	
Sinological Seminar		
Sociology		
Ezra Stiles		
Morse		
Timothy Dwight		
Classics Library		

There are two libraries for which no classification is used: Babylonian Collection and Economics Study.

LANGUAGE TABLE

This table is designed for use in the subjects classified under the Yale system, when the book number results in a chronological arrangement. It

keeps all editions and translations of a book together, based on the date of the first edition of the book. The table below explains the meaning of each letter when it is attached to the book number.

E	Polyglot	P	Dutch, Flemish
F	Latin	Q	Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Icelandic
G	English	R	Greek
H	French, Provençal	T	Celtic
J	Italian	U	Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Modern Bulgarian, Bohemian (Czech), Ural-Altaic, Finnish, Hungarian, Turkish
K	Spanish, Catalan	V	Armenian, Albanian
L	Portuguese	W	Indo-Iranian, Sanskrit, Persian, Semitic, Chinese, Japanese, Hebrew, etc.
M	Romansch, Rumanian		
N	German		

The letters B–D are reserved for indicating editions of the book in the original language. The following example will illustrate how call numbers are developed with reference to the title used under *paragraph 2* on page 2 of the Introduction (a book by Brown published originally in 1962).

Call number of first edition: Nc92.962B

Call number of second edition: Nc92.962Bb

Call number of fourth edition: Nc92.962Bd

Call number of first German edition: Nc92.962Bn

Call number of third German edition: Nc92.962Bnc

Call number of Swedish edition: Nc92.962Bq

and so on. A letter denoting language is never used for the original language of the book. For instance, *G* is attached to the book number only if the book is an English translation of a French publication.

PERSONAL AUTHOR SCHEME

This is designed to keep works by and about a person together, at the same time providing for similar types of material being pulled together by use of letters in a purely artificial manner.

The first line of the call number is the classification, the second the number assigned to a particular author. Following these two fixed numbers the Personal Author Scheme is used as follows:

- A1 Collected works in the original language.
- A2 Collected works in the translation, plus letter from the language table (p. 8).
- A3 Correspondence. To this is added language letter when necessary.
- A4–Z Individual works. (A4 for title beginning with A, B2 for title beginning with B, etc.) Translation letters are added to this number when necessary; a date is added as the fourth line of the call number to keep editions in order.
- X Biography or criticism of an author or one of his works. In the former case, letter X is added to the second line of the call number; if a criticism of a particular book, the "X" is added to the third line of the call number.

The following call numbers, based upon the literary works of Albert Camus, illustrate the preceding explanation.

- Hfv.C159 —General call number for Camus
- Hfv.C159.A1 —Collected works of Camus in the original language
- Hfv.C159.A2G —Collected works of Camus in English
- Hfv.C159.A3 —Camus' correspondence, original language
- Hfv.C159.A3N —Camus' correspondence in German
- Hfv.C159.Et7 —Camus' novel, *L'étranger*, first edition in original language

- Hfv.C159.Et7.1946 —1946 edition of *L'étranger* in original language
- Hfv.C159.Et7G —English edition of *L'étranger*
- Hfv.C159X.L97 —A criticism of Camus, alphabetically arranged by author
- Hfv.C159.Et7X.C237—A criticism of the novel, *L'étranger*, alphabetically arranged by author.

OUTLINE OF CLASSIFICATION

CLASS A

General Works

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
A2	Encyclopedias. General reference works	
A3-4	Collection of monographs	
A12-A69	Learned societies (Publications of)	A11-A67
A81-A91	General and humanistic periodicals	
A93	Indexes	
A95	Humorous periodicals	
A106-A108	Learned societies (General works on)	
A111A	Museums	
A113A	Collectors and collecting	
Ay	Almanacs	

CLASS B

Auxiliary Sciences of History

B10-49	History of civilization and culture
B50-96	Archaeology
Ba3-46	Archives, diplomatics, seals, etc.
Ba50-94	Epigraphy
Bb1-55	Heraldry and genealogy (other than American)
Bc1-18	Genealogy (American)
Bd1-15	Biography (General) see also C and D classes
Be1-12	Chronology

CLASS C

*American History**(Includes Description and Travel, formerly in Class E)*

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
CE11-45	General and North America	CI-24
CE51-99	Pre-Columbian America. Indians of North America	C51-73
CE101-139	Discovery of America; early ex- plorations United States	CI1-14
CE151-185	General history	Cb1-9
CE186-199	Colonial history	Cb10-15
CE201-298	The Revolution	Cb16-29
CE301-453	Revolution to the Civil War	Cb31-83
CE456-655	Civil War period	Cc
CE660-738	Late nineteenth century	Cd1-27
CE740-839	Twentieth century United States local history	Cd28-45
CF1-105	New England Maine, New Hampshire, Ver- mont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut	Cg-Ci
CF106-205	Middle Atlantic States New York, New Jersey, Penn- sylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia	Cj-Ck
CF206-295	The South. South Atlantic States Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia	Cl-C189
CF296-395	Gulf States. West Florida Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas	Cl91-99, Cm-Cm49

CLASS C

American History (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	*CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
CF1001-CF1035	Canada	Cal-24
CF1036-CF1170	Canadian local history	Ca43-95
CF1201-CF1392	Mexico	Ct
CF1401-CF1419	Latin America (General)	Cs
CF1421-CF1557	Central America British Honduras, Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama	Cu
CF1601-CF2175	West Indies Bermudas, Bahamas, Greater Antilles, Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico; Lesser Antilles, Caribbean Sea	Cx
CF2201-CF2239	South America (General)	Cw
CF2251-CF2299	Colombia	Cwcm
CF2301-CF2349	Venezuela	Cwv
CF2351-CF2471	Guiana, Guyana	Cwg
CF2501-CF2659	Brazil	Cwbr
CF2661-CF2669	Paraguay	Cwp
CF2701-CF2799	Uruguay	Cwu
CF2801-CF3031	Argentina	Cwa
CF3051-CF3285	Chile	Cwc
CF3301-CF3359	Bolivia	Cwb
CF3401-CF3619	Peru	Cwpr
CF3701-CF3799	Ecuador	Cwe

*Books on Latin America are shelved in the Latin American collection with stamp over the call number reading Latin America, Colombia, etc.

CLASS C

American History (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	United States local history (continued)	
CF396-475	Old Southwest. Lower Mississippi Valley Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri	Cm61-99, Cp31-99
CF476-590	Old Northwest. Northwest Territory Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin	Cn
CF591-705	The West. Trans-Mississippi Region Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma	Cp1-29, Cp41-89
CF721-785	Rocky Mountains Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado	Cq-Cq39
CF786-850	New Southwest New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada	Cq41-89, Cr51-57
CF851-900	Pacific States California, Oregon, Washington	Cr11-49
CF901-915	Alaska	Cr1-9

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CLASS D

History: General and Old World

(Includes Description and Travel, formerly in Class E)

DI-27	History (General). Europe (General)	Bf
D51-90	Ancient history (General)	Bg

CLASS D

History: General and Old World (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
DI01-1065	Medieval and modern history (General) 476—(including general European history)	Bh-Bi
DA	Great Britain England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland	By-Bz
DB	Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary	Bq
DC	France	Bo
DD	Germany	Bp
DE	Mediterranean Region. Greco-Roman world	Bg21-24
DF	Greece (Ancient and modern history)	Bg, Bx
DG	Italy (Ancient and modern history)	Bg, Bm
DH-DJ	Netherlands (Low Countries) Belgium, Luxemburg, Netherlands (Holland)	Bt
DK	Russia, Poland, Finland, Russia in Asia	Bw
DL	Scandinavia Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden	Bu
DP	Spain, Portugal	Bn
DQ	Switzerland	Bs
DR	Eastern Europe. Balkan Peninsula. Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Albania, Turkey, Montenegro	Bx
DS	Asia	Bj
DS6-10	Moslem world	Bj2R
DS41-66	Southwestern Asia, Ancient Orient, Near East	Bj59
DS67-79	Iraq (Assyria, Babylonia, Mesopotamia)	Bg, Bj65
DS92-99	Syria	Bj68
DS401-498	India	Bj41-51

CLASS D

History: General and Old World (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Asia (continued)	
DS611-649	Indonesia (Dutch East Indies)	Bj33
DS651-689	Philippine Islands	Bl29
DS701-796	China	Bj12-19
DS801-897	Japan	Bj4-10
DT	Africa	Bk
DU	Oceania Australia, New Zealand, Islands of the Pacific	Bl
DX	Gypsies	Nke14-18

CLASS E

*Geography
(General; Mathematical; Physical)*

	Geography (General)	
E10-E142	Geography	} E10-Eod
E149-E570	Voyages and travels	
E575-E890	Arctic and Antarctic regions	
E1001-E3102	Atlases	
E3160-E9980	Maps	
EQ1-EQ87	Mathematical geography	Eq10-Eq65
EQ101-EQ1999	Cartography	Eq10-Eq0
ER3-ER2598	Physical geography	S
ES1-ES872	Oceanography	S

CLASS F

Languages and Literature of Asia, Africa, Oceania, America

F	General Linguistics
Fb	Indo-European philology

CLASS F

Languages and Literature of Asia, Africa, Oceania, America
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CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
Fc	Languages of disputed relationship and extinct (including Elamite, Hittite, Vannic, etc.)	
Fd	Oriental philology	
Fkd-Fkh	Egyptian	
Fm	Semitic	
Fma-Fmb	Assyro-Babylonian	
Fmd	Sumerian	
Fne-Fng (Judaica)	Hebrew	
Fnh	Aramaic	
Fnp	Syriac	
Fo-Fod	Arabic	
Fog	Ethiopian	
Fp	Indo-Iranian philology	
Fpa	Indo-Aryan philology	
Fpb-Fpf	Vedic	
Fpg-Fpk	Sanskrit	
Fpn-Fpq	Pali	
Fpr-Fpv	Prakrit	
Fpy-Fpz	Middle Indo-Aryan	
Fq	Modern Indo-Aryan (including Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, etc.)	
Fr	Iranian philology	
Fra-Frb	Avestan	
Frc	Old Persian	
Frd	Pahlavī	
Frf-Frh	Persian	
Frk	Afghan	
Fsa-Fsc	Armenian	

CLASS F

Languages and Literature of Asia, Africa, Oceania, America
(continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Indo-Iranian philology (continued)	
	Indo-Aryan philology (continued)	
Fsd-Fsf	Caucasian	
Fse	Georgian	
	Languages of Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania	
Ft	Ural-Altai	
Ft21-29	Samoyedic	
Ft31-Ftf	Turko-Tataric (including Turkish, Azerbaijani, Turkoman, Yakut, etc.)	
Ftg	Mongolian	
Ftn	Tungusic	
Ftp	Manchu	
	Far Eastern philology	
Fv	Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Aino	
	1. General and works before 1840	
	2. Language and literature and all topics before 1840	
	3. Pure literature after 1840	
Fvb-Fvc	Japanese	
Fvd	Aino	} Language and literary criticism and theory after 1840
Fvf	Korean	
Fvh-Fvj	Chinese	
Fvl	Non-Chinese languages of China	
Fvn	Indo-Chinese languages	
Fvp	Tibeto-Burman	
Fvq	Tibeto-Himalayan	

CLASS F

Languages and Literature of Asia, Africa, Oceania, America
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CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Far Eastern philology (continued)	
	Indo-Chinese languages (continued)	
Fvr	Tibetan	
Fvv-Fvy	Himalayan	
	Assam-Burmese	
Fxa	Burmese	
Fxd	Minor languages and dialects	
Fxe	Karen	
Fxf	Tai	
Fxh	Siamese (Thai)	
Fxk	Other	
Fxm	Mon-Khmer	
Fxn	Vietnamese	
Fxp	Munda	
Fxq	Dravidian (including Kananese, Tamil, Telugu, etc.)	
Fy	Oceanic languages (Malay-Polynesian, Papuan, Australian)	
Fya11-19	Malay-Polynesian	
Fyb11-19	Malay (Indonesian)	
Fyb31-39	Javanese	
Fyb50	Other	
Fyc-Fyd	Philippine Islands	
Fye-Fyf	Micronesian, Melanesian	
Fyg-Fyh	Polynesian language	
Fyk	Papuan languages	
Fym	Australian languages	
Fyn	Unclassed languages of Asia	
Fyo	Unclassed languages of the Pacific	

CLASS F

Languages and Literature of Asia, Africa, Oceania, America
(continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
Fyp	African languages	
Fyq	Bantu	
Fyr	Sudanian	
Fys	Special African languages	
Fz	Hyperborean, American Indian, Arti- ficial languages	
Fz50	Hyperborean languages (Special)	
Fza-Fzh	American languages (Aboriginal)	
Fzj-Fzp	Mixed languages	
Fzq-Fzs	Artificial languages	

CLASS G

Classics

G3-9	Classical philology. General works	G1-7
G10	Classical philology. Periodicals	G11-16
G17	Classical philology. Collected works	Ga
Gb	Greek philology and language, in- cluding Biblical Greek	
	Greek inscriptions <i>see</i> Ba50-71	Gc
Gd-Ge	Greek literature. History. Papyri	
Gfa-Gfz	Greek authors (Alphabetical)	
Gh	Byzantine and modern Greek litera- ture. History, collections and indi- vidual authors	Gh-Gi
Gk1-33	Latin language	
Gk35	Latin dialects and ancient languages	G12-28
Gk41-47	Vulgar Latin	
Gk51-57	Medieval and modern Latin	
	Latin inscriptions <i>see</i> Ba75-94	G11-12

CLASS G

Classics (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
G131-Gn9	Latin literature. History, collections	
Gna-Gnz	Latin authors (Alphabetical)	
Gr1-9	Medieval and modern Latin literature. History, collections	
Gr10-12	Medieval and modern Latin literature. Individual authors	

Gs-Gx was formerly used to class all special topics in the ancient world. These topics are now classified in the special subject classes B-Z.

CLASS H

General Literature. European Languages and Literature

Ha	General literary history and collections
Haa	Criticism
Hab	Authorship
Hac	Literary history
Had	Poetry
Hae	Drama (including moving-pictures, radio and television)
Haf	Theater
Hai	Fiction
Haj	Oratory
Hak-Ham	Journalism
Hap-Has	Collections
Hat-Haz	Celtic philology (Gaelic, Irish, Britan- nic, Welsh, etc.)
	Romanic philology
Hb1-Hb28	General
Hb33-Hd	Italian
Hda	Rumanian

CLASS H

General Literature. European Languages and Literature (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Romanic philology (continued)	
Hdd	Romansh	
He	Spanish	
He90-He99	Spanish American	
Hea	Portuguese	
Hea69-Hea81	Brazilian	
Hec	Catalan	
Hed	Provençal	
Hf	French	
Hi	Germanic philology	
Hg	Dutch	
Hg51-59	Afrikaans	
Hh-Hhf	Flemish	
Hia	Gothic	
Hib-Hk	German	
Hi-Hp	Scandinavian	
	Slavic, Balto-Slavic and Albanian (chief languages only noted)	
Hr	General	
Hse	Serbian	
Hsg	Croatian	
Ht, Htb-Hts	Russian	
Hta	Ukrainian	
Huc	Czech	
Huk	Polish	
Hv	Balto-Slavic	
Hvc	Lithuanian	
Hvd	Lettish	
Hx	Albanian	
Hz	Finno-Ugrian and Basque (chief languages only noted)	

CLASS H

General Literature. European Languages and Literature (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Finno-Ugrian and Basque (continued)	
Hza	Finnish	
Hzh	Estonian	
Hzj	Lappish	
Hzp ¹¹⁻¹⁹	Ugrian	
Hzv	Hungarian	
Hzx	Basque	

CLASS I

English Language and Literature

Ia	Language
Ib	Literary history, collections
Ic	Old English—To 1066
Id	Middle English—1066-1400
Idz	Chaucer
	Individual authors arranged alphabetically in each period
Ie	1401-1500
If	1501-1550
Ig	1551-1600 (including Shakespeare)
Ih	1601-1650
Ij	1651-1700
Ik	1701-1750
Im	1751-1800
In	1801-1850
Ip	1851-1900
Iq	1901-1950
Ir	1951-

CLASS I

English Language and Literature (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	American literature	
Is	Literary history and collections Individual authors arranged alphabetically in each period	
It	1600-1700	
Iv	1701-1800	
Iw	1801-1850	
Ix	1851-1900	
Iy	1901-1950	
Iz	1951-	

CLASS J

Fine Arts

J	Fine arts (General)
Ja	Architecture
Jb	Sculpture
Jc	Graphic arts. Drawing. Design
Jd	Painting
Je	Engraving
Je ¹⁰⁻⁸⁹	General
Jea ¹¹⁻⁷⁸	Wood-engraving
Jeb ⁵¹⁻⁸⁸	Metal-engraving
Jec ¹¹⁻⁷⁵	Etching
Jed ¹¹⁻⁸¹	Lithography
Jef ²¹⁻³⁵	Photoengraving, etc.
Jef ⁶⁰	Printing of engravings
Jk	Art applied to industry
Jk ¹⁰⁻⁹⁵	Decoration and ornament. Design

CLASS J

Fine Arts (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Art applied to industry (continued)	
Jka12-Jka80	Interior decoration. Furniture. Wall-papers, etc.	
Jka85-Jkf92	Special subjects (Ceramics, glyptic arts, metal work, textile arts, etc.)	

CLASS K

Philosophy and Psychology

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	General philosophy	
K3	Periodicals	Ka
K8	Individual philosophers	Kh
K45-75	General works	Kd
K81	Individual philosophers	Ke
KA	History of philosophy	Kh
KBC1-199	Logic	Kd
KBD100-131	Metaphysics	Kd
KBD143-236	Epistemology	Kp
KBD240-241	Methodology	Kq-Kr
KBD300-444	Ontology	Kqc
KBD493-701	Cosmology	Kt
	Religious philosophy <i>see</i> My	Nkk
KBF3-900	Psychology	Kj
	Psychiatry <i>see</i> TC435-576	Kn
KBF1003-1389	Parapsychology	Nkz
KBF1405-1999	Occult sciences	
KBH3-301	Aesthetics	
KBJ3-1725	Ethics	
KBJ1801-2193	Etiquette	

CLASS L

Education

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
L	General	
La	History	
Lb11-97	Theory	
Lba14-40	Teaching	
Lbb10-89	Educational psychology. Child study	
Lbb94-Lbc59	Nursery schools. Kindergarten	
Lbd14-41	Primary education	
Lbe14-61	Elementary education	
Lbf14-95	Secondary education	
Lbg10-Lbl35	Training of teachers. Teachers colleges	
Lbn10-98	Higher education	
Lc11-Lcy	School laws	
Ld11-Le94	School administration	
Leb14-80	School architecture	
Led10-Lej60	School hygiene	
Len12-40	School life	
Lf14-59	Special forms: self education, home education, private, public	
Lfa10-Lfd60	Social aspects: education and state, religious instruction, compulsory education, illiteracy, community and school, endowments	
Lfe10-Lfh55	Moral and religious education	
Lfj	Types: Humanistic, vocational, political	
Lfk10-99	Education of women	
Lfm10-94	Education of negroes	
Lfn14-95	Education of ethnic minorities	
Lfp10-99	Education of exceptional children: gifted, morally or physically defective, orphans	

CLASS L

Education (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC
Lfr14-75	"Ruling class" education. Middle class, working class, urban
Lft10-Lfx80	Adult education Schools and colleges, arranged alphabetically by name or place within each area
Lg	U.S. secondary and elementary schools
Lj	U.S. universities and colleges
Lkc1-12	Canadian universities and colleges. Schools
Lkm3-Lkw	Latin American universities and colleges. Schools
Lm	British universities, colleges, and schools
Ln	European universities, colleges, and schools
Lo	Asian, African, Oceanian universities, colleges and schools
Lq	U.S. Student fraternities and societies
Lt6-25	Exhibitions and history of textbooks Elementary textbooks <i>see</i> W

CLASS M

Religion

M10	Serials	*
Mc	Judaism	
Me29-65	Christian literature and biography, other than British and American; also pre-Reformation British	Me31-45*

*Outmoded numbers, too numerous to list, M20-Mx

CLASS M

Religion (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
Mhc-Mhd	British Christian literature and biography since 1507, other than Quakers, the Wesleys and Whitefield	
Mhm69-74	British Quaker literature and biography	
Mhn54-58	John and Charles Wesley and family	
Mhn91	George Whitefield	
Mia2-9	American Christian literature and biography	
Mij28-29	American Quaker literature and biography	
Mla-Mlu	Texts of the Bible	
Mlv-Mlz	Works about the Bible	
Mwv25	Unbound sermons by British and American authors	
My31-My635	Religion in general	Ma-Mbf
My660-Myb	Religions other than Judaism, Christianity, Islam and related sects	Mbg-Mbz
Myd	Islam, Bahatism and theosophy	Mbt, Mbu and Mbz
Mye-Mz8	Christianity in general	*
Mz101-Mzv	Individual Christian sects	*

*Outmoded numbers, too numerous to list, M20-Mx

CLASS N

Social Sciences

N	Social sciences (General)
Na	Statistics

CLASS N

Social Sciences (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
Nb	Economic theory	
Nc-Nd	Economic history and conditions	
Nc	National production and economic conditions by country	
Nda-Ndd	Land and agriculture	
Nde	Economic aspects of agriculture	
Ndg	Industry	
Ndh	Corporations	
Ndi	Industrial cooperation	
Ndj	Industry and state	
Ndm-Ndv	Labor	
Ndx-Ndy	Special industries and trades	
Ne	Transportation	
Nf	Commerce	
Ng	Finance	
Nj	Public finance	
Nk-Nkf	Anthropogeography; anthropology; folklore	
Nkl-Nky	Manners and customs (General)	
Nl	Recreation	
Nm	Sociology	
Nn	Social history and conditions	
Nq	The family; marriage; women	
Nr	Societies	
Nt	Communities; classes; races	
Nv	Social pathology; public welfare; criminology	
Nx	Socialism; communism; anarchism	

CLASS O

Political Science

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
O12-O7981	Official documents	
Oa	Collections and general works	
Oca-Ocr	Political theory; the state	
Of	Constitutional history and administration (General)	
Ok	United States	
Ola-Ols	British America, Latin America	
Olx	Europe (General)	
Oml	Great Britain	
On	Austria-Hungary	
Op	France	
Oq	Germany	
Ora-Orb	Greece	
Ord-Org	Italy	
Osa-Osb	Netherlands	
Osc-Osd	Belgium	
Osf-Osh	Russia	
Osj-Osr	Scandinavia	
Oss-Ost	Spain	
Osv	Portugal	
Osw-Osx	Switzerland	
Osy	Balkan states	
Ot	Asia, Africa, Australia, Oceania	
Ov	Local government	
Oy	Colonies; emigration and immigration	
Oz	International law; foreign relations	

CLASS P

Law

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
P10-P49	Statutes, reports, etc.	
P50	Periodicals	
P55	Directories	
P57	Dictionaries and encyclopedias	
P59	Bar associations	
P60-77	Treatises	
P60	Ancient law	
P63	Greek law	
P65	Roman law	
P70	Treatises on modern law; law of foreign countries (except the law of the British Empire)	
P75	American and British common and statute law	
P80	Trials	
P95-96	Study and teaching of law	

CLASS Q

Science

CLASS NO.	TOPIC	CLASS NO.
Q1-219	General	A7-9
QA	Mathematics	Q, Qa-Qf
QB	Astronomy	Qk-Qo
QC	Physics	R-Rd
QD	Chemistry	Rs
QE	Geology	Sa-Se
QH	Natural history	Sl-6l
QH1-199	General	
QH201-277	Microscopy	
QH301-705	Biology (General)	Sh

CLASS Q

Science (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
QK	Botany	Si
QL	Zoology	Sl-Sz
QL1-355	General	
QL362-599	Invertebrates	
QL605-739	Vertebrates	
QL750-799	Ethology	
QL801-950	Anatomy	
QL951-991	Embryology	
QM	Human anatomy	
QP	Physiology	Sh23
QR	Bacteriology	

CLASS T

Medicine

CLASS NO.	TOPIC
T	Medicine (General)
TA	Public aspects of medicine, medicine and the state, public health, etc.
TB	Pathology
TC	Internal medicine. Neurology. Psy- chiatry
TD	Surgery
TE	Ophthalmology
TF	Otorhinolaryngology
TG	Gynecology and obstetrics
TJ	Pediatrics
TK	Dentistry
TL	Dermatology
TM	Therapeutics. Pharmacology

CLASS T

Medicine (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
TS	Pharmacy and Materia medica	
TT	Nursing	
TV	Botanic, Thomsonian, and Eclectic medicine	
TX	Homeopathy	
TZ	Other systems of medicine. Osteopathy, etc.	

CLASS UT

Technology

CLASS NO.	TOPIC	CLASS NO.
UT	Technology. General	U-Ua
UTA	Engineering (General). Civil engineering	Ub
UTC	Hydraulic engineering. Harbors. Rivers. Canals	Uc
UTD	Sanitary and municipal engineering	Ud
UTE	Roads and pavements	Ue
UTF	Railroad engineering and operations	Uf
UTG	Bridge engineering	Ug
UTH	Building. Fire prevention and extinction	Ui
UTJ	Mechanical engineering	Uj
UTK	Electrical engineering and industries. Electronics. Atomic power	Uk
UTL	Motor vehicles. Aeronautics. Astronautics	Ul
UTN	Mining engineering. Mineral industries	Un
UTP	Chemical technology	Up

CLASS UT

Technology (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
UTR	Photography	Ur
UTS	Manufactures	Us
UTT	Mechanic trades. Arts and crafts	Ut
UTX	Domestic science	Uv

CLASS UW

Military Science

CLASS NO.	TOPIC	CLASS NO.
UW	Military science (general)	Ux, Uxa, Uxb, Uxc
UWA	Armies: organization, distribution, etc.	Uxd, Uxe, Uxf
UWB	Military administration	Uxg, Uxh
UWC	Maintenance and transportation	Uxj, Uxk
UWD	Infantry	Uxl
UWE	Cavalry, Armor	Uxm
UWF	Artillery	Uxn, Uxp, Uxq
UWG	Military engineering	Uxr, Uxs
UWH	Other services	Uxu, Uxw, Uxx

CLASS Uy

Naval Science

CLASS NO.	TOPIC
Uy, Uya, Uyb	General
Uyc, Uyd	Navies: organization, distribution, etc.
Uye, Uyf	Naval administration
Uyg	Naval maintenance
Uyh	Naval seamen

CLASS UY

Naval Science (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
Uyj	Marines	
Uyk, Uym	Naval ordnance	
Uyn	Minor services of navies	
Uyq, Uyr, Uys, Uyt	Navigation, Merchant marine	
Uyw, Uyx, Uyy	Naval architecture, shipbuilding and marine engineering	

CLASS UZ

*Agriculture, Plant and Animal Industry,
Fish Culture and Fisheries, Hunting Sports*

UZS	Agriculture	Uz, Uza
UZSB	Plant culture and horticulture	Uzb, Uzc
UZSD	Forestry	Uze
UZSF	Animal culture	Uzf
UZSH	Fish culture and fisheries	Uzh, Uzi
UZSK	Hunting sports	Uzk, Uzn

CLASS V

Literature of Music

Vb	Serials, including congresses, societies, yearbooks
Vc1-3	Collected works on music
Vc8	Dictionaries
Vc12	Philosophy, aesthetics, relations to other sciences
Vc15	Musical fiction
Vc18	Miscellany. Addresses, essays, lectures

CLASS V

Literature of Music (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
Vd1	General history	
Vd4-12	History by period	
Vd20-99	History by locality	Vda-Vdz
Ve	Musicology	
Ve1-64	History of national music, by country	Vea-Vez
Vf1-4	Education, instruction and study	
Vf12	Biography (Collective) chronological	
Vf13	Biography (Individual) alphabetical	
Vg	History of vocal music	
Vh	History of instruments and instru- mental music	
Vi	Theory and practice, acoustics and physics	
Vj	Paleography. Monographs on manu- scripts	
Vk	Folk-song collection. By nationality	
Vl	Vocal music. Songs other than folk	
Vm	Dramatic music. Opera	
Vn1-52	Religious music. (Chorales and ora- torios)	
Vna-Vnp	Carol collection	
Vp	Liturgical music and hymn books	
Vr-Vu	Instrumental music. Arranged by in- strument	

CLASS W

Compact Shelving

Material in this area is considered worth keeping but of little current use. It comprises all fields of knowledge. The books are arranged by size and then, within each size category, numbered in sequence as cataloged.

CLASS X

Bibliography and Library Science

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
X101	History of books	
X103-107	Writing. Autographs. Calligraphy	
X125-206	Printing. Bookselling and publishing	
X207-212	Bookbinding	
X215-224	Copyright	
X226-262	Library science	
X263-331	Libraries	
X335-345	Book collecting. Bookplates. Private libraries	
X347	Book prices	
X350-363	General bibliographies	
X375-399	Anonyms and pseudonyms	
X401-997	National bibliographies	
Xa11-49	Periodicals. Indexes	
	Bibliographies of:	
Xa51-71	Academies, societies, universities, museums	
Xa81	Almanacs	
Xb15-79	History in general, including numismatics, heraldry, World Wars I-II	
Xe11-39	Geography	
Xe71-76	Meteorology	
Xf11-891	Philology and literature (in general)	
Xg11-36	Classic languages and literatures	
Xh21-26	Romance philology	
Xh31-34	Germanic philology	
Xh91-96	Esperanto and other universal languages	
Xj11-94	Fine arts	

CLASS X

Bibliography and Library Science (continued)

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
	Bibliographies of: (continued)	
Xk11-81	Philosophy and psychology	
Xl11-73	Education	
Xm11-94	Religion	
Xn11-95	Social sciences. Economics. Sociology	
Xo11-96	Political science	
Xp11-98	Law	
Xq11-66	General science. Mathematics. Astronomy	
Xr21-26	Physics	
Xr41-46	Electricity	
Xr51-56	Chemistry	
Xs31-36	Geology; Mineralogy; Paleontology	
Xs51-77	Biology; Botany; Zoology	
Xt11-85	Medicine	
Xu11-49	Agriculture; Forestry	
Xu511-714	Technology	
Xu811-916	Military and naval sciences	
Xv11-73	Music	
Xx11-97	Manuscripts	
Xz A-Z	Individual authors	

CLASS Y

Yale Memorabilia

Non-circulating material by and about Yale men, and concerning all phases of Yale life, its history and development. Classification is unique and specially planned because of the nature and scope of the collection. It is housed with the Historical Mss. and Archives material.

CLASS ZNJ

Numismatics

CLASS NO. (CURRENT)	TOPIC	CLASS NO. (OBSOLETE)
ZNJ1-161	General	Zn1-15
ZNJ201-277	Ancient (General)	Zn17
ZNJ301-763	Ancient Greek	Zn19
ZNJ801-1139	Ancient Roman	Zn21
ZNJ1201-1291	Byzantine	
ZNJ1301-1397	Ancient African and Oriental	Zn23-35 (Oriental)
ZNJ1509-4649	Medieval and modern	Zn37-62
ZNJ4801-5450	Tokens	Zn70
ZNJ5501-6651	Medals	Zn65

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