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Modern Language Libraries

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Our collection

Main Library

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The collections cover original literary works, translations and critical works from all periods of literature from medieval to modern. The principal collections are in Zones 3A and 3B of the Main Library.

There are also course books, grammars and dictionaries for a range of languages. The Language and Literature Reference collection in Zone 3C of the Main Library has monolingual, bilingual and specialised dictionaries in most European languages.

Video and DVD collection

The Video/DVD collection in Zone LGC of the Main Library contains feature films, documentaries, dramatised literary works and other visual material in various languages which can be loaned or viewed on the DVD viewing equipment adjacent to the collection.

Academic Journals and other resources

The University subscribes to around 200 academic journals in modern languages, and also has a number of current newspapers and magazines in the major European languages which are available to read in the iLounge.

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