Discover the Science Library

Welcome to UCL Science Library. This guide will help you find your way around the Science Library and enable you to make the most of all our services and facilities.

Collections and reading rooms with desks and plug in points for laptops are located on upper floors accessible via the lifts or staircase to the right-hand side of the entry gates.

Ground Floor

After you have entered the Science Library by hovering your UCL ID card across the entry panel on top of the gates on the right-hand side, you will see the Learning Laboratory ahead of you, through the glass doors. Go through the doors, and on the left-hand side is the Help Desk where you can ask for assistance with loans and in depth help with your study and research, as well as collecting material requested from our Store outside London, and material obtained from libraries outside UCL via the Interlending & Document Supply service. The ISD Service Desk is also located here to help with IT issues such as passwords and software/hardware issues.

On the right-hand side you will find three Self-Issue Stations, and you will need your ID card and PIN to borrow books, such as those on the shelves in this area which have been reserved for collection. To the left is the Returns facility where you can deposit books when you have finished with them and in the middle are some desks with Pop-up PCs.
Further to the left and going forwards, you will see machines which print, scan and copy, and you will initially need to register your ID card on the left-hand panel.

On the left-hand side you will see a high level desk with two terminals which you can use to search for books and more, and a **Microfiche Reader/Printer**. Recently returned books awaiting re-shelving can be found on the shelves to the side.

Turning around, on the far side are a number of Group Study Pods which can be booked via our website, and behind the **Help Desk** you will see a café which is open during term-time. This room also contains the **Short Loan Collection**, which is comprised of core texts in high demand for all subjects held in the Science Library. They can be booked for specific time periods via the dedicated terminals or the Internet. To borrow books from this collection you have to use the **Self-Issue Station** within.

Turning right around and heading to the back of **Learning Laboratory** you will find networked computers, and part of the mezzanine level is for postgraduates only. The **DMS Watson Teaching Cluster (Room G15)** on the left hand side is often used for library skills sessions and other classes.

Go back out to the **foyer** and note the stairs and the lifts to the upper levels on the left-hand side. There are maps on landings showing you the locations of subject collections held on each floor.

**1st Floor**
Go upstairs to the 1st floor via the main staircase. In the room directly ahead of you at the top of the stairs you will find the Librarianship and Archives collections, and many desks with Pop-up PCs.

Towards the back of this room on the right-hand side is a corridor and a door leading to the Geography collections. Following these around to the right you will come to a door leading to a small silent Postgraduate Computer Cluster on the right, and Subject Liaison Librarians in Room 109 to the left. Exiting into the corridor you will see toilets on the right-hand side.

Up the ramp to the left and straight ahead through a number of doors you can find the Psychology, Biology, Botany and Zoology books, as well as the Psychology, Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences Periodicals.

Going back the way you came you will see a smaller staircase which will take you to the 2nd floor.

2nd Floor

At the top of the stairs go through the door to the right and you will find two Water Fountains. In the room to the left you will find the Management books and Management Periodicals.

Through a door on the left-hand side go straight along a landing at the top of the back staircase to the Medical Sciences book collection. In the rooms beyond to the right you will find Anthropology books and Anthropology Periodicals.

Go left through the main Anthropology Reading Room and make your way back to the staircase to go up to the 3rd floor.
3rd Floor

The room off the landing holds the Geology books as well as Geosciences and Engineering Periodicals. Go through this room, and in the room to the right you will find Mathematics books with the De Morgan Group Study Room straight ahead. History of Science books are shelved to the right. Going forward via the back stair landing past the Massey Group Study Room you will find Physics books, Chemistry books, as well as Mathematics and Physical Sciences Periodicals, and many study spaces and PCs.

Go through this room to the exit and make your way back to the main staircase to go up to the 4th floor. On your way you will see toilets on the left-hand side.

4th Floor

At the top of the stairs through the door on the left-hand side is the Research Grid for postgraduate students. To the right, past the toilet on your left, and through the door you will find group study spaces and a separate Group Study Room. The Guter collection for environmental engineering can also be found here. Through the glass door on the left you will see Engineering & Computer Science books, and right at the end is Room 417 which is sometimes used for Special Collections training sessions.

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