



**THE
LIBRARY**

SALFORD UNI LIBRARY

YOUR STUDENT LIBRARY GUIDE





WELCOME

We are excited to welcome you to your Library – a place where you can study, research, improve your academic skills and be a part of our brilliant Salford community. The Library is here to help you succeed in your studies and prepare for your future. From flexible study spaces and expert support to books, online resources, and career guidance, there's plenty to explore.

Use this guide to discover what's available and make the most of everything the Library has to offer.

DISCOVERING RESOURCES

The Library has a great range of resources on offer. No matter your chosen subject, we have the journals, books, DVDs, and online resources you need. These can be accessed 24/7, 365 days a year from wherever you are.

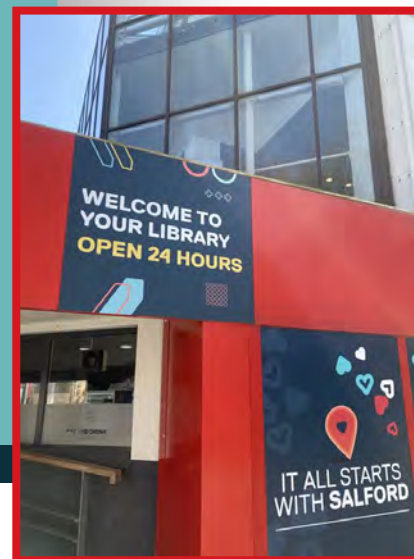
LIBRARY SEARCH

Library Search bit.ly/uoslibrarysearch is the best place to start when you're finding out about a topic, with access to high-quality resources and evidence you'll be expected to use in your learning and assessments. It will help you discover hundreds of thousands of books, journal articles, audiobooks and more. To make using resources online simple, especially when you are not on campus, you can download our Library extension tool, Lean Library, to your desktop. Find out more bit.ly/leanlibraryuos

Research Assistant – a new AI-powered feature in Library Search

Ask a question in natural language and get an instant research overview from trusted library sources. Research Assistant recommends relevant resources to help you discover and explore your topic in seconds.

Find out more bit.ly/research-assistant-uos



STRUGGLING TO GET THE MOST OUT OF LIBRARY SEARCH?

The Library offers workshops throughout the year on how to use the Library Search tool, along with eLearning. For more information, check out

 bit.ly/skillsworkshopsuos

 bit.ly/librarysearchelearning

DISCOVERING RESOURCES

READING LISTS

Reading Lists are essential for your studies. They gather all the reading and resources required by your tutor in one convenient spot. Find them on Blackboard or through the handy A-Z tool on the Library's website. We also feature curated lists on key topics, from LGBTQ+ and Black History to showcasing amazing work by Salford locals.

The Library's Reading Lists service is here to help students searching for recommended reading as well as lecturers looking to create reading lists. Find out more here - bit.ly/aboutreadinglists



SUBJECT GUIDES

Subject Guides bring together the key books, databases and library resources for your programme in one place. Use them to find subject-specific resources, build your search skills, get started with your assessments, and access support from your Library Skills team. For more guidance, visit bit.ly/subjectguidesuos

INCLUSIVE COLLECTIONS

We're making our library collections more inclusive by working to ensure our resources reflect the cultural diversity of voices in Salford's University community. Find out more: bit.ly/inclusivecollections



ARCHIVES

Our Archives hold unique and diverse collections, perfect for giving you an edge on your academic research. Explore them here: bit.ly/UOS-SDA

REQUEST IT!

Noticed that the resource you need isn't in our collection? We can find it for you via our 'Request It' service! Visit bit.ly/requestitsalford to fill out the form, and we will try to provide the item(s) for you.

LAPTOP LOANS

Laptop loan lockers are available at all our library locations, including Clifford Whitworth, The Cube, MCUK, and Allerton. Extended laptop loans are also available from the enquiry desk at Clifford Whitworth. To learn more about how to borrow a laptop and the different loan options, check out the link: bit.ly/salfordlaptoploans

OTHER RESOURCES

We are always adding new resources to our collections. For an updated list of all resources available to you, check out bit.ly/newresourcesuos



THE LIBRARY APP

- ✓ Search for library resources
- ✓ Access your reading lists
- ✓ View your library account
- ✓ Check-in to your lectures
- ✓ Book onto Library, Skills and Careers
- ✓ Access eLearning to help you develop your academic skills
- ✓ Book a library space
- ✓ Borrow a laptop

Scan the QR code to download the Library App or search 'Ex Libris Mobile' on your App store.



DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC SKILLS

From first draft to final success - we've got you! Our Learning and Skills Team are here to help you develop the skills and confidence you'll need to succeed in your studies, now and at each stage of your university journey.

Whether you want to improve your writing, build your digital and communication skills, find information for assignments, refresh your maths, or develop good study habits, you'll find flexible support available.

We run free online workshops throughout the year, and you can access eLearning online anytime, anywhere.

Topics include learning at university, preparing for assessments, academic writing, referencing, finding information, numeracy and much more.

Need more specialist support?

You can book an individual appointment with one of the team. Visit our skills website to learn more about academic support at the University of Salford.

Our Skills Ambassadors (pictured) are based in The Careers Hub and are here to help you with both your academic skills and careers journey.



CONTACT US:

✉ askus@salford.ac.uk
 salford.ac.uk/skills

LEAP (LEARN ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES)

Learn English for Academic Purposes
If English isn't your first language, Learn English for Academic Purposes (LEAP) offers a range of free online workshops, help and support that you can benefit from while you study.

LINKEDIN LEARNING

Develop your professional skills
As a student at Salford you have access to LinkedIn Learning - an online platform offering thousands of video courses in business, technology, and creative skills, taught by industry experts.



YOUR CAREER: EXPLORE AND GET READY

Our Careers team help you explore future career options and cultivate essential skills in career planning, job searching, application processes, interviewing, and entrepreneurial business start-ups. Find more information at salford.ac.uk/careers

CONTACT US:



📱 @salfordunicareers ☎ 0161 295 500 ✉ askus@salford.ac.uk

YOUR CAREERS CHECKLIST



/ Book a careers or working for yourself advice appointment

/ Ask a question at the Careers Hub (Lady Hale building)

/ Access employers' job vacancies online that you can apply for (part-time jobs, placements, and graduate jobs)

/ Information, advice, and online tools that help you develop job seeking, application, and interview skills

/ Book places at workshops to explore your life/career goals and the skills you need to achieve them

/ Skills development resources on working for yourself, including starting your own business or social enterprise

/ Explore and develop employability skills, and how you can evidence them to employers

/ Meet employers at careers fairs, to find out more about them and their employment opportunities

YOUR CAMPUS SPACES

When you need to study, the Library has the perfect place for you. Whether you enjoy working with your friends, or prefer to study in silence, we have spaces across campus to cater to every student. Why not visit each space and see which one suits you the most? Just bring your valid student ID — you'll need it to enter the building, borrow library items, and use the printers. Accessing the Library has never been easier!

ALLERTON LEARNING SPACE

If you spend most of your time learning at the Frederick Road campus, the Allerton Learning Space is perfect for you. You can work on your own or with a group in one of our collaborative spaces. There are PCs and laptops available for you to use, or you can bring your own.

- / Single study spaces
- / Collaborative study spaces
- / Seminar rooms
- / Laptop loans
- / Pick up Click & Collect book loans

ACCESSIBILITY - HELP IN THE LIBRARY

We offer a range of support to make our library spaces, services, and collections as accessible and inclusive as possible. You will find flexible and adaptable furniture and study rooms in the Library as well as assistive technology and software. To explore everything we have, and how we can support you, visit our Inclusive Library Support homepage:

bit.ly/inclusivelibrarysupport

PRINTING

Printers are available in all our library locations. To use them, you'll need to register with your student ID. Make sure to visit our webpage for setup instructions.

bit.ly/printingatsalford



CLIFFORD WHITWORTH

As the main Library building, Clifford Whitworth is open 24/7 and has lots of quiet study spots and collaborative spaces, with the option to pre-book or turn up on the day. You can use the PCs, Macs and laptops, or bring your own. When you're ready for a break you can head to the kitchen space for a snack or refreshment. Our friendly staff are available 7 days a week to answer any Library related questions. The Clifford Whitworth Library is home to our main collection of printed books.

- / Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- / Bookable & walk-in study spaces
- / Quiet & collaborative study spaces
- / PCs & Macs available to use
- / Laptop/MacBook loans
- / Pick up Click & Collect book loans
- / Enquiry desk with staff available to answer any questions you have
- / A Tech Bar for all DIT enquiries

TECH BAR

A Tech Bar is available on the ground floor of Clifford Whitworth. For guidance on setting up and using Salford systems, as well as access to the IT portal and DIT contact details, please visit the link below:

bit.ly/itsupportsalford



YOUR CAMPUS SPACES

THE CREATIVE SPACE

Opening in 2026, the Creative Space will transform part of the ground floor of Clifford Whitworth into a vibrant hub for creativity, collaboration and focused study. Designed by students, the space reflects how students want to work, create and connect. Find out more here bit.ly/improvingyourlibrary

ZINES

Located on the ground floor of the Clifford Whitworth Library, the Zine area is the perfect spot to create your own zines! Here, you can access a variety of equipment to design zines on any subject or topic you choose. With our extensive collection, you'll have plenty of inspiration. Visit the website to find out more here bit.ly/zinemakerspace

STUDY SPACES

You're welcome to walk in and find a space. If you prefer to pre-book a study space or room, visit bit.ly/bookalibraryspaceuos or use the Library App.

There's also a **Parent-Child Study Room** on the ground floor of Clifford Whitworth Library, which students can book if they need to bring their children while studying. This can be reserved using the same link.

EVENTS AND FILMING

You can host your own event or film content in our spaces—perfect for workshops, event stands, or creative projects. Just fill out the enquiry form linked below, and a member of our team will be in touch to help you get started bit.ly/eventsuos

LEISURE READING COLLECTION

You'll find our wide range of leisure reading books on the ground floor of Clifford Whitworth. They're a great way to relax and recharge between study sessions. If there's something you're looking for and we don't have it, you can use our Request It service - just follow the link below to find out more bit.ly/requestitsalford



MEDIACITY LIBRARY

The Library at the University's state of the art facility at MediaCity offers a contemporary space to study. You can use our Macbooks and laptops, or bring your own. You will find the core books here for courses based at MediaCity. Our friendly staff are available to answer questions and help you make the most of the Library.

- / Library collection of resources
- / Enquiry desk with staff available to answer any questions you have
- / Laptop/MacBook loans
- / Pick up Click & Collect book loans

THE CUBE/LADY HALE

The Cube/Lady Hale building, located next to the Clifford Whitworth Library, is for you whether you want to work on your own in our pods and booths, or with a group in our dedicated study rooms.

- / Single study spaces
- / Collaborative study spaces
- / Seminar rooms
- / Laptop/MacBook loans
- / Kitchen space to have a snack break

THE REFRESHMENT ROOM

Discover The Refreshment Room nestled on the first floor of Clifford Whitworth. Created as a place for a time out, this inviting space features a kitchen, allowing you to bring and store your own food in the fridge, brew a warm beverage, or enjoy a quiet lunch break.



YOUR LIBRARY CHECKLIST

Follow this checklist and you will be familiar with the library in no time.

To get started with all the below, visit our new student webpage below.  bit.ly/newstudentsUoS

☐

Visit the Library and borrow a book

☐

Explore Library Study Spaces

☐

Connect to the Wi-Fi

☐

Find your module reading lists

☐

Learn how to print

☐

Locate the laptop loan lockers

☐

Explore the skills website

☐

Visit the careers website

☐

Download the library app

☐

Checkout the library social media

