

Onomastics

Onomastics or **onomatology** is the study of the etymology, history, and use of proper names.^[1] An *orthonym* is the proper name of the object in question, the object of onomastic study.

Onomastics can be helpful in data mining, with applications such as named-entity recognition, or recognition of the origin of names.^{[2][3]} It has also been used in historical research to identify ethnic minorities within wider populations.^{[4][5]}

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Etymology

Onomastics originates from the Greek *onomastikós* (ὄνομαστικός, 'of or belonging to naming'),^{[6][7]} itself derived from *ónoma* (ὄνομα, 'name').^[8]

Branches

- Toponymy (or toponomastics), one of the principal branches of onomastics, is the study of place names.
- Anthroponomastics is the study of personal names.^[9]
- Literary onomastics is the branch that researches the names in works of literature and other fiction.^[10]
- Socio-Onomastics is the study of names within a society or culture.

See also

- Ancient Greek personal names
- Extinction of surnames
- Hydronym
- Mononymous persons
- Naming convention
- -onym, listing the technical kinds of names

Organizations

- [American Name Society](#)
- [English Place-Name Society](#)
- [Guild of One-Name Studies](#)
- [International Council of Onomastic Sciences](#)
- [Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland](#)
- [UNGEGN Toponymic Guidelines](#)
- [United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names](#)

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- [Lexicon of Greek Personal Names \(http://www.lgpn.ox.ac.uk/\)](http://www.lgpn.ox.ac.uk/), a Major Research Project of the British Academy, Oxford, contains over 35,000 published Greek names.

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