Library resources for your Year Abroad project

Information Skills Training from the MML Library
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What we will cover today:

• Before you go…
• ebooks and ejournals
• Explore databases
• Manage your references
• Getting help
Off-campus access

- Off-campus: always use your Raven password to prove that you are a member of the University

- The University has already paid for these resources on your behalf

- If the interface asks you to pay: check that you are logged in as a member of the University
Accessing ebooks and eresources: where to start
Login to iDiscover

- Cambridge Libraries Collections: books (printed and electronic), other physical library content and Apollo, the Cambridge institutional repository.
- Articles and online resources: Articles online (both in peer-reviewed journals and from other sources), databases, electronic journals and other online content.
- Everything: All of the resources covered by the Cambridge Libraries Collections and Articles and online resources searches.

What am I searching?

Which login do I use?

- Log in to MY LIBRARY ACCOUNT to manage your loans, requests and renewals.
- Log in to iDiscover to save your pinned items (favourites), and to view FULL search results (some databases only show results if you are logged in). Place the cursor on 'Login to iDiscover' and log on.

Where can I get help?

- Use the filters present on the right-hand side of the screen after your search, if you need to refine the results.
- Click on the HELP & CONTACT US link to access quick guides on how to use iDiscover, find answers to questions about iDiscover, give feedback about iDiscover or report any issues.
- Need help now? Click the button to find an answer to your question from 09:00 to 17:00

What is iDiscover?

Use iDiscover to search the University's libraries print and online collections using a single search. Find books, ebooks, videos, theses, open access content and more. Log in to manage your loans, requests, fines and saved search results.
Accessing ebooks from iDiscover
Restricted online access for ebooks: contact us!

If you see this, contact us and we’ll buy a normal ebook:
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- [http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/ebookscam](http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/ebookscam)
- Discovering and accessing ebooks
- Accessing ebooks not on iDiscover
- Troubleshooting
- Citing and referencing ebooks
- How to contact the ebooks team for specialised help
Finding ejournals and online articles in iDiscover
Tame iDiscover!

- Click anywhere on the record, not the "Online access" link – it’s counterintuitive!

- Note the range of dates:
  - check when the article you need was published
  - select the database with the appropriate date range
Explore various databases
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• Take a look at the whole list of subjects and explore more than one: Modern Languages, Linguistics, Film, Art, Music, Politics, specific languages area studies (Francophone Area Studies, Lusophone Area Studies…)

• Some databases require you to log in independently of Raven:
  • select “Institutional Login”
  • then “UK Federation”
  • then “University of Cambridge”
Good general databases to begin your research include:

- **MLA (Modern Languages Association) International Bibliography**
- **Arts & Humanities Citation Index**, included in Web of Science
- **Jstor** (do remember it is an archive and does not always have the latest articles)

When off-campus, remember to access these via [iDiscover](#) or the [LibGuides](#), not directly, and remember to enter your Raven password.
Other types of online resources

- More specialised databases (by topic, scope, language, geographical area or period covered…)
- Reference works:
  - general language dictionaries such as the [Oxford Language Online Dictionaries](https://www.oxforddictionaries.com)
  - specialised dictionaries
  - online reference collections such as [Oxford Reference](https://oxfordreference.com) or the [Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of Linguistics…)
- Library catalogues ([The European Library](https://www.europeana.eu), [WorldCat](https://www.worldcat.org))
- Reputable websites
Use local libraries

- Find out which research and public libraries are available near you
- Take a letter from your DoS or tutor before you leave
- WorldCat lists the collections of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide
We all use Google...
A word of caution about Google though!

- Google won’t tell you which sources it is searching, and more importantly, which ones it isn’t.

- Google can exclude the high quality resources checked by academic staff (peer-reviewed) to which the University subscribes.

- Google may ask you to pay for material the University has already purchased on your behalf for you to access for free!
The dangers of Google

In short:

If Google is your first port of call for your academic work, you are likely to miss out on relevant material.
Better academic practice!

• So use the resources the University is providing for your research and your academic work…

• ... and remember to identify yourself as a current member of the University of Cambridge.
Why bother with referencing?

• Referencing proves that you have done extensive reading to support your argument

• It enables your supervisor to follow up on your references

• Referencing gives credit to other people’s work

• Referencing helps you avoid charges of plagiarism
Get referencing help with Cite Them Right

- Cite Them Right is available from the MML Library website
  
  - It will show you how to reference different types of material
  - ... and do so in your preferred / required citation style
Reference management tools

- There is more than one reference management tool out there!
- They are designed to take the stress out of managing your references
- They help you keep track of your references as you go along and organise them for you
- Some are desktop-based, some are web-based, some are a mixture of both… experiment with several and find the one which suits your research style best
- Zotero (www.zotero.org) and Mendeley (www.mendeley.com) are good ones to start off with
- There are referencing, Zotero and Mendeley LibGuides available for help
Zotero is a free, easy-to-use tool to help you collect, organize, cite, and share research. Download Available for Mac, Windows, and Linux.
Mendeley

Mendeley is a free reference manager and academic social network that can help you organize your research, collaborate with others online, and discover the latest research.

With Mendeley, you can:
- Create and manage citations of books, articles, videos, and more
- Import citations from many databases
- Extract metadata from Imported PDFs
- Collaborate with other researchers online
- Find relevant papers based on what you're reading
- Highlight and annotate papers and share these notes with others
- Organize your sources using groups, tags, and filters

It takes a lot of the hard work out of formatting references, letting you more time for writing and less time dredging through citations.

Mendeley Tips

A useful set of guides is available from the university of Illinois.

A "teach yourself" guide to Mendeley is available from the Medical Library.

There are also lots of videos guides on the Mendeley website, but here's one to get you started:

Getting Started with Mendeley

Benefits of using Mendeley

Relax while you reference

Reference Styles

Mendeley has countless referencing styles that you can choose. You can also create your own style if you have specific needs. See the Mendeley website for more information about this.

Link to other guides
- Reference Management by Libby Title
  Last Updated Apr 11, 2018
  320 views this year
Getting help: useful links

- Raven:
  - https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/service/accounts-passwords/it-staff/raven
  - https://www.libraries.cam.ac.uk/eresources/faq

- iDiscover:
  - https://libguides.cam.ac.uk/idiscover

- ebooks:
  - https://libguides.cam.ac.uk/ebookscam

- ejournals and eresources:
  - https://www.libraries.cam.ac.uk/eresources
The MML Library team is here to support you!

We can:

- Update your library skills in a one-to-one tailored session
- Show you databases relevant to your project before you go
- Suggest resources you may not have heard of
- Email you scanned chapters and articles of print books / journals, in compliance with copyright law
- Buy ebooks that you need
- Provide remote help to access and use databases
- Help out with referencing queries
- … and much, much more!
Contact your specialised librarian

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Any questions? Please get in touch!

- Pop into the MML Library
- Book a tailored one-to-one session
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Enjoy your Year Abroad,
and good luck with your Year Abroad Project!