

Library for Social Sciences

General information and research instructions

Library holdings and equipment

- Library holdings of over 56,000 publications
- One of the largest libraries for social sciences in northern Germany
- Books from the fields of political science, sociology, media studies, mathematics didactics, political education and related sciences
- Access to a selection of academic journals as well as newspapers in print and online (access via TU network)
- Various PC workstations equipped with internet access and programs such as: Microsoft Office, MAXQDA, Citavi, etc. and library-wide Wi-Fi access
- Many individual and group workstations for working and studying
- GITZ printer for use with the GITZ printing account for TU students
- 2 binding machines (for term papers and lecture notes, etc.)
- Transcription equipment (dictation machines, transcription boxes (pedal, headphones), USB sticks with research and analysis software (f4-/f5, MAXQDA)) for borrowing
- Media archive with videos and newspaper reports on the topics "September 11", "Kosovo War" and "Somalia Conflict" as well as an interdisciplinary CD-ROM collection

Opening times

During the semester:

Mon - Thu: 9am -5pm
Fri: 9am -1pm

During the semester break:

Mon: 1pm -4pm
Tue – Fri: 10am – 1pm

More information:

<https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/en/sozialwissenschaften/bibliothek/contact>

Instagram:

@bibsowi.tubs

Borrowing books and loan periods

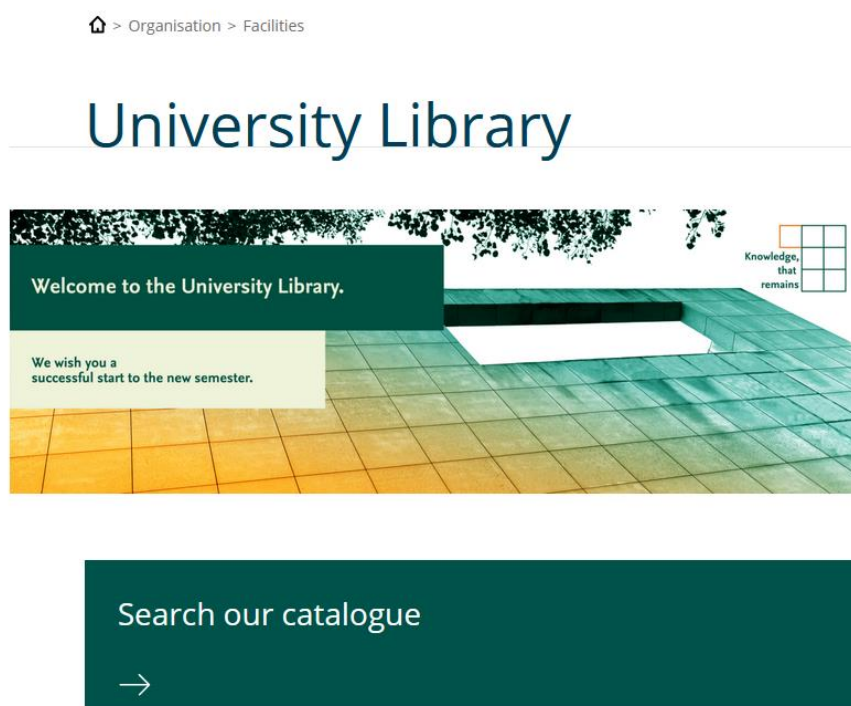
- The university library card is not valid here: Users of our library must register with us (with identity card and, if applicable, student ID, free of charge)
- The loan period is usually 4 weeks, loan period of 2 weeks for transcription equipment, textbooks (P-shelfmark) with extended loan period of 8 weeks, , extended loan periods for students writing theses and assistants at the department

- 2-week extensions (1 week for transcription equipment) are possible by telephone, e-mail or on site (from the 5th extension onwards, please appear on site), provided there is no pre-order
- Fees if the loan period is exceeded: 2€ per book for each warning, 3€ for sticks and devices
- Journals (Z-shelfmark), textbooks marked “Präsenz” (presence) and books in the lecturers' reference collections are excluded from lending, as they should be available to everyone at all times.

Literature research

Catalogue of the Library of Social Sciences online

- Library for Social Sciences holdings are integrated into the University Library catalogue
- Visit the university library catalogue, then click “Search our catalogue”
- Search for “book titles”, “authors” and “keywords”, for example, etc.
- **Use the filter function (filter by Library for Social Sciences!)**
- But: No information about the availability of the book you are looking for in our library, ask our staff, on site, by e-mail or telephone



Example Search: “UN Peacekeeping” and filter for the Library for Social Sciences, a year range and language for more precise results

The screenshot displays the GVK-Plus search interface. On the left, a list of search results is shown, each with a book icon, title, publication details, and a star icon. The results are filtered by location (Bibl. f. Sozialwissenschaften), year of publication (2000-2024), and language (English). The right sidebar, titled 'Filter & Sort', shows the applied filters and options to refine the search. The 'Applied Filters' section includes 'Retain filters for next search', 'Remove All Applied Filters', and 'Location: Bibl. f. Sozialwissenschaften'. The 'Media Type' section shows 'Books' (48), 'Printed Books' (48), and 'University Publications' (1). The 'Bibliothek' section shows 'Institute Libraries' (48) and 'University Library' (2). The 'Location' section shows 'Bibl. f. Sozialwissenschaften' (checked), 'UB - Lehrbuchsammlung (Erdgeschoss)' (1), and 'UB - Lesesaal 3' (1). The 'Author' section is empty. The 'Year of Publication' section shows a range from 2000 to 2024. The 'Language' section shows 'English' (checked) and 'German' (1).

Search in GVK-Plus

- Catalogue contains all titles of the Common Union Catalogue (GVK) and Online Contents (OLC), journals and articles in a database of over 85.1 million titles from over 490 libraries from the Common Library Network (GBV)
- Search is similar to the University Library catalogue: Search for titles under “Databases” (first field in the left bar) via “GKV” or via “Online Contents”
 - If you click on a result, a list of libraries offering this article is displayed at the bottom of the screen. Literature that is not available in Braunschweig can be ordered via interlibrary loan (requires an interlibrary loan account with the University Library, free of charge for TU members)
 - Online contents are usually available directly as a download, click on „link to the title” to find the download (green = article can be accessed online from anywhere; yellow = only available in the TU network; red = not available here)

