Biomedical Sciences – the library essentials

Resources to support the study of Biomedical Sciences can be found in both the Queen’s Campus Library, situated on level 2 of the Ebsworth Building at Stockton, and the Main Library on the Science site of the Durham Campus. This guide gives details of the Queen’s Campus collections.

Reference Sources

Subject-related reference sources, such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, and directories, are kept in the Reference section. This is a separate set of shelves on the left as you walk towards the main book shelves in the Queen’s Campus Library. In the Catalogue the prefix Ref in front of the shelfmark indicates material held in this section.

Online

A number of reference works are now available online in full-text e.g. the Biotech Life Sciences Dictionary. Explore the links provided under on the Library web site.

Short Loan Collection & 3 day loans

The Short Loan Collection contains books and photocopied articles which are in high demand as essential reading. It is located to the left of the entrance as you walk in to the Queen’s Campus Library. You may borrow up to 3 items at any one time. Loans are for 4 hours, overnight or for a weekend. These items appear in the Library Catalogue as:

Location = Queen’s, Short Loan  Loan type = Short

Other heavily used items are given 3 day loan status and are kept on the main book shelves. Use the Catalogue to book Short Loan Collection items in advance and to place reservations on 3 day loans and long loans.

Biomedical Sciences Web pages

Information and links to selected resources for Biomedical Sciences are provided on the Library web site.

Journals in Biomedical Sciences

Journals are arranged in shelfmark order in two sequences – current issues and the earlier bound volumes. At Queen’s the current issues are displayed in a separate section adjacent to the main book sequence. The bound volumes are shelved behind the main book sequence.

The shelfmarks for journals have the prefix J and are simplified versions of those for books e.g. J616 is the shelfmark for diseases and includes Trends
in Microbiology.

**Online**

Many journal articles are available electronically in **full-text**. Use the Catalogue to find out which journals are available to University members. **Search** for the **journal title** and **limit to journals**. Any electronic titles will include **Online** in the title display and will link directly through to full-text articles.

**Abstracts, indexes & bibliographies**

These resources are designed to help you extend your literature searches and to identify useful texts for your assignments or research. They index mainly journal articles, but can also include details of books, conference papers, research reports, and theses. The major ones are now online databases with subject search facilities.

**Online bibliographic databases**

These are listed on the Library web site. Of particular interest to Biomedical Sciences students will be **Web of Knowledge (Science Citation Index)**, **Medline**, **EMBASE**, and **BasicBIOSIS**.

**ConneXions**

When using the Library Catalogue and a variety of other online information resources look out for **ConneXions**. Clicking on the ConneXions link will help you obtain the full-text of the item you are interested in quickly and easily.

**Getting Help**

**In the library**

Ask staff at the service point next to the entrance/exit turnstiles. Alternatively, telephone: 0191 334 0270 or email: stockton.library@durham.ac.uk

**From your Librarian**

For subject information queries ask the Faculty Support Librarian for Biomedical Sciences, Heather Medcalf (h.d.medcalf@durham.ac.uk; telephone x40276) and Learning Support Librarian Caro Baker e-mail caro.baker@durham.ac.uk.

**On the Web**

You can find information about Library services and resources on the Library web site at [http://www.dur.ac.uk/library](http://www.dur.ac.uk/library). Use the Quick Links option to see Frequently Asked Questions or to submit queries via the Ask Us service and receive responses by e-mail.
Biomedical Sciences Books
– key shelfmarks

Books are arranged in the library by subject. These shelfmarks represent some of the subject areas of interest to you. Using keyword or subject searches in the Catalogue will help you to find appropriate shelfmarks for other topics.

570  Life sciences (general)
570.72 Research and statistical methods (biology)
571.6  Cell biology
572  Biochemistry
572.8  Molecular biology
576.5  Genetics
579.2  Virology
599.935  Heredity
610  Medical Sciences (general)
611  Anatomy (human)
611.018  Histology (human)
612  Physiology (human)
616.01  Medical microbiology
616.07  Pathology
616.079  Immunology

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