

# *Manuscriptology*

**Manuscriptology** is another word for [codicology](#), namely the study of history and literature through the use of hand-written documents.

The term is in use particularly among scholars of South Asian cultural history because many South Asian manuscripts are not [codices](#) in the strict sense of the word. That is to say, South Asian manuscripts are typically written on unbound sheets of paper or palm leaves, in a landscape format. [Vellum](#) or [parchment](#) - typical writing material used in the European codex - are not used in India since the introduction of leather - the material used for vellum or parchment - are considered impure in Indian traditions<sup>[1]</sup>

There are exceptions. The codex format is used for [manuscripts in Kashmir, for example](#) ([https://archive.org/stream/MokshopayaSharadaManuscript6/Mokshopaya\\_Sharada%20Manuscript-6#page/n0/mode/1up](https://archive.org/stream/MokshopayaSharadaManuscript6/Mokshopaya_Sharada%20Manuscript-6#page/n0/mode/1up)) , where the concept of the manuscript book was influenced from European models transmitted by Islamic culture.

## See also

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- [Palaeography](#)
- [Philology](#)

## References

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- ↑ *"Materials used for manuscripts"* (<http://sarasvatam.in/en/2015/12/03/materials-used-for-manuscripts-leather/>)  .

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