

# Oxford Brookes University Library

## Construction

### A guide to finding information

#### 1. Books

If you are looking for a **particular book** and know the author or title, you can use the Books & e-books tab on the library web paged. The catalogue will give the exact location (shelfmark) for that book.

There are a large number of **ebooks** which can also be accessed via the library catalogue.

You may wish to find books by browsing the shelves – here are some key shelfmarks:

Contaminated land	333.73
Construction law	343.078624
Fluid mechanics	620.106
Civil and structural engineering	624
Geotechnics : foundations	624.15
Bridges : civil engineering	624.257
Hydraulics etc.	628.1532
Facilities management	658.2
Project management	658.404 and 692
Building general	690
Building information modelling	690.0285
Construction management	692
Building contracts	692.4
Estimating/tendering	692.5
Building regulations	692.9
Energy efficiency	697.7
Lighting : building	697.8
Architecture	720 - 729
Sustainable/Green architecture	720.47

**Shelfmarks are on the 3 floors as follows:**

000 – 499	Level 2
500 – 719	Level 3
720 – 999	Level 4

#### 2. Journals

Both print and electronic/online journals are listed by title on the Library catalogue. (NB: look under the **journal title**, not the title of the **article** you need).

### 3. Journal articles

Journal articles can be accessed by using Discover for a general search or a subject specific database for a more refined search. These databases are collections of journal articles can be accessed via the home page by clicking on the button *Find a database* and then selecting the title of the database from the A-Z list.

[Academic Search Complete](#) – full text peer reviewed journal articles

[Business Source Complete](#) – full text peer reviewed journal articles

[Emerald](#)- full text peer reviewed journal articles

[Factiva](#) – International news and Financial Times.

[LexisLibrary \(law\)](#)- Newspapers

[ScienceDirect](#) – Full text peer reviewed journal articles and is useful for technical information - especially for topics relating to sustainable/energy efficient buildings.

[Westlaw \(law\)](#) – Legal information – contract law.

### 4. Cost information, British Standards, Building Regulations, technical reports

[Building Cost Information Service \(BCIS\)](#) - is available online and we also have access to the Online Rates Database. Access is through the Library Home Page and clicking the button *Find a database*

[British Standards](#) – are available via the library home page by clicking on the button *Find a database*

[Construction Information Service \(CIS\)](#). Architects Working Details, BRE, CIRIA, TRL etc) Access to this is via the library's home page click on the button *Find a database*. Please note there is also the full text of a large number of e-books relating to the built environment available on the CIS.

[isurv](#) – RICS online surveying database

**Building Regulations** and books commenting on them are kept in the main book sequence at 692.9.

Building regulations are also available online via:

- The Construction Centre at <http://www.theconstructioncentre.co.uk>
- Planning Portal. <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/>

### 5. Dissertations

Brookes dissertations in Construction Management are held in the Built Environment Resource Centre (AB215, Abercrombie Building).

The following books may be useful when you are planning your dissertation:

[Farrell, P \(2011\) Writing a built environment dissertation: practical guidance and examples](#) (shelf mark 808.06669/FAR)

[Naoum, S. G.& Shamil G. 2012. Dissertation research & writing for construction students](#), London, Routledge. (Shelfmark 808.066624/NAO)

#### **Tips for Distance learners:**

- You can borrow books from Brookes whilst on campus and return them in the post. Remember that books can be renewed online via the Library catalogue website.
- You can identify relevant books from the Brookes Library catalogue and then ask your local public library to obtain them for you on inter-library loan.
- You can use other university libraries via the [SCONUL Access scheme](#).
- Some books are available online – as ebooks - via the Library catalogue and the Construction Information Service.

**Your Academic Liaison Librarian (Geoff Morgan)** – is available to help you use the library's resources and find the information you need. Please contact him via email: [g.morgan@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:g.morgan@brookes.ac.uk) or phone: 01865 483137. He also has a subject help page which you can access via the library's home page by clicking on *Subject Help* and then selecting *Construction* from the list. You may also ask to see him at the Library Help Zone.