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OVERVIEW

The Library of the University of Craiova is a scientific, cultural, and public structure, without legal personality, an operating unit within the University. The University management provides, according to the rules in force, the necessary material base for the activity of the library. The Library of the University of Craiova, founded in 1947 as the Library of the Agronomic Institute Tudor Vladimirescu, is an academic library with an encyclopedic profile that primarily supports the training, education and research activities of the students, professors and researchers of the University.

As an educational institution, the Library of the University of Craiova possesses books, publications, periodicals and special collections; it organizes, processes, communicates and preserves collections of books, documents and databases in order to facilitate their use in the process of information, research and education.
HISTORY

1947 - The Library of the Agronomic Institute *Tudor Vladimirescu*, endowed with Legal Deposit right, is founded

1956 - The Library of the 3 year-Pedagogical Institute is created

1966 - The Library of the *Tudor Vladimirescu* Agronomic Institute and the Library of the 3 year-Pedagogical Institute merged under the current name

1970 - The Library of the Faculty of Medicine is opened

1972 - The Museum of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy and the Museum’s Library are organized

1973 - The Library of the University of Craiova moves in the central building of the University, 13Al. I. Cuza Street, when it is structurally and functionally reorganized. The documents are centralized and The Reference Room is opened

1974 - The Library regains, by law, the right to hold The Legal Deposit

1977 - The Library of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering is organized

1987 - The functional structure is improved. The process of computerization of the library is organized.

1991 - The Library of the *Nicolae Titulescu* Faculty of Law is opened

1992 - The Library of the Faculty of Theology is opened

1994 - *Gheorghe Titeica* Mathematical Seminar is organized

1995 - Following the collaboration between the Goethe Institute, in Bucharest, and the Library of the University of Craiova, the latter opens, for the public, The German Room.

1996 - The computerized processing of the newly purchased documents and those entered through the Legal Deposit begins; the library database can now be accessed at the address http://catalog.ucv.ro/opac

1998 - The Internet connection is opened

2007 - The Central Library of the University of Craiova is the beneficiary of a modern establishment hosting the Unique Items Deposit, the Reference Room, the Multimedia Room, the Conference Room, the European Documentation Centre and the Point d’Accès a l’Information

2010 - The Central Library of the University is a partner, together with the Central Library of the Academy of Economic Studies, in the project *Partnership for the modernization and reorganization of services in University libraries.*
Services Offered by the Library

Online Catalogue

Bibliographic References – bibliographies for seminary work, projects, BA thesis, MA dissertations, bibliographic information, bibliographic research using the online catalogue as well as the traditional alphabetic and systematic catalogues for old publications, bibliographic references via e-mail, producing informational materials.

Publication Loan – at home, from the Library’s Fund of Books
- interlibrary (from other libraries in the country and abroad)

Direct access to publications – direct access to the publication the users need is provided in the Reading Rooms:
- The Reference Room of the Unique Items Library;
- The Central Reading Room of the Faculties of Law and Administrative Sciences, of Letters, of Economics and Business Administration;
- History-Geography-Philosophy Reading Room;
- German Reading Room - Goethe Institute;
- Point of Access to Information;
- European Documentation Center.

Indirect access to publications - the request for the needed publications, existing in the deposits of the Faculties, is based on a filled-in bulletin.

Access to scientific databases and electronic books is free from the campus of the University of Craiova.

Tutorials about using the online catalogue, the scientific databases containing full-text articles, summaries, e-Books.
**Home Lending Publications**

- Students can borrow only three titles at one time. The returning due time is thirty/30 days, and can be changed if the required publication is requested by other users. The extension, if any, is to be done for another fifteen/15 days.
- Teachers can request a loan of maximum five/5 publications under the same conditions as students.
- Users outside the University cannot benefit from home lending service, but they have access to the Reading Rooms.
- The users are not allowed to borrow: publications existing in a single copy, documents from Legal Deposits, periodicals, standard reference publications (dictionaries, encyclopedias, lexicons), special and heritage collections.
- Non-compliance with the terms of the loan and loss or deterioration of publications are sanctioned according to the Library Rules, approved by the University Senate.
- Lost or damaged documents can be replaced only with similar documents with the same bibliographic data (title, author, publisher, year of publication) or can be paid according to the Libraries Law no. 334/2002 and to the methodology approved by the O.M. Ed.C. no 4626/2005.
- Users must check the publication’s status before borrowing and inform the librarian on the missing or damaged pages, if any.
Domestic and International Interlibrary Loan

When certain publications cannot be found in the Library of the University, readers can appeal to domestic and international interlibrary loan. The loan is based on a request addressed to The Office of Document Communication, within the central building of the University, Ground Floor, North-West Wing, Room 170, (e-mail: sidoniamarinescu@central.ucv.ro)

These services are available to:

- students preparing their BA and MA thesis;
- professors, researchers, and doctoral students;
- other users of the Library specialized in different areas.

Interlibrary loan publications can be consulted in the Reading Room only.
Postal charges are to be paid by the applicant.


Library Access

The following categories of readers have access to the Library of the University of Craiova:

- BA students, MA students, PhD students of the University of Craiova;
- Teaching staff of the University;
- Other categories: employees of the University of Craiova, pupils and teachers of other educational institutions, researchers, graduates, pensioners.

At the German Library (Central Building of the University – Room 168, Ground Floor) we offer free access to any person interested in the German language and culture, regardless of age and profession. For Library services (information, consultation, and loan), the user must present an access permit accompanied by an identity card. The library cards are issued when registering.
The Access in the Reading Rooms

- All users have the right to search documents in all reading rooms both from the central unit and from its branches after they have shown the library card or the student school card and after they have filled out, clearly and correctly, the application form with the information on the requested publication.
- In the reading rooms, a maximum of five books or three periodicals, at one time, can be studied.
- The Common Fund of Publications in the reading rooms (dictionaries, encyclopedias, lexicons, bibliographies) is available to readers.
- In accordance with Library Rules, the users must:
  - observe strictly the silence
  - maintain complete cleanliness and ensure that all tables and chairs are kept tidy after use;
  - not damage the publications they are reading;
  - not take publications out of the reading room;
  - be decently dressed and conduct themselves properly in the Library;
  - notify the library staff if the borrowed publications are damaged;
  - not use the mobile phone;
  - not consume food and drinks in the Library;
  - not smoke;
  - leave, if he/she is found to be violating the Library Rules;
  - fill in a last request for publications in the deposit library within at least fifteen minutes before the end of the program.
Point of Access to Information

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It was established in 2008 under the auspices of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie - Bureau Europe Centrale et Orientale. It is part of the Library of the University of Craiova, and its main goal is to make available to users some databases, bibliographic references and full-text articles from all areas of interest: Biology, Chemistry, Ecology, Environment, Physics, Mathematics, History, Literature etc. At the same time, it offers useful information on the academic environment of the French-speaking countries: scholarship and research scholarship, advertisements for training courses, etc.
European Documentation Centre

The European Documentation Centre, within the University of Craiova, opened at the beginning of May, 2010. The EDC was set up following the written agreement between the host structure (the University of Craiova) and the European Commission.

Its main mission is to sustain the information and documentation process for specific users (students, professors, members of local community), providing free access to various publications on European Union’s topics. It also aims at promoting information on EU institutions and publications on European Union policies, legislation and at ensuring an active cooperation with institutions concerned with European Union’s areas of interest (publishing houses, local and regional centres).

It is located within the University Library – Multimedia room (Lăpuș Building, Tel. 0251/436002)
Free access to EDC, based on library cards.
Program: Monday – Friday, 9\(^0\) - 18\(^0\)