Maps within UCL Library Services

We have a full set of Ordnance Survey Landranger maps on the upper shelves of the Science Library Reference Collection opposite the Assistance Desk, and a number of atlases in the collection below. Otherwise, maps relating to specific topics can be found within different subject collections.

Digital Mapping with Digimap

Digimap is an online service delivering maps and map data for Great Britain listed under D for Digimap in our A-Z list of databases at www.ucl.ac.uk/Library/database. Data is available to download to use with appropriate software (GIS or CAD software), or maps can be generated online by Digimap. There are several different collections:

- **Digimap** allows access to Ordnance Survey maps (a range of OS maps with varying scales showing different features).
- **Historic Digimap** allows access to historic maps from Landmark (from 1840s to 1990s).
- **Geology Digimap** gives access to Geological Survey mapping data.
- **Marine Digimap** enables use of marine and hydrographic mapping data.

You do need to register, but this is straightforward and involves filling in an online form. However, this does take up to 48 hours to process.

More information on UCL’s access to this service is available at: www.ucl.ac.uk/library/e-res_servspec.shtml

Digimap’s own registration help is available at: http://edina.ac.uk/digimap/access/register.shtml

Help with using Digimap, including FAQs and YouTube video demonstrations is available within the service at http://edina.ac.uk/digimap/support/. Support is also available from Nick Mann, Teaching and Learning Resources Co-ordinator for Geography (within the Geography Department at UCL). Email n.mann@geog.ucl.ac.uk with your enquiries or visit Nick at the Geography Department’s Map Library – details below.

The Geography Department Map Library

This is located in the Oxenham Room, LG13, 26 Bedford Way and is available for use by UCL students from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday during term time. Nick Mann maintains the collection of maps that cover most parts of the world, with detailed
coverage of the UK. Contact him if you wish to visit the library or to see if the library holds the material you need. More information about the Map Library is available at: www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/about-the-department/support-services/map-library/

**Senate House Map Collection**

A large collection of maps of London and Great Britain is available at Senate House, totalling approximately 67,000 sheets. The collection includes Ordnance Survey series maps including 1:10,000 maps covering all of Great Britain, 1:2,500 maps for Greater London and 1:1,250 maps for Central London. It also features early maps and facsimiles, town plans, and thematic maps for Great Britain and other countries. The Senate House Map Collection is currently open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm but at other times, maps can only be fetched by prior appointment. Please see www.ull.ac.uk/subjects/maps/index.shtml for more information.

UCL students can register at Senate House to become a member of the library. See www.ucl.ac.uk/library/liblist.shtml#sh for more details.

**British Library Map Collection**

This is the national map library of Great Britain, with a collection of over 4.25 million atlases, maps, globes and books on cartography dating from 15th century to the present day. There is a large range of historical material and cartography, and the Library collects all newly published British material as part of legal deposit, supplementing its modern collections with donated maps and purchases of foreign maps. More information about the collection is at www.bl.uk/reshelp/bldept/maps/

UCL students and staff can apply to the British Library for reference access with a valid UCL ID card, and two further forms of identification, one confirming home address (such as utility bill) and the other a proof of signature (such as a bank card). More information is available at: www.bl.uk/reshelp/inrrooms/stp/register/stpregister.html

The British Library maintains a list of useful websites for online mapping at: www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/webres/cartographic/index.html

**National Maritime Museum Library**

Historical charts and maps are also held at the National Maritime Library. The museum has a collection of manuscript and printed hydrography (charts), cartography (maps), written sailing directions, originally known as ‘portolans’ and pilot books. More information about their collections is given in this research guide: www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library/research-guides/charts-and-maps/research-guide-p1-charts-and-maps-in-the-national-maritime-museum-collection

For information about visiting the National Maritime Museum Library, please see www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library/visiting/

For enquiries about UCL Library Services’ Geography collection and resources contact Polly Geater via p.geater@ucl.ac.uk

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