"Agile and responsive to sustaining and disruptive innovation, user needs and global trends, UCT Libraries, a network of libraries in contemporary and historical settings, seamlessly connects you to the spaces, resources and tools required for a successful academic/research journey and intellectual experience. We are proud to be your partner."

UJALA SATGOOR
Executive Director: UCT Libraries

UCT Libraries by numbers

1.2 million+ physical volumes

220 000+ e-books

90 000+ e-journal titles

28 500+ print journal titles

38 000+ resources in audiovisual and other formats

1 600+ collections of unique manuscripts and personal papers

173 high-quality electronic databases

85 000+ books and pamphlets on African Studies alone

3 500+ films for viewing and research (the collection of African films is among the most extensive in the world)

DIGITAL SERVICES

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.

Research Data Management
Our research data services address the entire data life cycle, from data management planning to archiving and publishing data according to the FAIR principles (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable). It also provides support to postgraduate students and researchers in setting up their Data Management Plans through UCT DMP.
http://dmp.lib.uct.ac.za/

Geographic Information Systems
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support is available through DLS. The goal is to help UCT staff and postgraduate users develop their GIS skills to perform sound data capture, geospatial analysis and map production.
www.gis.uct.ac.za

Digitisation
Specialist digitisation of physical, legacy media formats serves to preserve the library's unique collections and to make them accessible and reusable for future research.
http://www.digitalservices.lib.uct.ac.za/dls/services/digitisation

Open repositories
ZivaHub is an online repository that allows you to make your research citable, shareable, discoverable and reusable.
https://zivahub.uct.ac.za/

UCT Open Science Framework
https://osf.io/institutions/uct/

UCT Zenodo community
https://zenodo.org/communities/university-of-cape-town/

Open access

Open access content 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

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OpenUCT http://open.uct.ac.za/

Open access publishing
Open Journals https://journals.uct.ac.za
Open Monographs and Open Textbooks
https://openbooks.uct.ac.za/uct/catalog/

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Welcome to UCT Libraries

UCT Libraries are a world-class networked 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 aligned to the UCT faculties and have several areas of specialisation 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 UCT Libraries website.

4 Library Tours are available on request.

5 Leganto is a simple and flexible tool to easily create, maintain, evaluate and share course reading lists and also expands access to UCT Libraries resources and beyond.

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.

Bongani Mayosi Health Sciences Library, founded in 1912, was the first university medical library in South Africa. It's also now home to the Impilo Junction, a 24/7 study space for students that was added in 2017/18.

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, as well as the Centre for Curating the Archive.

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

Primary Collections hosts primary research material in a range of media, including paper-based manuscripts, archival film and photography, relating to the social-political, cultural and economic history of South Africa, with a focus on the Western Cape.
💻 www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za

The African Studies Collection of published material, which provides research and reference resources on Africa, with a strong southern African focus.
💻 www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za/african-studies-book-collection

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 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 and staff-supported undergraduate learning facility, including nine study rooms and access to computer/printing facilities for research, 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.

The Hlanganani 24/7 study space offers a safe and comfortable environment for about 140 students and staff, where they can access all the library's electronic resources. The space is accessible via the Hlanganani Plaza after hours and over weekends.

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 Bongani Mayosi 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