Digital Image Finding Aids
Medical Images & Multimedia Resources

Explore links to medical images, multimedia resources including: lessons, lectures, quizzes, videos and virtual cases by topics above or by the UBC resources below.

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Access to licensed UBC Library resources should be seamless from on campus. To connect from off campus please use EZproxy.

UBC licensed resources with multimedia
Authentication with a UBC Library card or Campus Wide Login is required for off-campus access. Please see remote access information in the box above.

+ AccessMedicine
Once logged in, click on the Multimedia tab from the menu at the top of the page for access to numerous video and audio resources from a variety of topics.

+ Anatomy and Physiology Online (Primal Pictures via OvidSP)
Includes 19 comprehensive modules on the human body with 3D anatomy images, and integrated physiology content with narrated animations, illustrations, dissection slides you can label, clinical case studies, the impact of aging on each body system, pronunciation guide, quizzes and much more!

+ AnatomyTV (Primal Pictures via OvidSP)
Offers 9 regional anatomy systems including over 6500 interactive 3D models of the human body with MRI correlations and detailed text linked to dissection slides, video clips and animations. Rotate any anatomical view 360° to view the interaction of nerves, muscles, ligaments and bones or add/remove layers of anatomy and label any visible structure. Built-in self-assessment quizzes are also included along with a 3D real-time body and regional study guides.

+ Bates: a visual guide to physical examination, 4th ed.
Streaming videos in WMV format. A comprehensive way to teach and refine physical examination skills using the Bates' method. Each lesson is dedicated to a specific body
system and includes a step-by-step demonstration of appropriate examination techniques.

- Concept Media Streaming Video Collection
  Please see the Table of Contents for the complete list of medical videos in the collection.

- JAMA
  The Journal of the American Medical Association, click on the Multimedia tab to view videos and podcasts.

- Journals@Ovid
  To search for images and diagrams within journal articles in this collection, connect at the URL above, choose the ‘search fields’ tab, check the ‘caption text’ box and enter your keyword.

- MD Consult Core Collection
  Quickly search over 50,000 high-quality medical images from the medical books on MD Consult. Images include photos, tables, graphs, and more. Connect to MD Consult using the link above, then click the "Images" tab in the top bar.

- New England Journal of Medicine
  Browse NEJM for videos and images in clinical medicine, interactive medical cases, and weekly NEJM audio summaries. Click on the Articles tab, then on the right side of the menu list, you may view the multimedia types available.

- Scientific & Medical (SMART) Imagebase
  Created by Nucleus Medical Art, SMART Imagebase provides a comprehensive collection of downloadable medical illustrations and animations, illustrations, animations, and interactive multimedia for 26 body systems/regions and 19 medical specialties.

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Searching the Web

If you've ever looked for an image online before, you know that there are millions out there on the web. But, are they the ones you want? How many times have you found what seems to be hundreds of images of a work online, only to discover that they are all just copies of the same, poor quality image that was originally posted years ago by some anonymous blogger? And what about image size? Remember, if you're projecting them in a classroom, you want to get a decently sized image or you will have a mass of pixellation up on your screen. Here are some tips to consider:

Try the library's image collections first.
ARTstor has over a million images, Luna has 400,000. There's a good chance what you need will be there and you will know that the quality will in general be high, the size will be large, and the rights will have already been taken care of.

Is it a work in a museum collection?
Try the museum's website! Museum collections online vary considerably. Some post only a small selection, others attempt to get everything they own up online. Resolution also varies considerably. Some will post only thumbnails while others will allow large sizes to be downloaded. Rights also vary. More museums have recently begun offering their images for free, sometimes just for educational purposes, sometimes with no restrictions.

Is it architecture or public sculpture?
Flickr Commons can be a good place to look for architecture. Some very good photographers post their work there with various degrees of licensing available.

Is the work by a contemporary artist?
Many, if not most, artists now have their own websites. The size of images posted will vary as will the restrictions on use. You must obey the restrictions as set by the artist, but this is always a good place to start.

How can I find large images and weed out the small ones?
Google Advanced Image Search allows you to limit your search by size, color, aspect ratio, usage rights and more.

How do I know if the image is ok to use?
There are a lot of images on the web that have been posted with no attribution or permission. Using images responsibly is a matter of academic integrity. Please see the tabs for Copyright and Ethics of Image Use.

Further Resources:
This very useful annotated list of image resources contains many subject areas with links: How to Find Images on the Internet.
This guide will help you find the images you need!

Interested in finding digital images? This guide (designed to accompany the Finding Images workshop) will lead you through the process of identifying image collections, searching for images in licensed and Cornell-built image collections, and finding images on the open web.

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Cannes. Boulevard de la Croisette.
A.D. White Architectural Photographs, Cornell University Library.

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Free library workshops

Free workshops on finding, managing, and manipulating images and multimedia.

(Online registration required)

Arranged by date

- Google Earth
- Google Maps
- Finding Images and Visual Media
- Google Earth
- Adobe Photoshop CS6

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Collection Guides & Finding Aids

Division Overviews

- Library of Congress Prints and Photographs: An Illustrated Guide
- Prints and Photographs Division section of American Women: A Gateway to Library of Congress Resources for the Study of Women’s History and Culture in the United States (American Memory)

Collection and Subject/Format Overviews

View list of collection/subject/format overviews

Collection/subject/format overviews include:

- Summaries of collections such as the Farm Security Administration/Office of War Information photographs, the New York World-Telegram & Sun Newspaper Photograph Collection, the WPA Poster collection, and more.
- Overviews of the Division's holdings in particular subject areas, such as Native Americans, women's history, photographic print processes, etc.
- Most include selected images.

Finding Aids to Contents of Particular Collections

The Prints and Photographs Division is one of several parts of the Library that provides access to finding aids using Encoded Archival Description (EAD).

View list of Prints and Photographs Division online EAD finding aids

- For further information on Library of Congress EAD finding aids, see the Library's EAD Finding Aid page.
- For further information on the EAD standard, see the EAD official site.
A guide to help you find and use images and other visual resources from the University Library. Visit us at Imageworks on the 2nd floor (east side) of the Art, Architecture & Engineering Library.

Stephen S. Clark Library maps online

A new image database from the University of Michigan’s Digital Library Production Service!

Nicolaes Visscher, Orbis terrarum nova et accuratissima tabula ca. 1658

Source: Stephen S. Clark Library, University of Michigan Libraries

To date, 107 digitized maps from the Stephen S. Clark Library for Maps, Government Information and Data Services are available. Full description, including Coded Cartographic Mathematical Data, is provided. The images are all in the public domain; please attribute access and use of the digitized maps to the Stephen S. Clark Library, University of Michigan Libraries.

This database will be updated frequently. The print map collection at the Clark Library contains over 370,000 maps; as such it is the largest in the state of Michigan and one of the largest at an academic institution!