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Welcome International Students

We encourage you to use our fantastic library spaces during your time here with us. Your UL student ID card is your key to the library, for access to the building and borrowing library material.

We have study spaces to suit everyone – silent, quiet, individual, collaborative. We also have a dedicated postgraduate-only area with swipe-access. Group study rooms can be booked online through the library website.

The library's physical resources are located on our Open Shelves, where you can browse and borrow or stored in the ARC (which you can request from the library catalogue). Loan durations vary from short-term loans of 3-hour & 1-day to long-term loans up to 2 weeks.

There are a great variety of e-books and articles available online through the library website and we encourage all new students to visit our online Library Guides for subject information @libguides.ul.ie

Throughout the semester, there will be plenty of opportunity to get to know our services through tours of the Library and the classes we offer.

Remember, don't be afraid to ask us for help if you require assistance or if you can't find something in our collection. Talk to the library staff – we are here to help.

Library Jargon Buster

ARC stands for Automated Reserve Collection and is an automated storage and retrieval system where lesser-used items are held. Library users can search the library catalogue, request an item from the ARC and go to the Short Loan area on the ground floor for self-service pick up.

Bibliography: A list of books or a list of sources on a particular topic.

Citation: A brief description of a publication referring to a specific passage, text, author, webpage etc. It appears as a Reference or Footnote and contains sufficient details to enable you to locate the publication, website etc. Please refer to the library's booklet *Cite It Rite* for help with referencing.

Database: A searchable electronic catalogue or index. It often includes details of individual articles within journals and sometimes chapters in books.

E-book or E-journal: A book or journal that is in electronic format and can be read in full online.

Inter-Library Loan (ILL): A loan made between libraries which you may need to request if items you want are not held by UL Library in print or online.

Journal: (also called periodical or serial) A publication that contains scholarly articles and is published at regular intervals.

Journal article: An item of research written by an academic or other expert, to communicate new ideas or findings to the wider research community. Several articles are published together within a journal issue.

Reference collection describes items that you may use in the Library but may not borrow, such as dictionaries, atlases and encyclopedias. Many of these items are available online.

Self-issue/ Self-return: Borrow/return an item from/to the Library using an automated machine.

Shelf Mark: A code that appears on a label on the spine of each item in the Library numbering subjects from 000 to 999. Items are arranged by shelf mark and/or alphabetical order, determined by their subject. See the library floor plan and book marks for subject locations.

Short loan: This is material in high demand. 3-hour and 24-hour short loan items are located on the ground floor of the Library close to the Information Desk. The highest loaned items are kept in a secure self-service kiosk in this area. 3-day and 7-day short loan items can be found with normal loan items on floor 1, 2 & 3.

Special Collections & Archives: A collection of old and rare books, manuscripts and other archive materials. Material can be consulted by appointment.