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## Abbreviations

### GENERAL

<i>1K</i>	The Berlin Kephalaia codex
<i>2Ps</i>	The second part of the Manichaean Coptic Psalm Book
<i>Ad Cand.</i>	Victorinus, <i>Ad Candidum Arrianum</i> (= <i>De generatione divini verbi</i> )
<i>Ad fin.</i>	<i>Ad finem</i>
<i>Adv. Ar.</i>	Victorinus, <i>Adversus Arrium</i>
<i>Adv. mathem.</i>	Sextus Empiricus, <i>Adversus Mathematicos</i>
<i>Adv. Prax.</i>	Tertullian, <i>Adversus Praxean</i>
<i>Amic.</i>	Cicero, <i>De amicitia</i>
<i>Anim.</i>	Aristotle, <i>De anima</i>
ARTFL	American and French Research on the Treasury of the French Language
<i>BA</i>	<i>Bibliothèque Augustinienne</i>
<i>BHL</i>	<i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina</i>
<i>Brev. conl.</i>	<i>Breviculus conlationis cum Donatistis</i>
BSIH	Brill's Studies in Intellectual History
<i>CC</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum</i>
<i>CCL</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i>
<i>Chron.</i>	Sulpicius Severus, <i>Chronicon</i>
<i>CLA</i>	E. A. Lowe's <i>Codices Latini Antiquiores</i>
<i>Comm. in Is.</i>	Jerome, <i>Commentarius in Isaiam</i>
<i>CSEL</i>	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
<i>Enn.</i>	Plotinus, <i>Enneads</i>
EPHE	L'École Pratique des Hautes Études
<i>Expl. Cic. rhet.</i>	Victorinus, <i>Explanationes in Ciceronis Rhetoricam</i>
FC	Fathers of the Church Series
Fol.	Folio
GKW	Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke

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<i>Hex.</i>	Ambrose, <i>Hexaemeron</i>
<i>Hort.</i>	Cicero, <i>Hortensius</i>
<i>Hypot.</i>	Sextus Empiricus, <i>Pyrrhoniae Hypotyposes</i>
<i>L'EPHE</i>	<i>L'École Pratique des Hautes Études</i>
LCC	Library of Christian Classics
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
LDAB	Leuven Database of Ancient Books
<i>Leg.</i>	Cicero, <i>De legibus</i>
<i>Marc.</i>	Porphyry, <i>Ad Marcellam</i>
MS	Manuscript
<i>Myst.</i>	Ambrose, <i>De mysteriis</i>
<i>Nat. deor.</i>	Cicero, <i>De natura deorum</i>
<i>NE</i>	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
NPNF	The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers
<i>Off.</i>	Cicero, <i>De officiis</i> ; Ambrose, <i>De officiis</i>
OGHRA	<i>The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine</i>
<i>Or.</i>	<i>Oratio</i>
<i>Otio rel.</i>	Petrarca, <i>De otio religioso</i>
<i>Parm.</i>	Plato, <i>Parmenides</i>
<i>PG</i>	<i>Patrologia Graeca</i>
<i>Phd.</i>	Plato, <i>Phaedo</i>
<i>Phrd.</i>	Plato, <i>Phaedrus</i>
<i>Phys.</i>	Aristotle, <i>Physics</i>
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina</i>
PMLA	Publications of the Modern Language Association of America
<i>Rep.</i>	Plato, <i>Republic</i>
<i>Rer. nat.</i>	Lucretius, <i>De rerum natura</i>
<i>REtAug</i>	<i>Revue des Études Augustiniennes</i>
<i>Secr.</i>	Petrarca, <i>Secretum</i>
<i>Sent.</i>	Porphyry, <i>Sententia</i>
S.I.	<i>Sine loco</i>
SMRT	Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought
S.n.	<i>Sine nomine</i>
<i>Symp.</i>	Plato, <i>Symposium</i>
<i>Tim.</i>	Plato, <i>Timaeus</i>
<i>Top. diff.</i>	Boethius, <i>De topicis differentiis</i>
USTC	Universal Short Title Catalogue
<i>V. Aug.</i>	<i>Vita Augustini</i>

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V. <i>phil.</i>	Diogenes Laertius, <i>Vitae philosophorum</i>
Vg	Vulgate
VL	<i>Vetus Latina</i>
WSA	Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century

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<i>b. conjug.</i>	<i>De bono conjugali</i>
<i>b. vita</i>	<i>De beata vita</i>
<i>c. Acad.</i>	<i>Contra Academicos</i>
<i>c. Adim.</i>	<i>Contra Adimantum</i>
<i>c. ep. Man.</i>	<i>Contra epistulam Manichaei</i>
<i>c. Faust.</i>	<i>Contra Faustum Manicheum</i>
<i>c. litt. Pet.</i>	<i>Contra litteras Petiliani</i>
<i>c. Sec.</i>	<i>Contra Secundinum Manicheum</i>
<i>cat. rud.</i>	<i>De catechizandis rudibus</i>
<i>civ. Dei</i>	<i>De civitate Dei</i>
<i>conf.</i>	<i>Confessiones</i>
<i>cons. Ev.</i>	<i>De consensu Evangelistarum</i>
<i>Cresc.</i>	<i>Ad Cresconium</i>
<i>div. qu.</i>	<i>De diversis quaestionibus octoginta tribus</i>
<i>doc. Chr.</i>	<i>De doctrina Christiana</i>
<i>ench.</i>	<i>Enchiridion</i>
<i>en. Ps.</i>	<i>Enarrationes in Psalmos</i>
<i>ep.</i>	<i>Epistulae</i>
<i>f. et symb.</i>	<i>De fide et symbolo</i>
<i>Gesta coll. Carth.</i>	<i>Gesta Collationis Carthagensis</i>
<i>Gn. adv. Man.</i>	<i>De Genesi adversus Manicheos</i>
<i>Gn. litt.</i>	<i>De Genesi ad litteram</i>
<i>Gn. litt. imp.</i>	<i>De Genesi ad litteram imperfectus liber</i>
<i>gramm.</i>	<i>Ars grammatica breviata</i>
<i>imm. an.</i>	<i>De immortalitate animae</i>
<i>Jo. ev. tr.</i>	<i>In Joannis euangelium tractatus</i>
<i>lib. arb.</i>	<i>De libero arbitrio</i>
<i>loc. in Hept.</i>	<i>Locutionum in Heptateuchum</i>
<i>mag.</i>	<i>De magistro</i>
<i>mor.</i>	<i>De moribus</i>
<i>mus.</i>	<i>De musica</i>
<i>nat. b.</i>	<i>De natura boni</i>

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<i>ord.</i>	<i>De ordine</i>
<i>persev.</i>	<i>De dono perseverantiae</i>
<i>praed. sanct.</i>	<i>De praedestinatione sanctorum</i>
<i>retr.</i>	<i>Retractationes</i>
<i>s.</i>	<i>Sermones</i>
<i>s. Dolbeau</i>	<i>Sermones Dolbeau</i>
<i>s. Dom. mon.</i>	<i>De sermone Domini in monte</i>
<i>Simpl.</i>	<i>Ad Simplicianum</i>
<i>sol.</i>	<i>Soliloquia</i>
<i>spir. et litt.</i>	<i>De spiritu et littera</i>
<i>Trin.</i>	<i>De Trinitate</i>
<i>util. cred.</i>	<i>De utilitate credendi</i>
<i>vera rel.</i>	<i>De vera religione</i>