



Accessing the University Library

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The University of Manchester Library is one of only five National Research Libraries. With more than four million printed books and manuscripts, 50,000 unique electronic journals and 800,000 electronic books, as well as several hundred databases, this is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country. 

Alongside traditional library services, we offer self-service facilities, state-of-the-art group study areas, and Wi-Fi throughout. 

As a MAP student, you can use the Library in person and online.

Please see instructions below on how to access this brilliant resource 

Access to the Main Library (in person)

Lots of MAP students use online library resources for their academic assignments (there are plenty of e-books and journals available online), however you can also visit the Library in-person to borrow hard copies of books and use the Library study spaces.

To access the Main University Library, you will need a UoM Library ID card. You will also need to provide a photograph for your card, which you can collect from the [Main University Library](#) Reception.

Instructions

1. Email uml.mapphotos@manchester.ac.uk with your full name, MAP ID Number, and a photograph of yourself (just your head and shoulders)
 - Photo should be no smaller than 300px width
 - Photo of your head and shoulders only and must be vertical
 - Only you should be in the photo
 - No embellished photos - i.e. no additions to the original photo, such as filters, stencil additions, or lettering etc.
 - No photos of photos, e.g. photos of passports etc.
2. Once you have submitted your photo to uml.mapphotos@manchester.ac.uk, you will receive an email from the Library when your card is ready to be collected

from the Main Library. Cards can be collected between 9am - 7pm, Monday - Friday and between 9am - 4pm at the weekend. Location of the Main Library can be found [here](#).

3. **When you go to collect your library card, you will need to provide some photo ID.** This could be a passport, bus pass, or your school / college ID card or similar photo ID. You will also need to confirm your MAP ID number.

Once you have your Library membership card, you can visit the Main Library and borrow books. You are able to use the Library between the following hours:

- **Monday - Friday: 9am - 8pm**
- **Saturday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm**

Please click [here](#) for an interactive map of the Main Library.

If you have any queries, please contact the Library Team directly via the [help and support webpages](#).

Accessibility

Please see [here](#) for accessibility details for the Main Library.

Accessing the Library online

Please visit <https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/> and go to [My Account](#) and log in using your University of Manchester username and password.

Using the Library Online

1. When you log in, please click Library Search
2. When you search for resources, there is a filter menu on the left-hand side of the screen, where you can 'Tweak your results'. Where it says 'Availability', click 'Available Online'.

This will help you find the resources you need for your MAP Academic Assignment.

There are thousands of online e-resources available, so try and refine your search if you can. Please see the how to use the Library guide on the [Research and Referencing module resources page](#) for more information.

Help using the Library

Please contact the Library directly if you need help. If you can't find what you are looking for or you need assistance, please visit the [help and support webpages](#). You can also

use the 'Library chat' function to contact a member of the Library Team for assistance (Please let them know you are a MAP Student).

If you can't log on to the library website or are experiencing IT issues, please email map@manchester.ac.uk with your full name and MAP ID number.

We will also be hosting some 'Get to Know the Library' optional MAP sessions.