Other Libraries for UCL Staff & Students
UCL Library Services aims to provide most of the material required for UCL taught courses. However, for research material and further reading you may need to use other libraries.

You should always check local conditions of access, including opening hours, with the library you wish to visit before setting out. Practices and procedures can vary widely between institutions.

www.ucl.ac.uk/library/other-libraries

SCONUL is the Society of College, National and University Libraries and its membership includes the libraries of virtually every HE institution in Britain and Ireland. It operates various schemes to help members of one library make occasional use of another.

SCONUL Access Band “A” Scheme

The SCONUL Access Band “A” borrowing scheme allows academic staff and research postgraduates from participating institutions to borrow books from each other’s libraries.

UCL is not a member of the SCONUL Access Band “B” or Band “C”, nor the “UK Libraries Plus” Scheme.

To find out what libraries you can join see: www.access.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access

University of London’s Senate House Library
Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU Tel: 020 7862 8439

This has extensive collections, primarily in the humanities and social sciences. Any full member of UCL may register and borrow books from there. http://senatehouselibrary.ac.uk/membership

School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS)
Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG Tel: 020 7898 4190

A special arrangement between UCL and SOAS allows members library privileges over and above those usually offered between University of London institutions. Current UCL ID is all that is needed to register.

Undergraduates cannot borrow from SOAS but can obtain long-term reference access throughout the academic year.

Taught postgraduates can borrow up to 3 books.

Research postgraduates can borrow 6 books.

Staff can borrow 10 books.
Other University of London libraries
UCL is a constituent college of the University of London and this means that:

Taught postgraduates & undergraduates are allowed reference-only access to many of the libraries of other University of London institutions. These include LSE, Kings, Birkbeck, Goldsmiths, and Queen Mary as well as many smaller institutions. A full list is available at: www.london.ac.uk/colleges_institutes.html

Staff and research postgraduates can borrow books from other UL libraries.

UCL ID is usually sufficient, although some libraries (e.g. LSE and Kings) requires people who wish to borrow books to present SCONUL Access Band “A” credentials available on request at sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access

University of Westminster
115 New Cavendish Street, London W1M
Tel: 020 7911 3171

UCL has a special arrangement with the University of Westminster, which allows UCL students to use Westminster’s various libraries on a reference only basis. Current UCL ID is enough to ensure access.

N.B. Law students are excluded from this agreement.

The British Library
96 Euston Rd, London NW1
Tel: 020 7412 7677

All UCL students are now able to obtain access to the British Library collections. To take advantage of this arrangement, please visit the British Library with the ID set out below.

Your UCL Student ID Card

Proof of your home address, e.g. a utility bill, bank statement, driving licence or national identity card.

NB: Some national identity cards and driving licences do not show the holder’s address. The British Library cannot accept these documents if they do not show your address.

Proof of your signature, i.e. a bank or credit card, passport, driving licence or national identity card. Please note that original documents are required; the British Library cannot accept copies or faxes.

Further details on how to register can be found at: www.bl.uk/reshelp/inrooms/stp/register/stpregister.html
Other Academic Libraries

Taught-course students from UCL will usually be allowed to use other university libraries throughout the country during summer vacations. During term-time access is usually restricted and you are strongly advised to contact the library you are planning to visit before travelling.

How to find out where material is held

www.ucl.ac.uk/library/other-libraries
A list of other Library Catalogues compiled by UCL Library Services

http://find.senatehouselibrary.ac.uk
Senate House Library

www.soas.ac.uk/library
SOAS

www.search25.ac.uk/
The Search 25 system allows you to search all the University of London Library Catalogues and some others simultaneously

www.bl.uk
The British Library

http://copac.jisc.ac.uk/
Copac is a unified Catalogue which allows you to simultaneously search the online catalogues of many of the largest research libraries in the UK and Ireland, along with that of the British Library.

http://suncat.ac.uk/search
A unified catalogue with information about journals held in many UK libraries.

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