

Index Canonicus: Codex search

In canon law there are three legal sources whose canons are standardised as work titles in the GND:

Codex Iuris Canonici (CIC) 1917 = Code of the Roman Catholic Church, 1917 version.

Codex Iuris Canonici (CIC) 1983 = Code of the Roman Catholic Church, version of 1983

Codex Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium (CCEO) = Code of Law of the Eastern Catholic Churches

These three legal sources can be searched for explicitly in the Index Canonicus. It is also possible to search for individual canons within these legal books.

The codex search has been completely redesigned and is oriented towards the needs of a scholarly user. To activate the codex search, the following settings must be selected:

- Before the search, the search aspect "All fields" must be changed to "Codex search". In the hit list, you must sort by relevance.
- You can also use the *Canon Law Search* slot directly

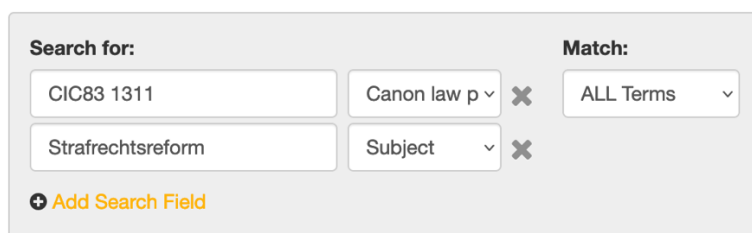
Now you have to enter the desired codex followed by the desired canon. For c. 517 of the CIC/1983, enter "cic83 517". This works analogously with the CCEO (cceo) and the CIC/1917 (cic17). A comma must be placed for a specific paragraph, e.g. "cic83 517,1".

You will now receive all titles for which a reference to the corresponding Canon could be established.

For the "new canons" after *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* (2015) and *Pascite gregem Dei* (2021) there is a special search: It is possible to search specifically for these canons.

To do this, the advanced search must be set and then searched for the keyword "Strafrechtsreform" (= penal law reform) or "Eheprozessrechtsreform" (=marriage procedure law reform) and in the field Codex search at the same time, for example, for the Canon "CIC83 1311". The result will only show articles that contain both criteria.

Advanced Search



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' interface. It features two columns: 'Search for:' and 'Match:'. Under 'Search for:', there are two input fields. The first contains 'CIC83 1311' and is followed by a dropdown menu set to 'Canon law p' with a close button (X). The second field contains 'Strafrechtsreform' and is followed by a dropdown menu set to 'Subject' with a close button (X). Below these fields is a button labeled '+ Add Search Field'. Under 'Match:', there is a dropdown menu set to 'ALL Terms'.

Possible number of hits

Attention: especially in the case of the 1917 Codex, not all canons are always standardised. It is still worthwhile to search for the Canon with the search aspect "All fields". However, the advantages of the Canon search are then not given.

Technical realisation

In the technical implementation of the Canon search concept, the digit entered as a verbal string is translated into an eight-digit numerical sequence, which can then be used for calculation.

Canon 951 from the 1983 Codex is implemented as follows: 209510000-209519999.

Further information can be found here: <https://github.com/ubtue/tuefind/wiki/Codices>

To calculate the proximity of the found digits to the searched digit, a scoring value is formed.

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