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Online Library in a Nutshell

Undergraduate
Laws



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What is the Online Library?

The [Online Library](#) is a Library service dedicated to supporting all students of the University of London's distance learning programmes.

The Online Library provides access to a range of legal resources similar to those available in a physical library.

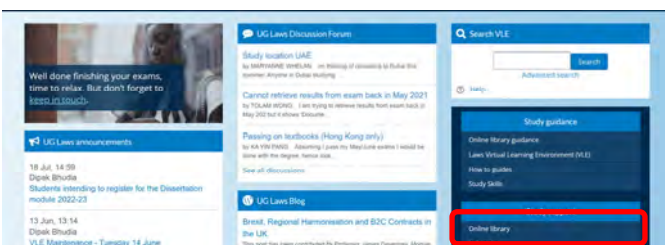
All resources have been carefully selected and purchased because of their high academic quality and as such are more reliable than those freely available on the web.

The Library is managed by a team of professional librarians who are available to provide help and advice on using information resources.

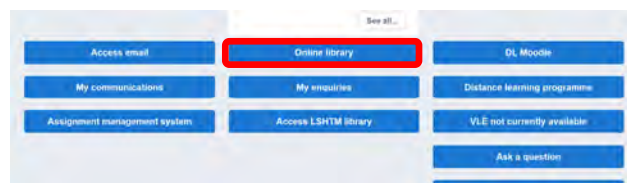
Why do I need to use the Online Library?

- To access high academic quality legal and multidisciplinary databases.
- Having access to superior academic content can help you obtain superior academic grades.
- Learning to use the library effectively will equip you with the information skills you need to succeed in your studies and in your career. It is also a qualifying law degree requirement.
- It is also a place to go to for support. The Online Library is managed by a team of professional Librarians (including a Law Librarian), who are available to provide support with using information resources.

Accessing the Online Library



- You can access the Online Library website directly at: onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk/
- Or from the undergraduate Laws VLE. Select **Online Library** under **Study Support** on the right side of the home page.



- Or via the **Online Library** link on the [portal homepage](#).

Library Resources

Databases

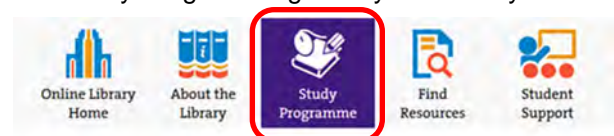
The Library contains over 97 million electronic items, including:

- eBooks
- Journal articles
- Cases
- Legislation
- Newspaper articles
- Dissertations
- Statistics

This material is stored in collections known as **databases**.

Databases are collections of scholarly resources which have been carefully selected because they meet the resource needs of your programme. These quality authoritative sources are not freely available from the internet. The databases which are relevant to your programme are listed on the [Laws \(UG\) Study Programme gateway](#).

The Study Programme gateway contains your course



Laws (UG)

Welcome to the Laws (UG) Study Programme Gateway.



specific databases and other resources, and support materials.

To access the Laws (UG) Study Programme gateway select **Study Programme** from the top navigation menu, then select Laws (UG) from the list of programmes.

Databases

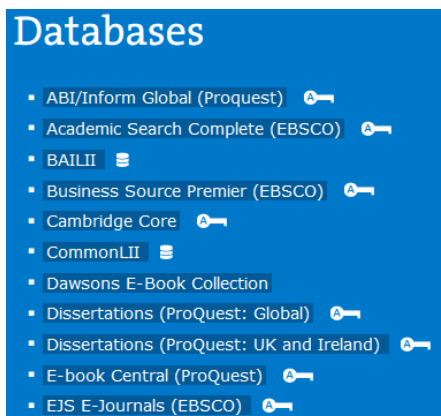
Database Access

All Online Library resources are password protected.

- You can access your Online Library databases with your student portal password.
- The exception is **Kluwer Arbitration** which requires an individual password which can be requested by completing the [Kluwer Account Request form](#).

For more information about passwords see the [password FAQs](#). For more information about how to login, see the [How do I login? FAQ](#).

Your databases are listed on the left side of the Laws (UG) Study Programme gateway:



Select a **database** to go to the **database information page** which contains the login link, login guides, and quick start guides to help you get started searching the database. For example,

1. Select **Login** to log in with your student portal password.
2. A description of the database content.
3. **Login Guides** provide step-by-step login instructions. A list of all login guides is available on our [Login Guides page](#)
4. **Quick Start Guides** provide guidance on searching the database

HeinOnline



To login with your portal password, click the orange button and then select **University of London Online Library (Portal Login)**.



HeinOnline contains major full text collections with an American focus including: the Law Journal Library, covering over 2600 titles (including older issues of Journals), the English Reports, the Legal Classics Library, the Treaties and Agreements Library, the Foreign & International Law Resources Database, and the U.S. Supreme Court Library.

The [HeinOnline YouTube page](#) contains how-to videos for the HeinOnline collections, general searching, navigating videos and tips and hints.



Login Guide [↗](#)
Quick Start Guide (PDF) [↗](#)
Quick Reference Guide (PDF) [↗](#)



Database overview

The key legal databases are:

[Lexis+](#)

UK cases, legislation, and journals. Extensive US and international materials. Use for All England Reports and New Law Journal. Includes access to Halsbury's Laws of England.

[Westlaw](#)

UK cases, legislation & journals. EU cases, treaties, and directives, and some material relating to the US. Use for articles from the Law Quarterly Review and Criminal Law Review.

[vLex Justis](#)

UK cases and legislation (as enacted). Includes a powerful case citator to help you determine whether a case is good law. vLex Justis shows you where a case was reported, and enables you to link directly to law reports in the Online Library legal databases.

[HeinOnline](#) full text collections with an American focus, includes the Law Journal Library, which contains over 3000 journals (including older issues), and the Legal Classics Library.

eBooks

[VLeBooks:](#)

VLeBooks is one of the Online Library's main eBook databases. Access VLeBooks from your [Study Programme Gateway](#), or from the [eBooks page](#).



You can search [VLeBooks](#) directly, or search [Summon](#) and link directly to the book from the Summon results.

Searching the Online Library

eBooks continued.

E-book Central (ProQuest):

The Online Library also provides access to a growing collection of e-books in E-book Central. Log in from the [E-book Central](#) database page, or search [Summon](#) to discover the eBooks available.

Cambridge Core:

Cambridge Core contains a growing selection of law eBooks.

Reading eBooks

You can read ebooks in VLeBooks and E-book Central online, or download them to read offline using Adobe Digital Editions.

When you download a book this is similar to borrowing it from a physical library. Some titles can only be read online or downloaded by one user at a time, in which case the download period is 24 hours. See the [How can I download e-books?](#) FAQ for more information.

In VLeBooks you can join a 'queue' if the title is being read by another user, and you will receive an email when you reach the front of the queue.

Searching the Online Library

You can access databases from your [Programme Gateway](#) and search them individually.

However, if you do this, you will only be searching the contents of that particular database. The Online Library provides search tools to help you to quickly locate resources.

Library Search Tools

The Online Library provides access to a number of resource discovery, or library search tools to help you to find resources in the Online Library databases.

Summon:

Summon is a good starting point for your Online Library research. Summon searches across the Online Library databases for journal articles, eBooks and newspapers, from a single search box, and links you to the full text.

When you find an item in Summon you want to read, Summon will direct you to the database the item is available in.

See the [Summon for Law Students FAQ](#) for an overview of using Summon to search the legal databases.

vLex Justis:

vLex Justis is a single point of entry for your legal research.

vLex Justis contains UK legislation from 1235 (as enacted), with links to amending instruments, and an extensive collection of reported, and unreported UK judgments and European Union materials.

vLex Justis contains a powerful case citator which cross-references case law, and legislation, helping you to find leading authorities and determine whether a case is good law.

vLex Justis lists the citations, and sources of cases and legislation in major online legal databases, and allows you to link you straight to the full-text where available in the Online Library databases. Find out more in the [vLex Justis Quick Start Guide](#).

The A-Z Journals List:

Search the A-Z Journals List of the title of a journal, eBook, or law report.

The A-Z tells you which database it is in, and the years available.

Access the A-Z Journals List from the [Journals page](#).

Or from the Summon search box on the [Online Library homepage](#).

For example, to search for this journal article:
Gardner, S. (1992) "Trashing with Trollope: a deconstruction of the postal rules", 12 OJLS 170

Either search Summon by the author and title of the article **OR**;

Search the A-Z Journals List to find out which database contains the journal.

Journals and law reports are often abbreviated, e.g. *OJLS*. To find out the full title search the [Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations](#).

A search of the **A-Z Journals List** for Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, shows that the 1992 issues are available from JSTOR, and HeinOnline.

Log into a database from the A-Z results to go to the journal, or log into the relevant database from your [Laws \(UG\) Study Programme Gateway](#).

Getting Help and Support

Student Support Guides

Support guides are available from the [Laws \(UG\) Study Programme gateway](#) and the [Student Support section](#) of the Online Library website.

Watch the [Law Induction guide videos](#).

Find the answer to the most frequently asked questions in the [Law FAQs](#). These include guides to locating cases, legislation and journal articles.

Familiarise yourself with the Online Library and the range of legal resources available, interpret legal citations and learn how to find legal information sources such as case law and journal articles in the [Legal Information Skills Tutorials](#).

Take the [Law Library Quiz](#).

The Online Library Enquiry Service

The [Enquiry Service](#) can help with all Online Library related enquiries and more:

- Accessing the Online Library databases.
- Searching the Online Library for cases, legislation, journal articles, eBooks and more...
- Constructing effective search strategies for your legal research.

Contact the Enquiry Service:

Contact the Enquiry Service directly for assistance with all Online Library related enquiries by:

Email at: onlinelibrary@london.ac.uk

Ask a Librarian Live Chat:

Live chat is available on Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 4:30pm London time. Find out more on our [Ask a Librarian Live Chat page](#).

By our [web form](#)

Or by **telephone** (+44) 020 7862 8478.

When contacting the Enquiry Service, please provide your full name and student number.

Feedback

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