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BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Users must work in silence.
- Food or drinks are not allowed in order to protect the collection and Library facilities.
- Mobile phones must be switched off or put in silent mode.
- PCs have to be used for academic ends.

Remember that the Library staff are always on hand to answer your questions and queries.
The Information and Audiovisual Media CRAI Library was founded in 1920 as the library of the Escola Superior de Bibliotecàries, the former school of library science created by the Catalan Mancomunitat in 1915.

As the first specialized library of its type in Spain, its collections include the most representative twentieth-century publications in the field. The CRAI Information Sciences Library provides comprehensive materials for study and research activities at the Faculty for the degrees of Information and Documentation and Audiovisual Communication.

Facilities and equipment

The CRAI makes available to the users: 143 reading desks, 24 PCs, 4 Macs and 3 laptops, wireless Internet access, also access to the secure Eduroam network and 2 group study rooms (6 people) with TVs with USB and HDMI connections.

Who can use Library services?

All library materials have free access, apart from the Special Collections.

To use the Library service, users must hold a UB Card that they obtain during the academic registration procedures. Users have to go to the Library to activate their card. The UB Card provides access to a range of services such as the book loan.

Documentary collections

The collection corresponds to the subjects of: librarianship, documentation, archives and audiovisual communication.

It consists of 23,000 monographs and 1,324 journals (of which 107 titles are live journals). You can check our new purchases weekly in our Issuu [https://issuu.com/bib76](https://issuu.com/bib76).

SERVICES

Loans, reservations and renewals


To use this service, users must hold a UB Card. The conditions and length of a standard document loan vary according to the type of user. You can request and return documents from other CRAI library at any CRAI loan desk. By logging into My Account, you can consult the catalogue, renew loans, reserve items and check your reading history. You can request and return documents from other CRAI library at any CRAI loan desk.

PUC: library consortium loans

http://crai.ub.edu/en/crai-services/loans/loans-puc

PUC is a free service enabling users at member institutions to request and borrow materials from other libraries in the Consortium of University Services of Catalonia (CSUC). Users can request documents online or in situ, at the holding library.

Interlibrary loan

http://crai.ub.edu/en/crai-services/loans/inter-library-loans

The interlibrary loan service can be used to locate and obtain the original or a copy of any kind of document that cannot be found at the CRAI and that is not available at other Catalan universities through the PUC. It also centralizes the loan of UB items to other institutions. This is a paid service.

Laptop loans

http://crai.ub.edu/en/crai-services/loans/ub-equipment

This loan service provides laptops for users to access digital information and the UB’s Wi-Fi network.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

Virtual Campus

https://crai.ub.edu/en/crai-services/support-teaching-staff/virtual-campus

The UB’s online learning platform, where you will find the recommended reading for your coursework, reference works, online exercises and a range of complementary learning materials for different subjects. Users need UB username and password (MónUB) to access the campus. At the CRAI we can help you manage and use the Virtual Campus.

Cercabib

http://cercabib.ub.edu

Cercabib is the discovery tool of the CRAI. With it you can search simultaneously in the entire CRAI fund regardless of the support, type or location of the resource. That is to say: books, magazines, journal articles, theses, audiovisuals and others, regardless of whether they are paper or electronic format resources and whether they are physically located in one of our CRAI library or hosted on our own or another’s server.

Accessing electronic resources

http://crai.ub.edu/en/crai-services/resources-online/proxy

SIRE is a service that allows access to e-resources available at the UB from inside and outside the University network. This service is only offered to members of the UB community.

UB Digital Repository

http://diposit.ub.edu/dspace/?locale=en

It contains digital copies in open access of publications resulting from the teaching, research and institutional activity of lecturers and other members of the university community.

S@U, User Support Service

http://crai.ub.edu/en/crai-services/sau

This is an online information service that can be used for any queries about CRAI library. The S@U can also be used to make complaints, suggestions and acknowledgements. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.