UCT Libraries by numbers

1.2 million+ **physical volumes**

72 000+
e-journal titles

28 500+
print journal titles

38 000+
resources in audio-visual and other formats

1 300+
collections of unique manuscripts and personal papers

190
high-quality electronic data bases

85 000+
books and pamphlets on African Studies alone

3 000+ films for viewing and research (the collection of African film is among the most extensive in the world)

DATA SERVICE

The Digital Library Services (DLS) department offers a variety of research data management (RDM), open scholarship and digitisation services to students and staff at UCT.

The RDM services address the entire data life cycle, from data management planning (DMP) through to archiving and publishing data according to the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable).

Digitisation of physical objects and legacy media formats serves to preserve the library's unique collections and to make them reusable for future research.

www.digitalservices.lib.uct.ac.za

RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT
DIGITISATION
DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

ZivaHub is an online repository that allows you to make your research data citable, shareable, discoverable, and reusable.

"Data is now another thing you can be cited for. Open-access publishing of the data means it will be found and reused by other researchers in your field, and you will be credited for this."

NIKLAS ZIMMER
Head of Digital Library Services

Open access

Open access is the immediate, online, free availability of research outputs without the restrictions posed by publishers to keep research hidden behind subscription journals and databases. If an article is "open access" it means that it can be freely accessed by anyone in the world and is free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

UCT Libraries are advocates for open access publishing, providing resources for researchers to make their work freely accessible in various ways.

www.openaccess.lib.uct.ac.za

Open Repositories

ZivaHub https://uct.figshare.com
OpenUCT www.open.uct.ac.za

Open Access Publishing

Open Journals https://journals.uct.ac.za

Open Monographs and Open Textbooks

http://openbooks.uct.ac.za/index.php/openbooks

UCT Libraries

Welcome to UCT Libraries

UCT Libraries are a world-class repository of knowledge and innovative research. UCT's main library, the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, and its seven branch libraries offer a diverse array of study and research materials, as well as professional and expert assistance in finding information and carrying out research.

UCT Libraries are specialists in nine subject areas, including African Studies, Centre for Higher Education Development, Government Publications, Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law and Science.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 This giant repository of books and journals is stored on 53 km of shelf space.

2 UCT Libraries is a cashless environment.

3 You can access library resources off campus 24/7 via the Libraries website.

4 Library Tours are available on request.

SEARCH AND DISCOVER

Primo, UCT Libraries' new multi-platform cloud-based search tool, offers staff and students a world-class information-finding solution. Primo provides simple, one-stop searching for books, e-books, videos, articles, digital media and more – from any device, from any location. Primo also helps you manage your research. Sign-in to get more functionality like renewing books, saving records, exporting citations, and more. Access Primo at **www.lib.uct.ac.za**

7 branch libraries

Bolus Herbarium Library contains a great wealth of early botanical works, including the writings of early 17th century travellers who visited southern Africa and explored its flora.

Brand van Zyl Law Library has one of the best legal collections in Africa, with holdings of more than 85 000 volumes, including a rare antiquarian collection.

Built Environment Library, which first occupied two wooden huts, now serves the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics and the Department of Construction Economics & Management.

Health Sciences Library, founded in 1912, was the first university medical library in South Africa. Thanks to renovation work in 2017/18, it's now home to the Impilo Junction, a 24/7 study space for students.

Institute of Child Health Library was established in 1974 and caters specifically to the needs of the academic staff and students at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital.

Hiddingh Hall Library is the university's first purpose-built library and serves the Centre for Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies and the departments of History of Art and Fine Art.

WH Bell Music Library is the first completely self-contained, functionally-designed music library in Africa and serves the South African College of Music and the Centre for Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

UCT Libraries Special Collections consist of printed and audio-visual materials on a wide array of specialised subjects, including:

The Rare Books and Antiquarian Collection, which consists of rare and specialised material, including African children's literature and a fore-edge painting collection. 💻 www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za

A rich collection of manuscripts and archives, which offers primary research material relating to the political, social, cultural and economic history of South Africa, with a focus on the Western Cape.

The African Studies Collection of published material, which provides research and reference resources on Africa, with a strong southern African focus.

Government Publications, which includes historical and current publications for Southern African countries and current publications of most African countries, including French- and Portuguese-speaking countries. 💻 www.governmentpublications.lib.uct.ac.za

UCT Libraries Digital Collections represent a selection of material available through UCT's archival holdings, primarily held in UCT Libraries Special Collections, but also gathered through academic field recordings, primary data collation and UCT departmental collections.

SPACES

There are a variety of spaces available that cater to the needs of students at each step of their academic journey.

The Library Learning Lounge is a library space without books – a bring-your-own-device, collaborative learning space. The venue is Wi-Fi enabled with plug points for electronic devices. Study rooms are available for group discussion and a library buddy is on hand to help.

Knowledge Commons is a fully equipped undergraduate learning facility, including nine study rooms, providing students with both professional help and IT facilities for researching, writing and printing assignments.

The Research Commons caters for the information and workspace needs of master's and PhD postgraduates, postdoctoral research fellows and academic staff.

Hlanganani Junction is a research engagement space that houses a state of the art 20-million-pixel visualisation wall for research groups to display and interpret large research data sets.

Impilo Junction is a 24/7 study space and training venue at the Health Sciences Library, seating up to 60 students.

Brand van Zyl Law Library boasts a 24/7 study space that provides seating for more than 100 students.

Facilities

copy/print/scan

self-service checkout

+- 450 PCs

Wi-Fi access

24/7 spaces

study rooms