

Library

Postgraduate study

Our role is to provide you with the learning resources, study spaces and subject support that you need to succeed at Bristol. Whether you are accessing information recommended by academics, conducting your own research, or writing up and presenting your work, the services we offer will be of great importance to you. You will be able to utilise an extensive range of printed and electronic resources and to manage your library account online.

Research support

Special Collections provides researchers with access to archival collections and rare book collections. The Research Support team offers help and advice to University of Bristol researchers looking to publish their research by open access methods or planning, creating, using and sharing research data. To find out more visit the library website at bristol.ac.uk/library

Our libraries

There are a number of libraries and study centres at Bristol, all situated close to the main campus. As a student at Bristol you can study in and use the resources available in all of them. The libraries and study centres are:

- Arts and Social Sciences Library
- Beacon House Study Centre
- Biological Sciences Library
- Chemistry Library
- Education Library
- Grace Reeves Study Centre
- Hawthorns Study Centre
- Medical Library (including Dentistry)
- Physics Library
- Queen's Building Library (Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science)
- Veterinary Sciences Library
- Wills Memorial Library (Law, Earth Sciences and Geographical Sciences).

When you need a place to study, discuss projects with fellow students and complete assignments, the libraries and study centres offer more than 3,000 study spaces, with designated quiet areas for individual work and social learning areas for group work.

Due to Covid-19-related restrictions, our libraries are currently operating a limited and adapted service. For the latest information on this changing situation please see the library website: bristol.ac.uk/library



Resources

We have over 1.4 million books and journals in our collections of print materials. You can manage your library account online at bristol.ac.uk/library. Our book collections, both printed and electronic, are developed in close collaboration with academic staff to maximise access to key texts recommended by your tutors. Specialist subject librarians provide expert advice and tailored support, while our Academic Language and Literacy sessions enable you to develop your writing skills.

Accessibility

We provide a range of special facilities, equipment and services for users who require additional support, such as users with disabilities or part-time students. Further information is available online at bristol.ac.uk/library/accessibility-support. Library Support is a dedicated team within the library, providing a range of services to ensure everyone can access library resources. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/library/accessibility-support/library-support.

IT facilities

Our IT Services team provides a range of tools and services to help you make the most of your time at Bristol. These include 24-hour access to key tools and the internet; access to free or reduced-price software; computing support and advice; personal file storage and the University portal MyBristol.

You can access computing facilities in academic departments, libraries and halls of residence. Subject-specific software and equipment is also available in academic departments. If you are living in the University's student residences, the ResNet service will connect you to the University network and the internet. Free wifi is available across University locations, such as libraries, common rooms, reception areas and halls of residence.

MyBristol

IT Services also manages the basics such as printing, photocopying and scanning facilities, which are available across the University. One of the main tools you'll use as a student is the University portal MyBristol. With MyBristol you can personalise access to online services and information. IT Services provides support via the IT Service Desk, as well as advice and help with your personal devices via the student laptop and mobile clinic.

Training

IT training is available to all students and ranges from basic to more advanced training options. Courses cover University systems as well as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and web authoring. The IT Services website contains extensive documentation and online tutorials to allow you to develop skills at your own pace. To find out more visit the IT Services website at bristol.ac.uk/it-services.

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