Diploma students:
Welcome to the Law Library

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Learning objectives

By the end of this short slide deck you should know about:

• Visiting the Law Library at Old College
• Online library resources
• Finding your ebooks
• Training and advice on offer
• Finding help when you need it
Visiting the library
The Law Library at Old College

Keep up to date with information about our libraries: Library Services Update

Law Library Location & Opening Times

Finding your way around:
- Virtual tour
- Self-guided tour (available from Helpdesk/Teams)

The Library Helpdesk team are ready & willing to help with any queries you have when in the library on-campus. Remember your student card!

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Study Spaces

There are study spaces available across campus which are available to use by any student of any discipline. Most are not bookable, but there are group study rooms, and accessible spaces you can arrange to access ahead of your visit.

Borrowing

Books! Up to 100 at a time, 10 can be Reserve.
Laptops! Short, medium and long-term loans available.
Bring your card! You need it for building access (swipe gates), ID purposes, and also to borrow things.
Online resources
Subject guides and databases

Key resources for research and study

1 | Law Databases
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/library-museum-gallery/finding-resources/library-databases/databases-subject-a-z/database-law

2 | Law Subject Guide
https://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/Law

3 | Legal Information Skills guide
https://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/LegalInformationSkills

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Westlaw is a key resource

Westlaw UK

Access Information
Access on and off campus. Westlaw International can be accessed via the More Resources box on the lower right-hand corner of the Westlaw homepage.

Description
Unlimited research service delivering case law, legislation, journals, books, news & business information and current awareness. Scots law materials can be accessed through the More tab. Content includes Scottish Legislation, Cases, regulatory and guidance materials, journals and books, Crown EU Law.

Notes
When registering for the first time, users should use their University of Edinburgh email address.
Resource Lists

Resource lists are online reading lists compiled by your course organiser to help you find the resources you need for your assigned reading. Many resource lists are organised into Essential, Recommended and Further Reading. Some course organisers prefer to list the reading week by week to help you keep on track with your seminars.

You can access your Resource List through your Learn pages, or using the Resource List website and searching for your course:

Guide to Resource Lists for Students

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DiscoverEd

Search the Library's collections, subscription content and materials available openly online.

A guide to using DiscoverEd: DiscoverEd virtual orientation guide

Exceptions: ebooks hosted on our databases aren’t always listed here! This includes Westlaw Books and some Lexis ones.

Remember to sign in so DiscoverEd remembers your searches.
If we don’t have what you need?

Interlibrary Loans
Request A Book
Scan & Deliver
SCONUL Access scheme
Law Databases training

If you are not familiar with legal databases look at [Law Librarian Resources Media Hopper Channel](#) for recordings of live demos.

Induction sessions for all levels include a brief introduction to using these popular databases. We also run a specific Library Bitesize for this, *Using Legal Databases*. You can book on to future sessions using the [MyEd Events booking system](#).

Westlaw and Lexis each employ a student representative at Edinburgh who can also provide training. See the [Law Subject Guide](#) for contact information for them.
Practical Law

- Practitioner side of WLUK. Contains practice notes, articles and advice written by practitioners in the UK
- Use the dropdown button next to the Westlaw Edge logo or find it on the Law Databases page directly
- Check out the Law Schools Resource Menu by clicking Browse Menu button and then finding Law Schools on the right of the dropdown list.
Practical Law: Resources tab

- Easy to use for both study and practice.
- Current awareness: Legal Updates
  - Email alerts for developments in practice areas
  - Can set up RSS feeds (another way of alerting you when there's new content).
- Video and Audio contains links to podcasts and vlogs that may be of interest for information or training
Lexis+ is a new combined platform which we moved to in September 2022. It contains both resources for LexisLibrary (academic resources such as cases, commentary, books etc) and LexisPSL (practitioner resources such as practice notes, forms and application – used specifically by Diploma students).

Lexis+ demo on Law Librarian Media Hopper Channel

Modules include: Restructuring & Insolvency; Banking & Finance; Commercial; Dispute Resolution; Property; Private Client; Corporate; Employment; TMT (Technology, Media and Telecommunications); Public Law
Finding ebooks
Core ebooks for the Diploma

• Greens Sheriff Court and Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 23/24
• Greens Solicitors Professional Hand Book 23/24
• Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 – 21st edition
• Hennessy: Civil Procedure & Practice - 5th edition
• Gretton & Reid: Conveyancing – 5th edition

All available as ebooks through Proview (special access for Diploma Students), the last two also available via Westlaw Books. All also available in print from the library.
Westlaw Books

Use the top navigation bar to select ‘Westlaw Books’ on the right hand side to browse available titles.

Not all ebooks available via Westlaw are listed in DiscoverEd so you may need to check directly.

You will see all the titles in our subscription (several hundred) so you can then search by title to find the ones you want. When you find them you can ‘bookmark’ them to make them more easily accessible to you.
You will receive an email inviting you to set up a OnePass profile, which you should do with your university email/the email address you received your invitation to.

Remember your username and password. When you are registered, the log in screen will take you straight to your Library where the accessible books are listed.
Training and help
Training and advice: 1-2-1 appointments

Book via MyEd events booking system: search for Literature Search Clinic and select the option for Law. Or email us directly: law.librarian@ed.ac.uk

We can help with:
• search strategies
• using our subscription databases
• finding international case law
• finding historical Scots material online
• referencing
• setting up news alerts for cases or legislation
Getting help

**Law Library webpages**

**Law Librarian Blog**

**Law Librarian Media Hopper Channel**

**Academic Support Librarians**

[Law.librarian@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Law.librarian@ed.ac.uk)

Anna: works Mon-Weds
SarahLouise: works Weds-Fri

**EdHelp**

[EdHelp web portal](#)

And in person at the Law Library or Main Library helpdesks
Questions!
Memory Test!

1. One hundred
2. Virtual Orientation guide
3. Westlaw Books
4. Resource List
5. RAB
6. DiscoverEd
7. Seven
8. Subject Guides
9. EdHelp
10. ProView

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