

Library Resources for University Students

Sometimes, with all the work you get at university, going to the library can feel like a safe haven – a place to get on with all your work without distractions. But libraries do more than just act as a quiet space; they also provide many resources to help you with your studies.

You can use the library's computers/rent out a laptop

If technology is a problem for you, financial wise or if you just want to work on a computer that doesn't freeze every second, you can use your library's computers, free of charge. In some libraries or study rooms, you may also be able to borrow or rent out a laptop for a couple of hours. Most libraries have a number of computers, so you're unlikely to have to wait to use one!

Most libraries will allow you to access referencing software

Using referencing software can be helpful if you're writing an essay or dissertation. You can use the software to import citations from your favourite databases and websites, as well as to look up old reports and articles that may be useful. Referencing software also allows you to build and maintain your own library of resources to use at a later date, so that you won't lose any information. The two most common types of referencing software available at libraries are 'EndNote' and 'Mendeley'. However, different software will be available at different libraries.

Access to E-books

Most libraries will allow you to access books online; these could range from fiction to non-fiction. Using e-books can be a much easier way to access the books you need for your course, rather than buying physical copies.

In some cases, you may need to buy the books if you're on a particular course where you need a physical copy to write notes on, such as English Literature.