Usernames and Passwords – For Databases & Electronic Journals

To access most of our subject databases and e-journals, you will need Athens Authentication. Automatic authentication is provided when you log in via Portal or via the Athens link on the library homepage using your Network username and password. See: http://library.ulster.ac.uk/athens/ for more information.

The Electronic Journals link gives a complete listing of 20,000 titles to which the Library subscribes. Use Quick Search by Title only. For more help, check out the Troubleshooting Guide and FAQ on the Electronic Journals page

Databases and e-journals – what's the difference?

Use the Quick Search on the e-journals link when you want to look for a particular journal and you have the full publication details, e.g. article title, year, volume page etc. The e-journal search looks for the journal title only – not the articles within.

Use a database (such as one of those listed overleaf) when you need to find information on a subject and want to search many information sources at the same time. It’s a much more efficient way of doing research.

Reading Lists

Reading lists are made available online, with links to the Library catalogue, full-text access to e-journals, e-books and websites. Access to scanned chapters or articles is only available via the Library Services link on Blackboard Learn.

Document Delivery

If the item you want is not available from the University of Ulster print or online resources, you may request it via the Document Delivery service. Use yellow request forms for journal articles and blue request forms for books. Requested items supplied as photocopies are charged at 5p per page. Weekly limits apply. For more information, go to http://library.ulster.ac.uk/documentdelivery

Telephone 028 9036 8530 for a 24 hour, 7 day Automated renewal service and information line

You can also use the “My Account” facility on the Library Catalogue http://library.ulster.ac.uk/catalogue to check your record and renew your books, as long as no one else requires them, or they are not already overdue. Check your Ulster email regularly for 48 hr advanced warnings on books due back. Fines are applied on all overdue items.

Social Work

Quick Guide to Information Resources

Magee Learning Resource Centre

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Online Subject Enquiry: http://library.ulster.ac.uk/contact/enq.php

We can help with all your subject enquiries and information needs

Introduction

Access to the full range of Library services is available via the Library homepage – http://library.ulster.ac.uk/ or via the Learning Resources tab on Portal http://portal.ulster.ac.uk/. Portal also provides automatic authentication for Athens databases and e-journals.

Also available are the Faculty Subject Guides including the guides for Social Science topics at: http://library.ulster.ac.uk/soc/

Have a look at the Library's training page to get started on some online interactive tutorials at http://library.ulster.ac.uk/training/ - this site also includes information on plagiarism and the Harvard referencing style, needed when submitting assignments
Library Catalogue is at: http://library.ulster.ac.uk/catalogue

Books & Pamphlets

Use the Catalogue to find books and pamphlets and to reserve or renew items online. You can search by Author, title, keyword or shelf number.

Subjects tend to be grouped together by class (shelf) number. Examples:

HM24 – HM251 - Sociology
HN390 – Social Policy
HQ809 - Family Violence
HV11 - Social Work Education
HV40 – 69 - Social work practice
HV249 - Social Welfare
HV701 – 1420 - Children

The STANDARD & ONE WEEK loan books are located on the first floor, but SHORT loan, PART-TIME loan and OFFPRINTS are held at the Issue Desk.

THESES and NON-BOOK MEDIA (e.g. Videos, CDs and DVDs) are located in the Non-Book Media Room on the ground floor.

EXAM papers from 2001- are online: see Library Homepage

Journals – Ground Floor

Use the title or keyword option on the Catalogue and click on the Journals option. They cannot be taken out of the Library but they may be photocopied (subject to copyright) in the Photocopying Room on the ground floor.

Useful Internet Resources:

Subject Guide for Social Work http://library.ulster.ac.uk/soc/socialwork
INTUTE Social Sciences – excellent gateway to social science resources on the web http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences
BUBL – http://www.bubl.ac.uk/
Social Care Institute for Excellence – excellent website specifically geared to those in the caring professions. http://www.scie.org.uk
UU Social Science Faculty subject guides http://library.ulster.ac.uk/soc/

Databases

Access databases at http://library.ulster.ac.uk/electronic/

Most databases use Athens authentication. You are automatically authenticated when you log in via Portal, Blackboard Learn or the Athens link on Library homepage. Once logged in, select the Database you want from the A-Z list.

Full text supplied as indicated in search results. Otherwise use UU Find it button to locate alternative full-text sources where available.

Useful for Social Work

• Proquest (formerly CSA Illumina) containing (amongst others):
  Applied Social Science Index & Abstracts
  Social Services Abstracts
  Sociological Abstracts
  National Criminal Justice Reference Services Abstracts
  ERIC
• OVID SP Collection, comprising (amongst others)
  MEDLINE
  PSYCHINFO
  EBM Reviews
• Web of Knowledge, including Social Science Citation Index
• Social Care Online – 50,000 summaries of articles, books & reports
• Child Link - Information on children, youth and families
• Community Wise – useful for voluntary or community work (not Athens)
• CINAHL – Nursing and allied health database
• Cochrane – Evidence based medicine database
• British Education Index
• LexisLibrary – Legislation, cases and range of journals, e.g. Family Law

Other Useful Databases

• Oxford Reference – dictionaries & thesauri
• Index to Theses – Index of UK & Irish theses (not Athens)

Newspapers

• Nexis
  Full text of global newspapers and 70+ UK papers including the UK nationals and the Belfast Telegraph, Belfast Newsletter and Irish News.