

University of Malta Library resources: Law

Melitensia Department:

Books:

- Laws of Malta (1813 onwards)
- Maltese Constitutions (1921, 1936, 1947, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1974)
- Parliamentary Debates (1860 onwards)
- Superior Court Decisions (1839- 2014)
- Inferior Court Decisions (1939- 1989)
- Malta Government Gazette, and supplements A, and C. (1813-2012 available in printed format in Melitensia. More recent copies are available online via the Government of Malta website)
- L-Alfabett tal-Kodiċi Ċivili / Philip Sciberras. Volum A - Volum T-Ž
- L-Alfabett tal-kodiċi ta' organizzazzjoni u proċeduri ċivili / Philip Sciberras. Volum A-D

Print Journals:

- The Law Journal(1947-1973)
- Law Journal (1971-1973)
- Id-Dritt : law journal(1975 onwards)
- Law and Practice (2000-2014)

Dissertations:

All dissertations are now available online in [OAR@UM](https://oar.um.edu.mt/).

Law Notes:

- J. Anastasi Pace
- Ġuże Cauchi
- V. Caruana
- M. Caruana Curran
- V. Caruana Galizia
- R. Cirillo
- Coleiro
- F. Cremona
- Adrian Dingli
- J. Flores
- V. Gatt
- Wallace Gulia
- H.W. Harding
- A.J. Mamo
- G. Sapiano
- P.P. Saydon
- Andre T. Vince
- Antonio Zammit Gabaretta

Other law books can be found from the library catalogue. In Melitensia, it is important for students to first consult the library catalogue (HyDi), and if their search is unsuccessful they should turn to the library card catalogue. In case

of any difficulty they are always welcome to ask the Melitensia staff.

Periodicals Department:

In general, the Library is subscribed to approximately 60,000 electronic journals in full-text and some 150 journals in print format.

Print Journals:

The Library is subscribed to approximately 20 print journal titles pertaining to Law. In the Periodicals Department one can find journals from 2015 to present. Law journals can be found in the K section. Pre2015 volumes are kept in depositories. One can ask a librarian if such volumes are needed. Print journals cannot be borrowed.

Online Resources:

Can be accessed from here: <https://www.um.edu.mt/library/databases>

HeinOnline:

The Library is subscribed to the Academic Core Collection. This collection includes:

- Law Journal Library
- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS)
- Canada Supreme Court Reports
- Early American Case Law
- English Reports, Full Reprint (1220-1867)
- European Center for Minority Issues
- Fastcase Basic
- International Law Association Reports
- Federal Register/Code of Federal Regulations
- Legal Classics
- Manual of Patent Examining Procedure
- Pentagon Papers
- Revised Statutes of Canada
- Trends in Law Library Management and Technology
- United States Code
- U.S. Attorney General & Department of Justice Collection
- U.S. Federal Legislative History Library
- U.S. Presidential Library
- U.S. Statutes at Large
- U.S. Supreme Court Library
- U.S. Treaties and Agreements Library
- Women and the Law (Peggy)
- World Constitutions Illustrated

Lexis + UK Legal Research:

Lexis + UK Legal Research provides full-text access to legal, tax and accountancy information. This includes many UK reported and unreported cases, legislation, and a number of UK legal journals. Commentary includes the Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia and Halsbury's Laws of England.

Lexis 360 Intelligence:

Lexis 360 Intelligence is a comprehensive legal research platform designed to provide professionals with advanced tools for accessing legal information, case law, statutes, and news. It integrates artificial intelligence and machine learning to deliver intelligent insights and personalized search results. The platform streamlines legal research, enhances efficiency, and helps users stay updated on legal trends and developments. Lexis 360 Intelligence is widely used by law firms, corporate legal departments, and other legal professionals for its robust features, which include advanced search capabilities, data analytics, and actionable insights.

Max Planck Encyclopedias of International Law:

The Max Planck Encyclopedias of International Law is a comprehensive, analytical resource containing peer-reviewed articles on every aspect of international law.

Criminology Collection (ProQuest):

This collection supports research on crime, its causes and impacts, legal and social implications, as well as law enforcement and security services. It includes the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Abstracts Database, with further index and full-text coverage of scholarly journals. It also includes correctional and law enforcement trade publications, crime reports, crime blogs and other relevant material for researchers or those preparing for careers in criminal justice, law enforcement, and related fields.

Coverage: 1975 - current

U.K. Parliamentary Papers (ProQuest):

U.K. Parliamentary Papers provides complete online coverage of the sessional papers of the British House of Commons and the 19th Century House of Lords. It includes a detailed primary source for the history of Britain, its colonies, and the wider world. It covers working documents of the government for all areas of social, political, economic and foreign policy.

Westlaw UK:

Westlaw UK gives access to vast but easily searchable databases of case law, legislation, news, legal journals, commentary, current awareness alerts and EU legal materials. The database includes:

- 400,000 case reports and transcripts dating back to 1220
- Legislation consolidated back to 1267
- Analytical commentary from the entire Common Law Library
- Access to 110 journals

Other multidisciplinary databases:

Academic Search Ultimate:

The Academic Search Ultimate is a multi-disciplinary database which offers an enormous collection of full text journals. It contains:

- 10,033 active full-text journals and magazines
- 7,325 active full-text peer-reviewed journals with no embargo
- 5,612 active full-text journals indexed in Web of Science or Scopus
- more than 800 Law Journals.

Taylor & Francis Online:

Taylor & Francis Online is a comprehensive academic platform offering access to a vast collection of scholarly content. It provides journals, articles, and eBooks across various disciplines, including social sciences, humanities, technology, medicine, and more. Known for its high-quality peer-reviewed publications, the database supports researchers, educators, and students by providing tools for browsing, searching, and downloading academic resources. Its user-friendly interface allows advanced search options, citation management, and access to impactful research worldwide.

Wiley Online Library:

The Wiley Online Library hosts over 1,600 peer-reviewed journals across a wide range of disciplines, including science, technology, medicine, humanities, and social sciences. It is one of the largest and most trusted collections of academic and professional research in the world.

It includes 41 journals in the field of law and 16 journals specifically related to criminology, offering a variety of resources for legal studies and criminal justice research. These journals cover topics ranging from legal theory and practice to interdisciplinary studies on crime and criminal behaviour, supporting diverse academic and professional needs.

Some Important Websites related to Law:

- British and Irish Legal Information Institute: <http://www.bailii.org/>
It provides access to the most comprehensive set of British and Irish primary legal materials that are available for free.
- Canadian Council on International Law: <http://www.ccil-ccdi.ca/>
It promotes the co-operative study and analysis of international legal problems by scholars in universities and by professionals in government service and private practice.
- European Union: http://europa.eu/european-union/index_en
It is the official website of the European Union. It provides basic information on how the EU works, the latest EU news and events and links to EU information on other websites of EU institutions and agencies.
- Government of Malta, official website: <https://www.gov.mt/mt/Pages/home.aspx>
It provides links to government departments and ministries as well as various legal services, including access to the full text of the Laws of Malta and Court Services such as cases and sentences.

- International Court of Justice: <http://www.icj-cij.org/en>

The International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. The Court's role is to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies.

- Legislation.gov.uk: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/>

It is the official revised edition of the primary legislation of the United Kingdom made available online.

- National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS): <https://www.ncjrs.gov>

It offers justice and drug-related information to support research, policy and program development worldwide.

- Studio Cataldi: Portale di Informazione Giuridica: <http://www.studiocataldi.it/>

It provides access to daily updates devoted to legislation, case law, information and utility law. It also contains the text of the main Italian Codes and links to Italian legal journals and databases.

Reference Department:

Examples of legal sources available at Main Library, Reference Department:

- Subsidiary Legislation --- Shelf mark: Ref. S1A (in Cabinet)
- Decizjonijiet tat-Tribunal tal-Arbitragg ghal Malta -Period: Dec 1949 – Feb 1973. Shelf mark: Ref. S1A
- Decizjonijiet tal-Qorti ta' l- Appell -Period: 1964-1975, 1978- 1980 Shelf mark: Ref. S1A
- Gabra tas-Sentenzi tat-Tribunali ta' Dawn il-Gzejjer, vols.1-65 Shelf mark: Ref. S1A
- Decizjonijiet dwar l-Ippjanar (1994), vols. 1-6 Shelf mark: Ref. S1A
- Acts of Parliament (available in Maltese and English languages) - Shelf mark: Ref. S1A (in Cabinet)
- The Word of the Court (Mandate Judgements), by Philip Farrugia Randon Shelf mark: Ref. S1A

A selection of single volumes and multi-volume dictionaries such as:

- Black's Law Dictionary - (Shelf mark: Ref.S1)
- Garner's Dictionary of Legal Usage - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Legal Thesaurus - (Shelf mark: Ref.S1)
- Words and Phrases Legally Defined - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Statsky Legal Thesaurus/Dictionary - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Stroud's Judicial Dictionary - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Novissimo Digesto Italiano - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Dictionary of the Civil Code - (Shelf mark: Ref. SJC11) English translation of Vocabulaire Juridique
- Jowitt's dictionary of English Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Dictionary of International and Comparative Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. SB)

A selection of single and multi-volume encyclopedias, as well as companions:

- The Oxford Companion to Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. S1)
- Encyclopedia of Law and Society - (Shelf mark: Ref. SAB1)
- Encyclopedia of United Nations and International Agreements - (Shelf mark: Ref. SBY)

Other reference works including bibliographies, handbooks, and others:

- Information Sources in Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. S2)
- Bibliography of International Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. S2)

- Bibliography of Translations of Codes and Other Laws of Private Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. S2)
- Legal Information: How to Find it. How to Use it. - (Shelf mark: Ref. S2)
- European Union Update --- (Shelf mark: Ref. SBY)
- Constitutions of the Countries of the World - (Shelf mark: Ref. SC)
- Constitutions of Dependencies and Territories - (Shelf mark: Ref. SC)
- Gore-Browne on EU Company Law - (Shelf mark: Ref. SBY)
- European Community Cases - (Shelf mark: Ref. SBY)

Laws and Theology Library

The mission of the Faculties of Laws and Theology Library is to provide scholarly information resources in law and theology, both in print and electronic formats to academics, students and staff of the respective faculties. The Library's primary goal is to support the curriculum and research needs of both Faculties. In addition, this Library also provides reference and other assistance to registered and outside users.

The Library is located within Block A, New Humanities Building, Faculty of Laws and Faculty of Theology on Level II Room 303. The Library is not just a collection of books but offers wireless connectivity and study spaces.

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