

# Welcome to your library





It is our pleasure to welcome you to the AUS Library. The mission of our library is to support, advance and enrich the education and research mission of the university. We do this by providing you with access to the world of information and scholarship, teaching the effective use of information resources for academic success, research and lifelong learning and by engaging with the AUS academic community to develop responsive and innovative information services.

In the library you will find knowledgeable assistance from librarians and staff who value cooperation, teamwork and mutual respect.

Whether you are looking for a group study room for collaborative learning, expert research assistance, a good book, information technology support or a quiet place to study, our librarians and staff look forward to helping you.

Best of luck with your studies, teaching and research.

**The AUS Library Team**



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## Collections

The library provides access to more than 160,000 print and media items and over 280,000 ebooks. These materials are selected in support of the research and teaching needs of all AUS students, faculty and staff. Materials can be found using WorldCat, the library's discovery tool. [library.aus.edu](http://library.aus.edu)

### General Collection

Most of the library books are located on the second floor and can be borrowed by members of the AUS community.

### Reference Collection

Located on the first floor, the Reference Collection contains books that are timely and important information sources such as dictionaries, encyclopedias and atlases. Reference books are for in-library use only.

### Media Collection

Located on the first floor, the Media Collection contains a wide range of DVDs, including films in many languages, documentaries, performances and educational programs.

### Periodicals

Located on the second floor, the Periodical Collection contains current and older issues of a variety of magazines and journals. Many of the items here relate to architecture, art and design.

### Newspapers and Leisure Reading

Popular leisure titles and local newspapers (in English and Arabic) can be found on the first floor.

### Reserve Collection

Course materials placed "on reserve" by professors for short-term loan are available at the Circulation & Reserves Desk on the ground floor. Find a current listing of materials by course code from the library's homepage.

### Ebooks

The AUS Library offers access to thousands of books online, covering a wide variety of subjects. Most of our ebooks can be searched individually through WorldCat. All ebooks currently allow reading through a web browser; many also allow downloading of chapters or full-text for viewing on an ebook reader or tablet.

### Databases

The AUS Library subscribes to numerous databases providing access to a vast amount of material published in journals, newspapers, magazines and other specialist collections. Subject areas include architecture and design, language and literature, business, economics, engineering, sciences and social sciences.

### Research Repository: DSpace

Access AUS theses, articles, reports and other original research by AUS academics, students and researchers through DSpace, the university's research repository. [dspace.aus.edu](http://dspace.aus.edu)

### AUS Archives

Research university history and events in the AUS Archives located on the second floor of the library.





## Facilities

### Group Study Rooms

The AUS Library has 16 group study rooms designed for collaborative work. These rooms are limited to use by two or more students, are located on the first floor and don't have to be booked in advance.

### Presentation Rooms

Presentation rooms are located on the first floor as space for students to practice project work. Personal laptops can be connected to the wall-mounted screens. Bookings can be scheduled in advance through the library's online room reservations system, [library.aus.edu/library-room-reservations](http://library.aus.edu/library-room-reservations) or ask for assistance at the Circulation & Reserves Desk on the ground floor.

### Media Rooms

Find DVDs in the Media Collection on the first floor and view them on site in one of our six media rooms.

### Silent Study Areas

We also provide dedicated silent study space on the first and second floors as places for undisturbed work. These silent study areas offer a refuge for those who need a quiet and less distracting study environment.

### Computers and WiFi

Desktop computers are available on the ground and first floors for use by AUS students. Use your AUS username and password to login. Wireless internet is available throughout the building. For help with connectivity, ask at the Library Help Desk.

### Laptops

The library supplies laptops for student use within the library. Laptops are checked out at the main Circulation & Reserves Desk for three hours, renewable on availability.

### Printing, Copying and Scanning

Print, scan and photocopy with multi-function, Pharos-enabled black and white and color devices available on the ground and first floors of the library. Pharos is a campus-wide system used to release print jobs to the printers and manage printing credit.



## Support

### Library Help Desk

For help with technology, getting started with your research, or finding and using library materials, visit the Library Help Desk on the ground floor. Our trained library staff are here to help. Research questions are referred to librarians who can help you learn how to find the information you need.

### Circulation & Reserves Desk

Located near the entrance of the library, the Circulation & Reserves Desk is the place to borrow materials, including laptops and media kits, pick up requests (or holds) and check-out items placed on reserve for courses. Staff can assist with general queries and can direct your questions to the nearby Help Desk.

### Librarians

Librarians are specialists who can connect you with the most appropriate resources for your research. Visit the Library Help Desk, email your research question, or schedule a time to meet with a librarian in person.

### Workshops and Online Learning Modules

We offer a range of workshops and class instruction sessions throughout the semester and provide access to a series of online learning modules and videos to help you get started with research. Visit our library homepage for a list of current offerings.

[library.aus.edu](http://library.aus.edu)

### Subject Guides

Subject guides created by AUS librarians provide a useful introduction to the best resources available in the library.

[aus.libguides.com/home/subjectlist](http://aus.libguides.com/home/subjectlist)

### Tours

The library provides tours for new students at the beginning of each semester during the week of orientation. We conduct organized school tours on a regular basis and welcome external visitors who wish to arrange for a guided tour.

## Services

### Borrowing

Borrow library materials including books, media items and laptops from the Circulation & Reserves Desk on the ground floor, or use one of our self-checkout stations. You will need your current AUS ID card.

### My Library Account

Login to your library account to manage hold requests, to renew items you have on loan and to check fines.

### Room Reservations

Library presentation and media rooms can be booked online and in advance for group work, discussion and collaboration through our online room reservations system. Rooms are reserved for currently enrolled AUS students only.

[library.aus.edu/library-room-reservations/](http://library.aus.edu/library-room-reservations/)

### Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery


The library also offers an interlibrary loan and document delivery service. Requests for books and photocopies of journal articles not held by the AUS Library may be submitted via the automated ILL system, ILLiad. This service is currently restricted to AUS faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduates working on a senior thesis.

[illiad.aus.edu/illiad](http://illiad.aus.edu/illiad)






Facts and Figures about the Library



Collection Size

**+161,000**  
print and media items


**+280,000**  
ebooks



**11,600 m<sup>2</sup>**  
Overall size



**190**  
Computer workstations and laptops



**3**  
Self-check stations



**900**  
Seating capacity



**55**  
Online databases



**26**  
Group study, presentation and media rooms

**library.aus.edu**

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