Welcome to the Taylor Library and European Documentation Centre
David Ridley, July 2021
QG LAW001  [https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/qglaw001.pdf]

The Taylor Library and EDC houses the Law collection, the Official Publications collection and the European Documentation Centre. This guide briefly describes the services available. A virtual guide to Taylor Library is also available.

Opening hours
Term-time and Easter Vacation
Monday – Thursday 09:00-22:00
Friday 09:00-20:00
Saturday 09:00-22:00
Sunday 13:00-22:00

Summer Vacation
Monday – Friday 09:00-17:00

Access and membership
The University welcomes users to its libraries from within the University, from other educational institutions and from the general public.

There are security gates at the entrance which are operated by a valid ID card. Visitors can be issued with an access pass valid for up to 3 months on production of photographic ID.

Visitors will not be issued an access pass during exam times if more than 200 people are attending the library.

Library regulations
The Library Regulations are displayed in all the University libraries. They are designed to provide a pleasant and peaceful environment for everyone. It is a condition of membership that you read and follow them.

Taylor Library is zoned into Silent and Quiet areas. Library users should be aware that it is not permitted to make or receive mobile phone calls.

Lidded drinks are allowed in the library. Cold food is allowed in designated areas, however, hot food is not allowed anywhere in the library. Details of what is permitted in each area are on display on the study tables.

Services
The Issue Desk provides the full range of standard library services such as loans, returns, recalls, reservations and Inter Library Loans.

There is a Self-issue Machine in the Heavy Demand area. This is for issues of HD items only. Returns must be taken to the Issue Desk.

There are two Help Desks, one on the lower level of Block C which is open Monday to Friday 9:00 to 16:30 (term time only) and one on the upper level of Block D (EDC office) which is open Monday-Friday 9:00-12:00 and 14:00 to 16:30.

Copying and scanning
There are two Multi-Function Devices (MFDs) in an area opposite the Issue Desk. You may use these for printing, copying and scanning. The right hand MFD opposite the Issue Desk can print in colour if required. Payment will come out of your print budget account.

Non-University users can buy a £5 preloaded card to enable use of the MFDs for photocopying. Additional credit can be purchased if required.

Study space
Study space is available on both floors of the library.

Project Rooms
There are two bookable project rooms in Block C. These can be used for discussion groups, rehearsing presentations and seminars.

Project Room 1 on the lower floor has a networked PC, LED screen and whiteboards, whilst Project Room 2 on the upper floor has a networked PC, video viewer, an overhead projector and whiteboards.

Bookings should be made at the Issue Desk, and are for a maximum of an hour. These rooms are for group use only, and cannot be booked for single use.

Facilities for disabled users
Access to the Taylor Library for anyone with mobility problems is via the lift at the entrance to the Taylor Building Block C and an internal lift for access to the library’s upper floor. The entry gate nearest the Issue Desk is for use by anyone with mobility problems.
There is a priority access PC for disabled users on the lower floor of the library. This PC has enhanced software provision. There is a book scanner provided by the Assistive Technology Unit in the Heavy Demand Area of the library.

For further information see Library Guide: Accessible library facilities and services.

Computer provision
There are twenty-three networked PCs in the library, - ten in the Computer Room on the upper floor, one each in Project Rooms 1 and 2, two more at the end of Block C on the upper floor, two in the EDC, and a further seven (one for disabled use) on the lower floor beside the Help Desk.

Wireless internet access is available in the library using the Eduroam service. Members of the public can connect using Aberdeen-city-connect. All you need is a Wi-Fi enabled laptop.

Primo
There are several OPAC (Open Access Catalogue) terminals in the library. Primo can be accessed from the library home page on any PC with an internet connection.

Borrowing
There is a Self-issue Machine in the Heavy Demand Area. To use the Self-issue Machine, you need to have your ID card and a Personal Identification Number (PIN) - ask at the Issue Desk to get one set up.

You must have all Heavy Demand items issued even if you are only using them in the library. Remember you will not be allowed to borrow without a valid card.

You are responsible for all books issued on your card. Do not pass them on to other people or lend your card to others.

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Organisation of stock

There are seven main sequences of materials: law books, law reports, law periodicals, statutory materials, Official Publications, European Union material and a small collection of documents from the European Space Agency.

The Taylor Library also has a Law Reference section; a Law General Reference section; a Heavy Demand section for the most frequently used textbooks; and a display unit for current periodicals and reports.

Law books

The main book stock is shelved on the upper level of the library. Books are arranged in the Dewey classified sequence.

The majority of the books on lecturers’ recommended reading lists are shelved in the Heavy Demand section on the lower level of the library, again, in Dewey classified order.

Law reports

This sequence contains the collections of case reports. They are shelved by title in alphabetical order running down the right-hand side of the lower level of the library. The current parts of law reports are on the display stand near the entrance. All law reports are for reference use only.

Law periodicals

These are also shelved in alphabetical order in a sequence running down the left-hand side of the lower level of the library. Older bound volumes may be borrowed and staff will advise on loan periods.

Recently received unbound parts are kept on the display stand and these and other unbound parts are for consultation only.

Law reference

This section houses legal encyclopaedias, indexes to legal periodicals and the Current Law Service.

Law general reference

Legal and language dictionaries, directories and other reference materials are shelved here.

Statutory materials

This section, on the ground floor of Block D, contains sets of United Kingdom Acts of Parliament and Acts of the Scottish Parliament. All statutory materials are for consultation only.

Official Publications

The Official Publications collection includes documents from the UK and Scottish Parliaments, Government departments and agencies, the United Nations and the OECD.

For further information, help and advice, please:
- view the Official Publications web page
- consult Official Publications Collection guide
- contact the library staff on 01224 273334 or email edc@abdn.ac.uk.

European Documentation Centre

The European Documentation Centre (EDC) is located in Block D on the upper level. It is one of the official centres established by the European Commission to enable the study of European integration.

Most EU information is now freely available through, or linked from the EU’s Europa website, however the EDC still receives some print copies, and this material is listed on the catalogue. The EDC books and periodicals are for reference only, but they may be freely consulted by both members and non-members of the University. Staff are available to help source print and online material. A more detailed guide to the European Documentation Centre is available online.

Folios/pamphlets

Large books (folios) and small items (pamphlets) are shelved on the upper level of Block C at the end of the classified book sequences. Material in these sections is identified in the catalogue by the prefix f (folio) or p (pamphlet). Most pamphlets may be borrowed, but many folios are too old or too fragile and are for reference only.

European Space Agency (ESA)

This material is held in a separate sequence shelved at the end of the periodicals in lower D block. ESA material all has the shelfmark Law Per 629.4 Eur.

Access to electronic resources

Access to electronic resources for students and staff is via any PC that can connect to the University network and can also be achieved from home.

There are separate guides giving guidance on using the various resources available.

Blogs

Two library blogs produced by Taylor library staff can keep you up-to-date on service changes, useful tips, news and collections development:
- Legal Information Update
- EDC Information Update

Podcasts

An introductory podcast providing information about Taylor Library is also available.
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Remember that the staff at Taylor Library & EDC are here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to ask if you get into difficulty!

In the case of online access problems (including Out-of-Hours Service), contact the IT Service Desk:
Address: The Sir Duncan Rice Library, 1st Floor, Old Aberdeen.
Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri: 09:00-17:00; Wed: 10:45-17:00
Log a problem via your MyIT portal at or email: servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk
Telephone: +44 (0)1224 273636 (for *Out of Hours Service – call this number)

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