More than just a library
Services for TUM Students

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Welcome to the University Library

We are your service partner for access to academic literature and information. With our study spaces, trainings, software licenses, and consulting services, we support you throughout your entire studies. Our services are free of charge for TUM students.

You can find us on-site in nine branch libraries located in Munich, Garching, Freising, and Straubing, but also online with our digital services, such as e-media and webinars.

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Get Started

The services of the University Library are typically free of charge. Whether you want to borrow books, study in the library, access e-media remotely, or benefit from campus licenses – you don't have to pay anything.

All you need is your TUM StudentCard, which you must activate for library use at the beginning of your studies.

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Library Tours: Knowing Your Way Around
Join a guided tours at the semester start or one of the year-round after work library tour in the evening.
www.ub.tum.de/en/library-tours

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Questions? Support Needed?
We're here for you:
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Email: information@ub.tum.de
Chat: go.tum.de/978612
www.ub.tum.de/en/first-level-hotline

Register

1. As soon as you have received your TUM StudentCard, you will find a link to the *University Library* in your TUMonline account under *Services*. There you can activate library usage for your card.

2. Log in to the Online Catalog (OPAC) and set your own password (up to 12 characters). For the initial login, you need the library number (barcode number on the back of your StudentCard) and the default password (your date of birth in the format DDMM).

www.ub.tum.de/en/library-card

Logins

To access library services, there are two different login credentials:

Your Library Number

- Order and reserve books in the OPAC
- View your borrowing history in your OPAC account
- Order literature via interlibrary loan
- Order scans of papers via dokumenTUM
- Login to desktop computers at the library

Your TUM ID

- Remote access to our e-media via eAccess
- Free download of Citavi and EndNote
- Login to TUM-Moodle for our e-courses
- Wi-Fi access via eduroam

www.ub.tum.de/en/logins

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The Wi-Fi 101
On campus and at branch libraries, wireless LAN is provided by the Leibniz Supercomputing Centre through eduroam. If you're experiencing slow Wi-Fi, try turning it off and on again to ensure your device isn't connected to overloaded access points in entrance areas.
www.it.tum.de/en/eduroam

Studying in the Library

For many students, our branch libraries are a popular place to study and meet on campus. We offer a total of 1,900 study spaces, including group study rooms for collaborative work, and individual study booths, so-called carrels, for those who prefer undisturbed study.

TUM students can reserve study spaces and rooms online through our booking system.

www.ub.tum.de/en/study-space

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How to Bib – Eat, Drink, Breaks
Those who study hard need breaks! You can leave your study desk for up to 60 minutes. Use a clock disc to indicate your break and be back on time. Otherwise, your spot might be claimed by someone else. Eating in the library is not allowed, but beverages in tightly sealed containers are permitted.
www.ub.tum.de/en/howtobib

Key Figures
2.2 million library items in total
240,000 e-books
150,000 e-journals
1,500 printed journals
100,000 textbooks
2,700 databases

Media Collection

The TUM University Library holds over two million items. We place special emphasis on e-books and e-journals, which you can access 24/7, whether you are on campus, at home or on the move.

Printed journals, newspapers, and books are readily available in our branch libraries for borrowing or on-site reading. Additionally, you can order books to the branch library of your choice through our Online Catalog (OPAC).

www.ub.tum.de/en/borrowing-ordering

E-Books

We have 240,000 e-books available for you. Our entire range can be found in the OPAC. To check if a title is available, simply look for the blue button labeled "Read online".

Important: Login via eAccess for free access to full texts.

www.ub.tum.de/en/ebooks

E-Journals

We provide you with over 150,000 scientific journals. You can find the entire collection in the Electronic Journals Library (EZB) or in the OPAC.

Important: Login via eAccess for free access to full texts.

www.ub.tum.de/en/ejournals

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Beyond the Paywall with eAccess
Most of our e-media is access-protected. You must authenticate yourself as a TUM member to gain access to full texts free of charge. Use eAccess for this purpose: Log in with your TUM ID and follow the links to e-books, e-journals, papers, or databases.
www.ub.tum.de/en/eaccess

Databases

The University Library licenses over 2,700 databases and portals where you can search for scientific information and access numerous full texts online.

- **Scopus and Web of Science** are two major scientific databases that cover a broad spectrum of subject areas.

- **SciFinder, Amboss, MathSciNet, RSWB** are just a few of our subject-specific databases providing information on current research in your field of study.

- **Statista, Nexis, Juris, Beck-online, WISO, Hoppenstedt, Business Source Complete** are examples of legal portals, company databases and factual resources. Here, you will find corporate and financial information, country reports, press articles, news content, statistical data, legislation, or court rulings.

- **SZ-Archiv, FAZ, New York Times, Economist, Heise+** are press portals where you can access latest news as well as archive articles.

- **Nautos** provides access to DIN standards, VDI guidelines, ISO standards, and other technical regulations.

Important: Login via eAccess or Shibboleth for free and full access. All databases and access information under:

www.ub.tum.de/en/databases

Textbook Collections

You can find essential study literature in our textbook collections. We acquire books in multiple copies – in same cases there are up to 130 copies of individual titles. With a loan period of four weeks and up to five renewals, you can borrow these books for an exceptionally long period of time.

www.ub.tum.de/en/textbook-collections

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Textbooks Always Available
Your exams are looming, and you need a textbook for preparation, but all copies are on loan? Then, you can resort to our e-books or reference copies, which we offer for every textbook title. With them, you can study online or on-site at the library. Copyright law also allows scanning of small portions.
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Recommend Books for Purchase
Couldn't find what you were looking for despite our wide range of media? A brand new textbook is not in our collection yet? Are you missing an essential reference book on your specific topic? Feel free to recommend it to us for potential acquisition.
www.ub.tum.de/en/recommendation

Course Reserves

Recommended books, scripts and learning materials for individual courses can be found in course reserves. Your lecturers can set up such compilations and the library will assemble the requested material in analog or digital form. You can find course reserves in our branch libraries on specially marked shelves or on Moodle included in your respective courses.

www.ub.tum.de/en/course-reserves

Literature Research

Navigating the TUM Library's vast array of media and the digital information landscape can be challenging. A good search strategy and informed resource selection can make all the difference.

How do I find a specific book?

Search for the book's title in the OPAC. Here, you will find all items available at the University Library, both in print and electronically.

www.ub.tum.de/en/opac

How do I find a specific paper?

If you are seeking individual papers from journals, newspapers, or conference proceedings, you can also utilize the OPAC. Simply click on the second tab, OPACplus, above the search results.

www.ub.tum.de/en/opac

How do I discover information on my chosen topic?

While the OPAC and OPACplus are excellent starting points for your literature search, for a more comprehensive search strategy, we recommend specialized databases. You can find an overview of our databases and search portals for various subject at:

www.ub.tum.de/en/databases

Reference Management & Citation

Citavi and EndNote: Free Downloads and Courses

For your seminar papers, bachelor's or master's thesis, you will need to conduct extensive literature searches on your topic. Reference management software can help you keep track of your sources and create reference lists. We offer courses and free downloads for Citavi and EndNote, along with hands-on tips on how to make the most of these tools.

www.ub.tum.de/en/reference-management

Citation: Guidelines, Courses, and Consultations

Citing correctly and avoiding unintentional plagiarism are cornerstones of good academic practice. Our Citation Guide, officially recommended as a guideline for TUM, answers fundamental questions about citing. For a deeper dive into citation techniques, visit one of our courses or schedule an appointment in our one-on-one consultation to discuss your individual questions.

www.ub.tum.de/en/citing

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Tutorials: Unlock Knowledge Anytime, Anywhere
No time for scheduled webinars or classroom courses? Do you prefer self-paced learning as it fits better into your academic life? Then, don't miss out on our online tutorials, offering 24/7 access to research and study skills.
www.ub.tum.de/en/tutorials

Courses To Get You Started

In our webinars, classroom trainings, and e-courses, you will learn how to search literature efficiently, access e-media, and develop the right search strategy.

Course: Literature Research 1 – Tools for Studying

This course is all about the fundamentals of literature search and how to access our online media free of charge without being blocked by paywalls.

www.ub.tum.de/en/course/literature-research-1

Course: Literature Research 2 – Search Strategies for Seminar Papers and Theses

The focus of this course is on in-depth searches in scientific databases. We show you how to develop efficient search strategies and how to find specialized literature and papers.

www.ub.tum.de/en/course/literature-research-2

For our complete training program with all dates and registration information, visit:

www.ub.tum.de/en/courses

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Study Skills for Graduating Successfully
TUM provides several academic support services for students. The Center for Study and Teaching and ProLehre offer courses on study techniques along with valuable tips and guidance for your thesis.
www.prolehre.tum.de/en/prolehre/studyskills
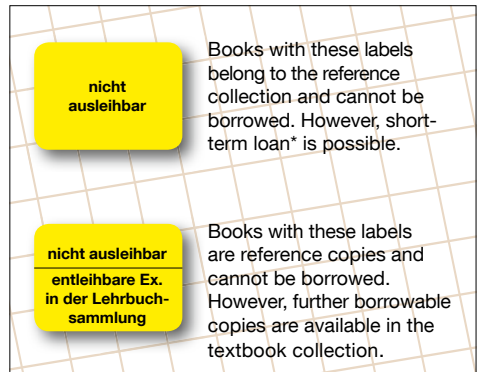*www.tum.de/en/studies/graduation/theses*

Borrowing & Ordering

Loan Services On-Site

You can borrow or return books at any of our branch libraries, regardless of where you originally picked them up. Books located in other branch libraries or in the stacks can be ordered free of charge via OPAC to the branch library of your choice.

Ordered items are typically available for pickup within 1 to 3 working days and will be on hold for 10 days. An exception is the Branch Library Straubing, where ordered books are delivered within 5 working days.

www.ub.tum.de/en/loan-services

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Books with these labels belong to the reference collection and cannot be borrowed. However, short-term loan* is possible.

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Books with these labels are reference copies and cannot be borrowed. However, further borrowable copies are available in the textbook collection.

	Loan Collection	Textbook Collection	Reference Collection
Loan Period	4 weeks	4 weeks	only short-term loan*
Renewals	+ 2 × 4 weeks	+ 5 × 4 weeks	no renewals

* Short term loan: Two hours before library closing until two hours after the opening on the next day.

Online Access

To read e-journals and e-books, simply log in with your TUM ID via eAccess.

www.ub.tum.de/en/eaccess

Scanning Service

Do you need papers or articles but can't come to the library? We offer free scanning services for TUM members. Order book chapters or articles from our collection via dokumenTUM – accessible in the OPAC under the "Order" tab for individual search results.

www.ub.tum.de/en/dokumentum

Interlibrary Loan

You can order literature from libraries in other cities through national or international interlibrary loan. This service is available for printed materials and selected electronic media that are not locally available.

www.ub.tum.de/en/interlibrary-loan

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Keep Tabs on Loan Periods
Have you lost track of your loan periods? Are you uncertain about which books you have ordered, reserved, or borrowed? A quick look at your library account in the OPAC will provide clarity. Simply log in with your library number.
www.ub.tum.de/en/library-account

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Scanning for Free
If you would like to consult papers or books off-campus, you can scan them by using our book scanners and save them to your USB stick. Please make sure to comply with current copyright regulations.
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