

The Freie Universität Berlin Library System and its Services

The Freie Universität library system comprises the University Library (Universitätsbibliothek – UB) and the department libraries with total holdings of around 8.5 million printed items and a vast number of electronic resources (e-journals, e-books, databases, etc.).

The library system provides much study space both with and without computers and, in some libraries, group study rooms, which can be booked online.

Literature and Information Search

On the library portal Primo you can search printed and electronic sources, place regular requests and hold requests, and you can renew loans. The mega-index underlying Primo contains close to a billion academic titles. This is where you can easily find journal articles, newspaper articles and more. For more advanced searches, 1,500 databases are at your disposal.

VPN Connection to the Campus Network

Through VPN, Freie Universität students have off-campus access to electronic resources licensed to the University. You can download the VPN software from ZEDAT-Portal. Using eduroam functionality, you can connect to the Internet with your own devices on all Freie Universität premises as well as at all eduroam-participating institutions both in Germany and abroad.

Circulation

You can take printed books and journals out on loan from the University Library and from some department libraries; other department libraries provide their holdings primarily for use on site. Log in to Primo with the FU-Account credentials provided by ZEDAT in order to see what the service modalities / loan periods for specific items are, depending on your user status.

Textbook collections provide multiple copies of basic literature and standard textbooks that you can take out.

Citation Management Software: EndNote and Citavi

Freie Universität students have access to two effective citation managers, EndNote and Citavi, free of charge.

Information and Media Literacy Courses

The libraries offer introductions to the libraries, to the library portal Primo, and to databases and citation managers. Within Freie Universität Berlin bachelor's degree programs, students can choose an information- and media-literacy module, which is worth five credit points.

Consultation and Information

Please turn to the staff at the libraries with any questions concerning services or literature search.

The Information Center at the University Library is the central Information Desk for the University library system, open **Monday through Friday from 09:00 to 20:00**; telephone: (030) 838-51111; e-mail: auskunft@ub.fu-berlin.de.

Links

- Library portal Primo: <http://primo.fu-berlin.de/>
- University Library website: <http://www.ub.fu-berlin.de/en/>
- Library guide, maps: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/bibliotheken/bibliothekenfuehrer/>
- Terms and conditions regarding the use of electronic resources: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/bibliotheken/literatursuche/zugang/>
- Database information system (DBIS) for Freie Universität Berlin: <http://digibib.fu-berlin.de/>