

Behavioural and Social Sciences

Collection Search Guide



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Address

Study places UB

Broerstraat 4 9712 CP Groningen bibliotheek@rug.nl <u>rug.nl/library</u> All study places must be reserved upfront:

rug.nl/library/studyplaces



Collection

The Behavourial and Social Sciences collection can be found on the third floor of the University Library City Centre.

• Library card

... is your student card, valid at all UG Library locations.

• Call Number / signatuur

Did you find a book in SmartCat you want to borrow? Use the call number to find the book in the library. Is it placed in the Closed Stacks? Use the "Request" button to request the item. You can also ask for help at the Service Desk on the ground floor.



HOW TO FIND A BOOM

- Loan period = 4 weeks, short loan = 10 days
- Maximum number of books you can borrow = 150 books!!

• Renewal of lent items

The lending period will automatically be renewed at the due date unless the item has been reserved by another user, in which case you will receive an e-mail and have to return the item on or before the due date.

Return books

You can return your books at all UG Library locations.

• Study books

The mandatory study literature is located among the regular collection on the third floor. The library has at least two copies of all the prescribed books. One of those copies has the indication 'not lendable' which means you can use it inside the library only.

• Computers

The UB City Centre only has computers available on the first floor. All study tables are equipped with power sockets for your convenience.

• UB app

Download the UB app for your smartphone (iPhone & Android) and use it to search items (catalogue), find the location of your book, check opening hours or reserve a studio. Available in App Store and Play Store. Search for: UB Groningen. rug.nl/library/app





Literature databases

• SmartCat

SmartCat is the Library search engine for students and staff of the University of Groningen. In SmartCat you will find the entire printed and electronic collection of the UG Library. SmartCat is used for finding information sources such as journal articles, books, conference proceedings etc.

• Library Guides

Library Guide: literature guide per discipline: <u>libguides.rug.nl</u> SmartCat help: <u>libguides.rug.nl/SmartCatEng</u> Information literacy: <u>libguides.rug.nl/informationliteracy-overview</u>

• **PsycINFO**, **ERIC** and **SocINDEX**: specialized databases in the field of Psychology, Pedagogical and Educational Sciences and Sociology.

Search Guide

You should search for scientific literature in a systematic way. The 7 steps of the Search Guide can help you structure your search.

- 1 Define your topic
- 2 Determine your search terms
- **3** Where to search?
- 4 Searching
- **5** How to get your hands on a publication?
- 6 Evaluate your findings
- Processing your literature

Evaluating information, important criteria

Stop

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Before you start reading, ask yourself if you trust the source.

Investigate the source

Quickly evaluate the source to decide if it's worth your time.

Find trusted coverage

Find the best source to report on the claim the article is making.

Trace claims, quotes, and media back to the original context

Find out if the version you saw was accurately represented.

(Source: http://lessons.checkplease.cc)

Reliable information, scientific quality?

Use the following criteria for a scientific publication:

- Is based on other research
- The sources used are known through citations and a reference list
- The publication is clearly structured
- Methods and results are accurately reported
- The style of writing is balanced and objective
- The publication has been critically reviewed by other scientists (peer review)



That's nice, but I use Google for everything!

It's true that you can find a lot with Google, but don't forget that anyone can put anything on the web. Information that you find through the University Library is of scientific quality. Some of the information that the library offers is inaccessible to Google. Use Google but beware, be critical!

• Use library databases at home!

Almost all the library databases are accessible from your home. Open the database from the library website and you will be asked to identify your-self. Use your username (studentnumber) and password (the same as for Gmail).

• Get it!-service - a direct link to an article!

In almost all library databases you will find Get it! buttons. If you click on the Get it! button the system will check whether the article or book is available in Groningen or not. Most recent articles are electronically available.



Facilities in the library

• Wireless internet in the library

Eduroam is available throughout the university. Information can be found at <u>rug.nl/library/wifi</u> or at the CIT service desk.

• Printing and copying

The University Library has several multifunctionals for printing, scanning and photocopying. Students have an account that can be topped up using 'MyCampusPrint'.

rug.mycampusprint.nl