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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 in Al. 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;

1991 – The functional structure is improved. The process of computerization of the library started;

1991 – The Library of the “Nicolae Titulescu” Faculty of Law is opened

1992 – The Library of the Faculty of Theology is opened;

1994 – “Gheorghe Țițeica” Mathematical Seminar is organized;

1995 – Following the collaboration between the Goethe Institute 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;

1998 – The Internet connection is opened; the library database can now be accessed at the address <http://catalog.ucv.ro/opac> ;

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, and the European Documentation Centre;

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*”.

2012 – The Library of Faculties of Law and Social Sciences is the beneficiary of a new and modern building. At the same time computerized loan by library access card began.

2016 – The Library of Mechanics Faculty is moved in a new modern location.

2019 - The spaces of the Library from the University headquarters are reorganized and modernized. Subsequently, The Reading Room of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the Offices of the Services of Evidence and Development of Collections, those of Cataloging-Classification-Indexing; the Multidisciplinary Reading Room and the Teamwork Room are established;

2020 - The spaces of the Home Loan Center of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the Reading Room of the Faculty of Letters and the Reading Room of the Central Periodical Deposit are reorganized and modernized.

European Documentation Centre

The European Documentation Centre located 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.

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday, 9.00 – 18.00

Services Offered by the Library

- **Online Catalogue** <http://catalog.ucv.ro/opac>
- **Access to scientific databases and electronic books** is free from the campus of the University of Craiova http://biblio.central.ucv.ro/bib_web/ro/Anelis_Plus.php

➤ **Bibliographic References (e-References)** → bibliographies for seminary works, 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 biblioghid@yahoo.com

- **Publication Loan:** home loan and reading room loan from the library collections

- **National and International Interlibrary Loan**

When certain publications cannot be found in the Library of the University, readers can appeal for national and international interlibrary loan. The loan is based on a request addressed to the Director and the application can be submitted to Room 170, central building of the University, Ground Floor, N-W Wing, or to *e-mail* : illcraiova@gmail.com
Interlibrary loan publications can be consulted exclusively in the reading rooms. Postal charges are to be paid by the applicant.

- **Access to publications** →

- **direct access** to the publication is provided in: *The Reading Room of the Unique Item Library Lăpuș, the European Documentation Centre, The Reading Room of the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences, The Reading Room of the Faculty of Letters, The Reading Room of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, The Reading Room of Geography Department, The Multidisciplinary Reading Room, German Reading Room – partner Goethe Institute.*

- **indirect access to publications** → the request for the needed publications existing in the **Deposits of the Faculty Libraries** is based on a filled-in form (for home loan)

➤ **Various tutorials** on using the online catalogue, the scientific databases containing full-text articles, abstracts, e-books - <http://biblio.central.ucv.ro/>.

Home Lending Publications

Students can borrow only three titles at a time.

The returning due time is 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 15 days.

Teachers can request a loan of maximum 3 publications under the same conditions as students.

Users from outside the University of Craiova are not allowed to use home loan service, but they have access to the reading rooms.

The publications exempted from the home loan service are:

- publications existing in a single copy;
- documents from Legal Deposits;
- periodicals;
- standard reference publications such as: dictionaries, encyclopaedias, 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 Inner Order Regulations 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 Library Law no. 334/2002 and to the methodology approved by the O.M. Ed.C. no 4626/2005. Users must check the status of publications before borrowing and must inform the librarian on the missing or damaged pages, if any.

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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 and researchers of the University; employees of the University of Craiova
- other users as graduates or retired persons (access to reading room loan only).

In 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 have an access card accompanied by the identity card. The library cards are issued when registering.

The Access in the Reading Rooms

All users have the right to access documents in all reading rooms both from the central unit and from its branches after they have presented the library card and after they have filled out, clearly and correctly, the request form with the bibliographical details of the needed publication.

In the reading rooms, a maximum of five books or three periodicals can be studied at a time and users can access certain publications from the Library collections (periodicals, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, lexicons, bibliographies, monographs, etc).

In accordance with Library Inner Order Regulations, 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 the Library, if the user is found to be violating the Library Regulations;
- fill in the last request form in the deposit library not later than fifteen minutes before the end of the program.

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