



## Welcome to the Library service: Orientation 2022

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QG GEN035 [https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/qggen035.pdf]

### Introduction and contacts

The Library provides access to materials to support your learning and studies no matter where you are in the world. Access to our databases and e-book collections is particularly important if you are off-campus but our substantial print collections provide additional content for users located in Aberdeen.

➤ **The Sir Duncan Rice Library (TSDRL) - main site**

Holds materials in Arts, Science, Education and Social Science. [The Special Collections Centre](#), home to the University's historic collections of books, manuscripts and archives is housed within TSDRL.

**Enquiries:** [library@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:library@abdn.ac.uk) | Library home page: [www.abdn.ac.uk/library](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library)

**Subject specialists:** <https://bit.ly/InfoConsultants> & [subjectteam@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:subjectteam@abdn.ac.uk)

➤ **Taylor Library**

The University of Aberdeen's specialist law library houses the law collections, the Official Publication Collections and the European Documentation Centre (EDC). Taylor Library is located within the Taylor Building on the Old Aberdeen campus.

**Enquiries:** [lawlib@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:lawlib@abdn.ac.uk) | **Web page:** <https://bit.ly/TaylorLibraryEDC>

**Contact details:** <https://bit.ly/AberdeenUniLibraryContacts>

➤ **Medical Library**

Subjects include dentistry, medicine and medical sciences. The Medical Library is in the Polwarth Building on the Foresterhill Campus.

**Enquiries:** [medlib@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:medlib@abdn.ac.uk) | **Web page:** <https://bit.ly/MedicalLibrary>

**Contact details:** <https://bit.ly/AberdeenUniLibraryContacts>

### Guidance and support

#### Information skills

Enhance your information skills by attending a course-specific library workshop or a bookable session. Library materials are also stored within your online course content. Additionally, presentations, worksheets and other [documents from Library skills workshops are available on our Library wiki](#).

#### Library guides

Our Library guides will help you make the most of our services, facilities and resources. For guidance in using our e-book collections and databases, or even help with referencing, visit the [Library guides section](#).

#### Course reading lists

When activated for your course in MyAberdeen, the reading list option will provide you with easy access to materials on your reading lists, wherever you are.

#### Toolkit

Developed by IT Services, [the Toolkit will help you learn new digital skills](#), understand how to use University software, discover useful apps and explore University services. It includes walkthroughs, tutorials, videos, software and much more.

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## If you are off-campus

We have access to millions of research articles, hundreds of thousands of e-books and hundreds of databases in our virtual library. Primo is the portal to our electronic material. Access Primo at <https://abdn.primo.exlibrisgroup.com>

### Access to e-resources

As a student at the University of Aberdeen you will have access to all of the Library's e-resources.

- The majority of these require a 'Shibboleth' (Institutional) login using your UoA username and password.
- A small number may require a different login process. For more information [see our 'Accessing electronic information' guide](#).

**Important note:** The most reliable way to access the Library's e-resources is via Primo. For guidance in using Primo, [see our Primo guides](#).

## If you are on-campus

In addition to the many millions of items in our virtual library we have extensive collections of print materials.

**Borrowing:** You can borrow and return books and other material from our libraries. Your student card is also your Library card, and you will need this to borrow items. Look out for an email from the Library nearer the start of term on how to borrow using our Self-service machines.

**Facilities:** PCs and PC classrooms are available in all libraries and are linked to the University network, providing access to the internet, e-mail and various software packages to support your assignments. Printing, photocopying and scanning on campus is via [networked multi-function devices \(MFDs\)](#). MFDs are available on almost all floors of TSDRL and in both Taylor and Medical libraries. Bookable and non-bookable study spaces, and silent study areas are also available.

**Accessible library:** The Library is committed to offering support, assistance and equipment so that all students can have full access to the services and content we provide. [Our Accessible library facilities and services guide](#) provides useful information on the help and equipment available.

Please comply with all safety requirements when using our libraries. [See the University's Coronavirus page for guidance](#).

### Layout of The Sir Duncan Rice Library

**Lower Ground Floor:** Special Collections Centre

**Ground Floor:** Welcome Desk, Returns Room, short-stay PCs, [Old Aberdeen Library](#) (membership of Aberdeen City Libraries is available to all UoA students), Hardback Café, Gallery

**Floor 1:** Information Centre, IT Service Desk, Heavy Demand, maps, newspapers, Music Room

**Floor 2:** All print journals, microform materials and microfilm/fiche reader

**Floor 3:** Archaeology, History, Travel Geography

**Floor 4:** Literature, Classics, History of Art and Architecture, Film, Theatre, Music books

**Floor 5:** Language & Linguistics, Biological & Physical Sciences, Maths, Engineering, Business

**Floor 6:** Education, Human Geography, Politics, International Relations, Sociology, Economics, Teaching Resource Collection

**Floor 7:** Computing Science, Psychology, Philosophy, Divinity and Religion

### Information & help

Whether you are off-campus or on-campus please contact us if you have any questions. We are always happy to help!