

The UB Siegen – find your way around

1. Library Locations

Main Library Adolf-Reichwein-Straße (AR): • Arts • Educational science • General (sub-collection) • Geosciences • Humanities • Linguistics and literature • Mathematics and mathematic didactics • Media studies and journalism • Natural sciences • Philosophy • Physics (sub-collection) • Politics • Psychology • Social sciences, sociology • Sport	
Branch Library Hölderlinstraße (H): • Electrical engineering, computer science • General (sub-collection) • History • Music • Theology	Branch Library Paul-Bonatz-Straße (PB): • Architecture, urban planning • Civil engineering • Mechanical engineering
Branch Library Emmy-Noether-Campus (ENC): • Mathematics (except didactics) • Physics	Branch Library Unteres Schloß (US): • Business law • Business studies, business information systems, business education • European Documentation Center (EDZ)

You can find our current opening hours on our website (<https://www.uni-siegen.de/en/ub>) → “Locations and opening hours” (<https://www.uni-siegen.de/en/ub/locations-opening-hours>).

2. Library Use

To borrow books and other media, to place holds on borrowed items, and to place interlibrary loan requests, you will need a **library card**.

- You can obtain a library card free of charge at the Main Library at Adolf-Reichwein-Straße (AR) by presenting your ID card (or passport and proof of residence) and, if applicable, a current certificate of enrollment. Minors under the age of 18 also require a parental consent form. Students can also have their **Uni Siegen app** activated for library use.
- Please notify the library immediately of any changes to your postal or email address.
- Using your ZIMT ID and password, you can access your **library account** and extend the loan period for the items you have borrowed. You can also change your password or address on the homepage, e.g. via A to Z.

The **loan period** is 60 days. It may be shortened if an item is reserved by another user. You will be notified via email if a loan period ends early.

- Please observe the loan periods, as fees will be charged after the period expires.
- Items can be returned at any service desk at all library locations; at the Main Library AR and the Branch Library US, please use the return machines whenever possible.
- You can extend the loan period for items borrowed from the Siegen University Library yourself in your library account.
- If items are currently borrowed out, you can reserve them directly in the catalog after logging in. This may shorten the specified loan period.

In addition to reading areas, the libraries also offer **computer stations** with free internet access and printing facilities, as well as group study rooms, (day) carrels, and mobile workstations. Scanners are also available at every library location (except ENC).

3. Media locations and Availability

The media is systematically arranged by subject area, mostly freely accessible, and is listed in the **library catalogue** "Katalog plus." To help you find your way around, please refer to the shelf labels and floor plans.

- <https://www.uni-siegen.de/en/ub> → "Katalog plus"
- The catalog is freely available online and contains information on the location and availability of the media.
- **eBooks** can be accessed via the "Full Text" link in the catalog from the University of Siegen network or via VPN or Shibboleth.
- **Journals** from the current year are located in journal racks; older volumes are bound and placed on the shelves.
- For **electronic journals**, the catalog provides information on available volumes, access details, and a link to the full text. Most electronic journals are accessible via the University of Siegen network or via VPN.
- Some instructors set up **course reserves**, which are displayed separately. The books are then unavailable for loan for the duration of the semester.
- Audiovisual and electronic media on data carriers are located in the **media collection** and can be ordered via Katalog plus after logging in.
- Media stored in the **stacks** can also be ordered via Katalog plus after logging in.
- If the UB Siegen does not have the item you are looking for, you can request it through **interlibrary loan** from other libraries (see our website: <https://www.uni-siegen.de/en/ub> → A to Z → "Interlibrary loan").

Every item in the library has its own **call number**, which you can find in the library catalog.

The call number indicates the exact location of the item in the library.

Structure of a **book's call number**:

75	PIG	1835	(27)	-	A	+ 1
Location	System Location (Topic)	Sequential numbering	Edition		Volume	Additional copy

Structure of a **journal's call number**:

32	-	49	B	1
Location	Subject number	First letter of the journal title		Sequential numbering

Most items are available for loan. The rest are part of the library's **reference collection** and cannot be borrowed. They are marked in red and have an even location number.

4. Additional Resources and Online Services

On our **website** (<https://www.uni-siegen.de/en/ub>) you will find further information on literature searches:

- To search for articles, in addition to the “Articles & more” tab in the catalogue, we offer access to various **subject-specific databases** (Homepage → “Subject information”).
- On our website, you will find the **course calendar for our training sessions** on information literacy.
- The A to Z section provides quick access to **information about the library and how to use it**.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the staff at the reference desks and the Central Information.
- You can submit questions electronically at any time via Digital Reference (<https://www.uni-siegen.de/en/ub/ask-the-bib> → „Ask the bib“).