

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The Main University Library was established in 1977. It primarily serves the humanities, education and the social sciences and is located on Rethymno Campus. In Heraklion, the Library has three branches. The Knossos branch serves the disciplines of mathematics, computer science and applied mathematics, while at Voutes there is one branch serving the Faculty of Medicine and another serving the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Materials Science and Technology.

All members of the academic community of the University of Crete - undergraduates and postgraduates, faculty members, administrative staff as well as retired members of staff have access to the library material and services. In all branches, there are workstations through which users access available electronic resources. Photocopying machines operating with magnetic cards, printers, scanners and microfilm readers are also available.

Library Services

The main objective of the Library is the development of its collections, so as to meet the educational and research requirements of the academic community. In addition to rich traditional collections of printed material, digital and electronic sources of information supplement substantially the Library's efficiency. It is fully automated by an Integrated Library System. Its bibliographic catalogue is one of the largest ones in Greece and is accessible through the Library webpage. In the Knossos Branch, a special computer service has been installed for users with kinetic and eyesight problems. It has also developed a search portal that functions as a virtual collective catalogue of all Greek Academic Libraries (<http://zephyr.lib.uoc.gr>).

The Library Automation team. All Library's electronic services are supported by an I.T. & R.D. Unit, specialised in library automation. The team, which supervises the Integrated Library System, is responsible for the introduction of Information Technology to the Library. It also cooperates with companies and organisations throughout the country and abroad, within research projects related to automation

and implementation of I.T. in the Library.

Reference Service. The Branches in Rethymno, Knossos and Voutes provide an official reference service to which users can address their enquiries. The Reference Department conducts seminars related to Library Services and Resources, the bibliographic catalogue etc. Attendance is mandatory for all users in order to obtain a Library card.

Interlibrary Loan Service. All Library branches provide interlibrary loan service. According to statistical data, it is one of the busiest in Greece in terms of interlibrary loan requests and transactions. The Library is a founding member of the Greek serials union catalogue.

Electronic Journals. The Library holds a significant and rapidly growing collection of electronic journals. Thousands of titles are put at the disposal of the local University community, resulting either from bilateral agreements contracted with the institute or from collective ones, within the scope of the Greek Academic Libraries Network (Heal-Link).

Databases. In addition to the e-journals, the Library provides access to specialised and multi-disciplinary databases. It is a founding member of HEAL-Link, the Greek Academic Libraries Consortium, which promotes co-operation among its members and supports common subscription to electronic resources and information services.

Digital Library. The University of Crete Library is the first among Greek Academic Libraries to create a collection in digital format, consisting primarily of the M.A. and Ph.D. theses and dissertations written by the students of the University of Crete, along with technical reports and journals published within the University of Crete academic community, and a few digitised gravures. The access to the digital library is free through the library webpages (<http://dlib.lib.uoc.gr/>). The Library also offers "Anemi", a rich collection of digitised material related to Modern Greek Studies, which provides access to more than 1.000.000 digitised pages.

The European Documentation Centre. It was established in July 1999, by a joint decision of the University of Crete and the European Commission, and operates as a department of the University Library in Rethymno. It co-operates with the Departments of the University that offer courses or conduct research related to issues of European integration.

More information can be found at the Library's website (<http://www.lib.uoc.gr/>). The website enables users to search and browse the library's collections, both print and electronic. All available electronic resources are grouped together in sections (CD-ROMs, on-line databases, electronic journals, etc.), while the print

collections may be traced through the electronic catalogue. Accessing the Library's webpages, the user can submit a request for interlibrary loan electronically, or contact the reference service for general or more specific enquiries.

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Working hours: Library (3rd floor) Monday - Friday: 08:00 - 16:00

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