Library Information (Peterborough Campus)

Below is some introductory information on library services for UCP students. Please be aware that due to updates to guidance procedures are subject to change.

Does UCP have a library?

Yes. It is known as the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and is based over in the Peterborough College building (through reception, turn left and we are at the end of the corridor).

When is it open?

Due to Covid 19 the library will <u>not</u> be open for walk-in visitors for the foreseeable future. This is to comply with Health and Safety guidance. However staff will be available to help by phone or email and we have put in alternative procedures to make sure you can request and borrow books.

How can I use the Library if it is closed?

The library will be staffed during the working day and staff can be contacted by phone on 01733 762137 or email library@peterborough.ac.uk. We have also introduced a new chat service this year between 12 and 2pm on Mondays - Wednesdays. You can also follow us on Twitter @prc_lrc and we have a blog. The library staff are friendly and approachable and will be happy to help you as much as they can so do contact them if you need to.

How can I borrow books for my course?

You can access the library catalogue at library.peterborough.ac.uk. You will be able to search for items (or link to them directly from your reading list) and then request a copy whether it is on the shelf or out to another student. To do this you will need to set up a PIN to use with your student number once you have started at UCP. Please contact the LRC to do this.

Books will be delivered to a location (probably near UCP reception) for collection and you will be notified by email that the book(s) is waiting for you.

We also offer a Select and Collect service if you would like a selection of books on a particular topic and we will advertise a link to the form to do this from your library resources webpages in Canvas.

How will I return books?

You will return books in the drop box provided at UCP. Books will be collected and quarantined for 72 hours before becoming available again.

Will I have access to online resources if I cannot access the LRC?

Yes, as a UCP student you will have access to a number of collections of eBooks, ejournal articles, newspaper articles and maps, for example. Some will be provided by UCP and some by Anglia Ruskin University. Links to these will be found in your subject guide which you will find in the library resources section in Canvas (left hand menu in any module). You will be given the logins you require for these resources when you start. Please ensure you know these so you can access these resources.

How will I find out more information?

There will be a Library information webpage in your library subject guide in Canvas (accessible by clicking on Library Resources on the menu on the left in any module) and you should receive a library induction within the first week or so of you starting at UCP.

I am a UCP student based at the Stamford campus. How do I find out information about their library services?

Stamford students currently access their resources in a slightly different way but will be operating a similar request and collect service. You will be able to find details of library services by logging on to their student portal on Google. As Peterborough and Stamford Colleges have now merged (August 2020), this provides opportunities to develop the library service for HE students across both campuses and you will be informed of changes and improvements as they are introduced.