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## Understanding the Superintendent of Documents Classification System

The Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) classification system is used by the Barton Library and the United States government to identify and catalog government publications. While the Library of Congress uses a subject-oriented classification system, SuDoc numbers are based on the issuing department or agency. Thus, the SuDoc system is an archival arrangement based on provenance.

A SuDoc number is assigned by the office of the [Superintendent of Documents](#) of the [U.S. Government Publishing Office](#) (GPO) to materials published by federal departments and agencies and distributed to Federal Depository Libraries in paper, microfiche, and CD/DVD formats. Naturally, the Barton Library is not a depository library with a comprehensive collection of documents, but a determination has been made to provide patrons with access to select materials that support the College's curriculum and assist in academic and scholarly research.

The SuDoc classification system is designed specifically for United States government documents while the State of Kansas uses its own classification system for state government documents. See [Understanding the Kansas Documents Classification System](#) for more details.

### Anatomy of a Superintendent of Documents Call Number

Publication title: *Career and technical education : a primer*

Publishing agency: Library of Congress

Call number: LC 14.23:R 47166

SuDoc call numbers are divided into two parts—the *Class Number (or Stem)* and the *Book Number*— which make a complete SuDoc number when combined.

### SuDoc Stem

- All *class stems* begin with one to four letters of the alphabet based on the name of the publishing agency.
    - The letter or combination of letters indicates the federal department or independent agency.
    - See **Appendix # 1** for a directory of federal agencies and their corresponding letters.
  - The number before the period indicates the subordinate bureau or office within the agency.
    - The number **1** is reserved for the publishing agency and always designates the office of a cabinet secretary or department administrator.
    - Subordinate bureaus within each agency are assigned numbers beginning with **2**.
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- The number after the period indicates the category classes, series, or serial titles issued by the bureau or office.
  - See **Appendix #2** for a listing of category classes.
- Punctuation in a SuDoc number always act as a divider, not as a decimal point. The number should be read as a whole number rather than a decimal.
- The stem usually ends before a colon.

## LC 14.23:R 47166

Department or Agency	Subordinate Bureau	Category Class
LC	14	.23
Library of Congress	Congressional Research Service	CRS report

### Book Number

The *book number* follows the colon and is a unique identifier for each individual issue or publication. This details such information as whether the work is a monograph (a one-time publication) or part of a series, as well as the publication date or the year or number of congress during which the material was published. Whether the work is an unnumbered monograph, a numbered monographic series, or a serial, all have different types of identifiers.

## LC 14.23:R 47166

Type of Work	Individual Identifier
R	Report Number
Report	47166

### Additional Resources

- [Catalog of U.S. Government Publications](#)
- [Category Classes](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Classes by Publication Type](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Class Stems](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Congressional and Legislative Branch Publications](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Continuing Resources](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Digital Public Library of America](#)
- [HathiTrust](#)
- [Internet Archive GovDocs](#)
- [Introduction to the Classification Guidelines](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Library of Congress Digital Collections](#)
- [Monographic Series](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)

- [National Archives](#)
- [U.S. Congress](#)

For a listing of more repositories, see “Public Domain Materials” in the Barton Library’s [Research Guides](#).

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## Appendices

### Appendix 1: Letter Author Symbols

<b>A</b>	<a href="#">Department of Agriculture (USDA)</a>	<b>A 13</b>	<a href="#">Forest Service</a>
<b>A 17</b>	<a href="#">National Agricultural Library (NAL)</a>	<b>A 57</b>	<a href="#">National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</a>
<b>A 62</b>	<a href="#">Federal Crop Insurance Corporation</a>	<b>A 77</b>	<a href="#">Agricultural Research Service (ARS)</a>
<b>A 88</b>	<a href="#">Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)</a>	<b>A 93</b>	<a href="#">Economic Research Service (ERS)</a>
<b>A 98</b>	<a href="#">Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)</a>	<b>A 101</b>	<a href="#">Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service</a>
<b>A 112</b>	<a href="#">Farm Service Agency</a>	<b>AE</b>	<a href="#">National Archives &amp; Records Administration (NARA)</a>
<b>B</b>	<a href="#">Broadcasting Board of Governors</a>	<b>C</b>	<a href="#">Department of Commerce (DoC)</a>
<b>C 3</b>	<a href="#">Bureau of the Census</a>	<b>C 13</b>	<a href="#">National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)</a>
<b>C 21</b>	<a href="#">Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)</a>	<b>C 46</b>	<a href="#">Economic Development Administration</a>
<b>C 51</b>	<a href="#">National Technical Information Service (NTIS)</a>	<b>C 55</b>	<a href="#">National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)</a>
<b>C 55 .100</b>	<a href="#">National Weather Service (NWS)</a>	<b>C 55 .200</b>	<a href="#">National Environmental Satellite, Data, &amp; Information Service (NESDIS)</a>
<b>C 55 .200</b>	<a href="#">National Climatic Data Center (NCDC)</a>	<b>C 55 .290</b>	<a href="#">National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)</a>
<b>C 55 .300</b>	<a href="#">National Marine Fisheries Service</a>	<b>C 60</b>	<a href="#">National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)</a>
<b>C 61</b>	<a href="#">International Trade Administration (ITA)</a>	<b>C 63</b>	<a href="#">Bureau of Industry and Security</a>
<b>CR</b>	<a href="#">Commission of Civil Rights</a>	<b>D</b>	<a href="#">Department of Defense</a>
<b>D 5</b>	<a href="#">Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS)</a>	<b>D 5 .200</b>	<a href="#">Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)</a>
<b>D 5 .400</b>	<a href="#">National Defense University</a>	<b>D 7</b>	<a href="#">Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)</a>
<b>D 10</b>	<a href="#">Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)</a>	<b>D 12</b>	<a href="#">National Guard</a>
<b>D 15</b>	<a href="#">Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)</a>	<b>D 101</b>	<a href="#">United States Army</a>
<b>D 103</b>	<a href="#">Army Corps of Engineers</a>	<b>D 109</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Military Academy</a>

<b>D 114</b>	<a href="#">Army Center of Military History (CMH)</a>	<b>D 201</b>	<a href="#">United States Navy</a>
<b>D 206</b>	<a href="#">Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BLUMED)</a>	<b>D 209</b>	<a href="#">Naval Facilities Engineering Command</a>
<b>D 211</b>	<a href="#">Naval Sea Systems Command</a>	<b>D 214</b>	<a href="#">United States Marine Corps (USMC)</a>
<b>D 221</b>	<a href="#">Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC)</a>	<b>D 301</b>	<a href="#">United States Air Force (USAF)</a>
<b>D 305</b>	<a href="#">Air Force Academy</a>	<b>E</b>	<a href="#">Energy Department</a>
<b>ED</b>	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>	<b>EP</b>	<a href="#">Environmental Protection Agency</a>
<b>FA</b>	<a href="#">Fine Arts Commission</a>	<b>FCA</b>	<a href="#">Farm Credit Administration</a>
<b>FEM</b>	<a href="#">Federal Emergency Management Administration</a>	<b>FHF</b>	<a href="#">Federal Housing Finance Board</a>
<b>FM</b>	<a href="#">Federal Mediation &amp; Conciliation Service</a>	<b>FMC</b>	<a href="#">Federal Maritime Commission</a>
<b>FR</b>	<a href="#">Federal Reserve System Board of Governors</a>	<b>FT</b>	<a href="#">Federal Trade Commission</a>
<b>GA</b>	<a href="#">Government Accountability Office</a>	<b>GP</b>	<a href="#">Government Printing Office</a>
<b>GS</b>	<a href="#">General Services Administration (GSA)</a>	<b>HE</b>	<a href="#">Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)</a>
<b>HE 20 .3000</b>	<a href="#">National Institutes of Health (NIH)</a>	<b>HE 20 .3150</b>	<a href="#">National Cancer Institute</a>
<b>HE 20 .3600</b>	<a href="#">National Library of Medicine (NLM)</a>	<b>HE 20 .4000</b>	<a href="#">Food and Drug Administration (FDA)</a>
<b>HE 20 .7000</b>	<a href="#">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</a>	<b>HE 20 .7100</b>	<a href="#">National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)</a>
<b>HH</b>	<a href="#">Housing and Urban Development</a>	<b>HS</b>	<a href="#">Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</a>
<b>HS 4</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)</a>	<b>HS 5</b>	<a href="#">Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</a>
<b>HS 7</b>		<b>HS 8</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)</a>
<b>I</b>	<a href="#">Department of the Interior</a>	<b>I 19</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Geological Survey</a>
<b>I 29</b>	<a href="#">National Park Service (NPS)</a>	<b>I 49</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Fish &amp; Wildlife Service (FWS)</a>
<b>IC</b>	<a href="#">Interstate Commerce Commission</a>	<b>ID</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Agency for International Development</a>
<b>ITC</b>	<a href="#">International Trade Commission</a>	<b>J</b>	<a href="#">Department of Justice</a>
<b>J 1. 14</b>	<a href="#">Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</a>	<b>J 16</b>	<a href="#">Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)</a>
<b>J 28</b>	<a href="#">National Institute of Justice (NIJ)</a>	<b>J 29</b>	<a href="#">Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)</a>

<b>JU</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Courts</a>	<b>JU 6</b>	<a href="#">Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)</a>
<b>JU 7</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit</a>	<b>L</b>	<a href="#">Department of Labor</a>
<b>L 2</b>	<a href="#">Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</a>	<b>L 35</b>	<a href="#">Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)</a>
<b>LR</b>	<a href="#">National Labor Relations Board</a>	<b>LC</b>	<a href="#">Library of Congress</a>
<b>LC 3</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Copyright Office</a>	<b>LC 14</b>	<a href="#">Congressional Research Service (CRS)</a>
<b>MS</b>	<a href="#">Merit Systems Protection Board</a>	<b>NA</b>	<a href="#">National Academy of Sciences</a>
<b>NAS</b>	<a href="#">National Aeronautics &amp; Space Administration (NASA)</a>	<b>NC</b>	<a href="#">National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)</a>
<b>NCU</b>	<a href="#">National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)</a>	<b>NF</b>	<a href="#">National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities</a>
<b>NM</b>	<a href="#">National Mediation Board (NMB)</a>	<b>NS</b>	<a href="#">National Science Foundation (NSF)</a>
<b>OP</b>	<a href="#">Overseas Private Investment Corporation</a>	<b>P</b>	<a href="#">United States Postal Service (USPS)</a>
<b>PE</b>	<a href="#">Peace Corps</a>	<b>PM</b>	<a href="#">Personnel Management Office</a>
<b>PR</b>	<a href="#">White House</a>	<b>PREX</b>	<a href="#">Executive Office of the President</a>
<b>PREX 2</b>	<a href="#">Office of Management and Budget (OMB)</a>	<b>PREX 3</b>	<a href="#">Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)</a>
<b>PRVP</b>	<a href="#">Vice President of the United States</a>	<b>RR</b>	<a href="#">Railroad Retirement Board</a>
<b>S</b>	<a href="#">Department of State</a>	<b>S 18</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)</a>
<b>SBA</b>	<a href="#">Small Business Administration</a>	<b>SE</b>	<a href="#">Securities and Exchange Commission</a>
<b>SI</b>	<a href="#">Smithsonian Institution</a>	<b>SSA</b>	<a href="#">Social Security Administration</a>
<b>T</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Department of the Treasury</a>	<b>T 22</b>	<a href="#">Internal Revenue Service</a>
<b>TD</b>	<a href="#">Department of Transportation (DOT)</a>	<b>TD 2</b>	<a href="#">Federal Highway Administration</a>
<b>TD 4</b>	<a href="#">Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)</a>	<b>TD 5</b>	<a href="#">United States Coast Guard</a>
<b>TDA</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Trade and Development Agency</a>	<b>VA</b>	<a href="#">Department of Veterans Affairs</a>
<b>X</b>	<a href="#">Congressional Publications</a>	<b>X 1.1</b>	<a href="#">Congressional Record</a>
<b>XJH</b>	<a href="#">House Journals</a>	<b>XJS</b>	<a href="#">Senate Journals</a>
<b>Y 1.1</b>	<a href="#">House and Senate Documents and Reports</a>	<b>Y 1.2</b>	<a href="#">House of Representatives Publications</a>
<b>Y 1.3</b>	<a href="#">Senate Publications</a>	<b>Y 3</b>	<a href="#">Boards and Commissions Outside the Executive Branch</a>

<b>Y 4</b>	Congressional Committee Publications ( <a href="#">House</a> and <a href="#">Senate</a> )	<b>Y 4.2</b>	<a href="#">Select and Special House Committees</a>
<b>Y 4.3</b>	<a href="#">Select and Special Senate Committees</a>	<b>Y 9</b>	Speeches
<b>Y 10</b>	Subordinate Offices of Congress	<b>Y 11</b>	Subordinate Offices of Congress

## Appendix #2: Category Classes

<b>.1</b>	Annual reports	<b>.2</b>	General publications
<b>.3</b>	Bulletins	<b>.4</b>	Circulars
<b>.5</b>	Laws	<b>.6</b>	Regulations, rules, and instructions
<b>.7</b>	Press releases	<b>.8</b>	Handbooks, manuals, and guides
<b>.9</b>	Bibliographies and list of publications	<b>.10</b>	Directories
<b>.11</b>	Maps and charts	<b>.12</b>	Posters
<b>.13</b>	Forms	<b>.14</b>	Addresses

Category classes above the number 14 are reserved for a variety of series belong to issuing agencies.