Getting started - accessing the Library web pages.

The student portal on the University homepage contains a link to the Library webpages. Or, go to: http://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/

Electronic Resources Login

When you click on a resource title, you may see the University of Bolton’s **Electronic Resources Login**. Enter your usual university username and password and login. If you are using electronic resources for a long period of time, you may need to login again if prompted.

A small number of resources require a different username and password. Please contact the Subject Help Desk or your Subject Librarian for details.

**Discover@Bolton**

Discover@Bolton is a key library service that allows you to search the majority of our online resources* at once via a single search interface. This includes the full-text of journal articles and ebooks to which we have access. The availability and location of print resources in the Library is also shown.

*Note that some databases are not included, e.g. Lexis Library and Westlaw*
Use Discover@Bolton for all of your research needs. For further information about Discover@Bolton go to [https://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Electronic-Resources/Discover-At-Bolton.aspx](https://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Electronic-Resources/Discover-At-Bolton.aspx)

**E-books**

The best way to access e-books is via the Library Catalogue or Discover@Bolton. Search for a topic, then once you have a list of results, click on **Ebook** on the left of the screen. Click on a book title, then either of the blue links to access the book. Alternatively, you can access individual e-book collections via the blue E-Books tab in the Quick Links menu on the library home page.

**Journals**

Journals contain articles providing information based on the latest academic research. Most are available in electronic format. Click on **E-journals** or the **Library Catalogue** from the Quick Links menu to search for an e-journal title. Only use individual journals if you have been asked to read a specific article. If you are researching a topic use Discover@Bolton or academic databases instead of searching for a specific journal.

**Databases: researching a topic**

Databases enable you to search for articles relevant to your topic across thousands of e-journals. Click **Databases** from the Quick Links menu to view the A-Z list. If you are not sure which database to use, go to your subject page and there will be a recommended list for your subject.

Most databases are included in Discover@Bolton so we recommend that you search Discover@Bolton before looking at individual databases. The databases relevant to you that are included in Discover@Bolton are shown on your subject guide – see below.

**Subject Guide**

Click on **Subject Guides** from the Quick Links menu. Click on your subject. On your page you will see a list of recommended databases and Internet resources. You will also find links to relevant help guides and the Subject Librarian team.

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**Further support and information:**

**Subject help Desk:** for immediate help during Library staffed hours, please contact the duty librarian on 01204 903404 or email subjecthelp@bolton.ac.uk.

**Help guides:** [http://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Study-Skills/Quick-Start-Guides.aspx](http://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Study-Skills/Quick-Start-Guides.aspx)