Guide to Legal Resources
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Online Databases

Lexis Library

(GSM Law Students have access to this database via the Plymouth Portal.)

This database includes:

- Up-to-date UK legislation, including consolidated Acts which include amendments by SI - and all UK Parliament Acts available in PDF
- Cases and transcripts, including the All England Law Reports, Industrial Relations Law Reports and Times Law Reports
- Commentary titles covering all areas of the law, including Halsbury’s Laws of England, Harvey on Industrial Relations and Employment Law, Hill & Redman’s Law of Landlord and Tenant, Rayden & Jackson on Divorce and Family Matters, Civil Court Practice, Blackstone’s Criminal Practice and Butterworths Company Law Handbook
- The Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents
- A wide range of journals
- A Current awareness alert service

WestlawUK

(GSM Law Students have access to this database via the Plymouth Portal.)

This database includes:

- UK Case Law, including The Law Reports, Weekly Law Reports and Criminal Appeal Reports; UK Legislation from 1267 onwards
- "Legislation Analysis" documents providing all Statutory Instruments enabled under Act, any EU directives implemented under Act, any amendments pending or already made to the full text of an Act and all commencement information
- EU Case Law from 1952 onwards; Full text to many journal articles from Sweet & Maxwell, Tottel Publishing and Oxford University Press, including Criminal Law Review, European Intellectual Property Review and Journal of Business Law
- Current Awareness
Case law online resources

UK Supreme Court - Ministry of Justice (https://supremecourt.uk/)
Information about the jurisdiction of the court and how it operates. The site also includes the full-text of recent judgements made by the Supreme Court.

The Old Bailey (http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/)
A fully searchable edition of the largest body of texts detailing the lives of non-elite people ever published, containing 197,745 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court.

Judiciary of England and Wales (http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/)
Information about the justice system and access to court judgments for the most senior courts, tribunal decisions, and speeches dating back to 2003.

BAII: British and Irish Legal Information Institute (http://www.bailii.org/)
British and Irish case law & legislation, European Union case law, Law Commission reports, and other law-related British and Irish material.

Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations (http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/)
This web-based service allows you to search for the meaning of abbreviations for English language legal publications, from the British Isles, the Commonwealth and the United States, including those covering international and comparative law.
European law resources

European Court of Justice (http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/j_6/)
Search for cases in the Court of Justice, Court of First Instance and the Civil Service Tribunal

European Court of Human Rights (http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home&c=)
Includes information on the court, and case law

Europa – Homepage (http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)
Provides access to information (press releases, legislation, fact-sheets) published by the European Union and its institutions. This is available in other languages.

Reference centre providing online access to European Union official journals, treaties, legislation under preparation and in force and case law

Official Journal of the European Union (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html;ELX_SESSIONID=KlrhJbmTGHc53Mt1vP1S3SGdFMTfNvJZIM6jSj3GX3ffKbcCWXd7l-1930361811?locale=en)
Source of EU Law: The Official Journal of the European Union (OJ) is the only periodical published every working day in all official languages of the European Union (EU). It consists of two related series (L for legislation and C for information and notices) and a supplement (S for public procurement).


Human rights law

European Convention on Human Rights
Full text of the convention, plus the chart of signatures and ratifications, and a list of declarations, reservations and other communications. (http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/QueVoulezVous.asp?NT=005&CL=ENG)

Human Rights Act 1998
Full text Act (original and revised versions) (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents)

Open access legislation

Acts of the UK Parliament


Statutory Instruments


Hansard Debates

( http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/) House of Commons and House of Lords debates

Access to Law

( http://www.accesstolaw.com/) Concise annotated links directory focusing on the United Kingdom and Commonwealth nations.
Alternative libraries with law collections

Westminster Reference Library

The ground floor at Westminster Reference Library has the main reference collection of law resources in Westminster libraries.

In addition to legal textbooks, law reports, legislation, journals and encyclopaedias, an extensive collection of UK Official Publications is available.

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The British Library

Law Collection Overview

- UK primary and secondary resources (legislation, case law, commentary).
- Official Publications: states (gazettes, session laws, parliamentary publications, reports and statistics), and international organisations (treaties, parliamentary materials, reports, statistics).
- Law reports: comprehensive coverage of UK jurisdictions and selected historical sources for overseas cases.
- Academic law journals: extensive collections across languages reflecting multiple research approaches.
- Text books: as well as comprehensive British collections, the collections include practical and academic commentary on overseas jurisdictions in original language and translation.
- Electronic resources: databases include abstracting and indexing services and full text journal collections for legal and related research; historical and consolidated legislation; case law; parliamentary publications for UK jurisdictions; and full text historical legal treatises and scholarly editions of legal records.

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Law bookshops and second hand bookshops

Wildy & Sons Ltd

A specialist law bookshop, that sells news and second hand books, as well as student revision aids and LLB focused textbooks.

Wildy & Sons Ltd
Lincoln’s Inn Archway
Carey Street
London
WC2A 2JD
Tel: 020 7242 5778
Email: info@wildy.com
http://www.wildy.com/

Blackwell’s

Blackwell’s are an academic bookshop with a number of stores around the country. They also have an online bookshop, which a special student section. Blackwell’s buy and sell second hand books in store and online (bookshop.blackwell.co.uk). They also have a scheme in which whereby if you buy selected textbooks from them, they guarantee to buy them back from you for up to 40% of the original price: (http://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/jsp/editorial/new_and_used.jsp)

Abe Books

An online second hand bookshop, that has a law collection: http://www.abebooks.co.uk/find-books/law.shtml

Skoob

A secondhand bookshop, selling fiction as well as academic books. Has a law section which includes law textbooks. Also offers a 10% student discount.

Location and contact details
Address: Skoob Books
66 The Brunswick
off Marchmont Street
London WC1N 1AE,
Email: enquiry@skoob.com.
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7278 8760
Opening times:
10.30am-8pm Mon-sat
10.30 – 6pm Sunday
For further information on legal resources, please see the “Resources for law students” section, under the library tab on GSM Learn.