What’s new?

Our physical buildings may be closed but our expert staff, services and resources remain available to you.

Services and support
To access our resources digitally please visit our website http://library.soton.ac.uk/home where you will be able to:

- discover and use our extensive e-resources, including ebooks and ejournals
- access our online study skills support resources
- get help and support online via email or talk to us via Library Chat
- book an online appointment
- suggest electronic resources for purchase
- discover and use our research services
- Online study resources including online training and writing support

We are planning to deliver group training sessions for students and staff which will be advertised for the start of term. We will be sharing new and existing online resources relevant to your subject areas and communicating these out to students via your engagement librarians. We will be working with you to help you develop your online teaching and research support.

Please note the following:-

- Any borrowed items will automatically be renewed until further notice
- Loans will not become overdue
- Laptop loan periods will be extended and no fines will accrue
- User requests to reserve a 'hold' for print items will not be possible, but where possible we will provide access to electronic books
- We will continue to purchase book order requests in electronic format
• We will continue to deliver our inter-library loan requests in electronic format only but as normal we will only be able to supply what is available. We will purchase ebooks and are requested through inter-library loan if published.
• All HE institutions have extended inter-library loans until 31st July 2020 for anything you have already borrowed
• We kindly request that you do not return print items to the library until further notice. If leaving the country we suggest:
  o Books are left in University residences
  o Or private residence. Please provide details of private residences (landlord details) so we can arrange collection later
  o Return books to your local University in UK once they reopen

**Communication and support**

The Library web pages will be regularly updated with FAQs. Library staff will be monitoring email accounts and will be available to answer any general enquiries during office hours although we are looking to see how we can extend this in future. Please get in touch, and we will do our best to help.

http://library.soton.ac.uk/home

**Online training available**

The following Skills for Success workshops have all been recorded and can be accessed from our online training page:
• Critical thinking: an introduction
• Dissertations: finding resources for your dissertation or research project
• Dissertations: combining structure and formatting (Word for PC)
• Dissertations: page layout (Word for PC)
• Dissertations: using tables and graphics (Word for PC)
• Proofreading: the basics
• Referencing and avoiding plagiarism
The link to “Online training” on our Academic Skills workshop pages is here: http://library.soton.ac.uk/sash/workshops/online-training

**New Resources**

We have been responding to enquiries and working with publishers to ensure any resources which have been made freely available are listed on our new resources page. http://library.soton.ac.uk/resources

**Dissertation Support**

The Library can support you with your dissertation in a number of ways:

**Dissertation Planner**
We have a Dissertation Planner to guide you through the process of researching, planning and writing a dissertation, or extended piece of writing. Feedback and/or questions can be directed to libenqs@soton.ac.uk

**One-to-One Writing Support**
Students can book a video chat one-to-one with the Library’s Specialist Writing Tutor for tips and detailed guidance on writing the dissertation, or an extended piece of writing. More information can be found on the booking page http://library.soton.ac.uk/sash/academic-writing

**ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (PQDT)**
The Library has access to ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (PQDT). This resource provides free full text access to over 4 million inter-disciplinary dissertations and theses from across the globe. To access this resource, go to the A-Z Resources list http://library.soton.ac.uk/resources and access the link to ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (PQDT) and click 'login' (make sure that you are using the SVE if you are off campus).

**Reminder - Don’t forget you can contact us if you need any help**

Email us at Libenqs@soton.ac.uk or chat to us find full details on the website http://library.soton.ac.uk/home