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 page. 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 628.1532
- Facilities management 658.2
- Project management 658.404 and 692
- Building 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 uildings.  
*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 [www.theconstructioncentre.co.uk](http://www.theconstructioncentre.co.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:  

**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 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.  
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