

**The library weblog:** The Library's blog pages give full details of services and facilities, and direct links to a wide range of electronic information, including electronic journals, open access, and e-books. Through this blog students can interact and share information with their colleagues.

- **Library staff**

Our services are managed by well trained and qualified librarians who are committed to provide modern and high quality information services to our customers.



**“House of Information and Research”**

**ZANZIBAR UNIVERSITY**  
*The Spring of Knowledge & Virtue*



# **LIBRARY SERVICES**

- **Library Hours**

**During Semester**

Monday-Friday 8.30—22.00  
Saturday-Sunday 8.30—12.30

**During Examinations**

Monday-Sunday 8.30—23.00

**During Vacation**

Monday-Friday 8.30—15.30

**Public Holidays** Closed

**Do not hesitate to ask assistance from library staff. We are here to serve you!**

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**Welcome to Zanzibar University Library Services: a centre of the University's intellectual grooming!**

**“Your success is ours too”**



- **About the Library**

The Zanzibar University library started along with the institution in the year 1998 with the aim of assisting the University in achieving its mission in the area of teaching, research and consultancy services. Currently, there is a main library and a Faculty of Engineering library which is located at the Engineering Building. The main library has one floor and a sitting capacity of 200 users at any given time.

- **Vision**

The library vision is to be the center of information and research and to provide an excellence, modern and high quality library services to students and staff.

- **Role**

Our role is to provide free access to the information resources required by members of the University for research, learning and teaching.

- **Library Material**

Our library contains a wealth of material to support learning and research at the University; It contains over 8,000 printed volumes and an extensive range of electronic resources. The library uses DDC in classifying and arranging materials on shelves. Example of available materials are; text books, Journals, Research papers, past examination papers, internship reports, law reports, local news paper, magazines etc

- **Library Collection**

Our library is organized into three main collections: (1) Social science collection; (2) Law collection which covers both Islamic and common laws; and (3) Reference and Special collection.

Another separate collection is the Zanzibar University Save the Children Resource Centre which provides access to child protection and child rights governance publications.

- **Library services**

**Lending services:** lending of library materials is done to both registered students and staff. These services are available at the main library upper floor. The loan period is one week for students of all levels. Users can borrow two books at a time.

**Reference services:** special collection and reference services are provided at the ground floor of the main library. Because of its importance, materials in reference section are not checked out. Library users are encouraged to approach staff in charge for advice and assistance in identification of relevant information resources available .

**Digital library services:** ZU is the only University in Zanzibar which provides modern library services. These services provided at the main library ground floor. Currently, the E-library provides free access to a

growing collection of more than 1500 relevant eBooks which cover the entire courses offered by the University. Also, ZU library provides Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) which integrates catalog records of both traditional and electronic resources.

**E-Resources:** the library subscribes to full text e-journals for the benefit of both students and staff. These resources can be accessed through any computer terminal with internet connection on campus.

**User training:** in order to enhance library user education, the library provides periodical and systematic information literacy training throughout a semester. Also, the library conducts formal orientation programs to first year students at the commencement of each academic year.

**Research papers & Dissertations:** ZU Library is a repository of all unpublished research papers which have been conducted by staff, postgraduates and final year undergraduates. Thus, the library provides free access to cross-searching printed collection of intellectual output of the Zanzibar University.

**Internet services:** Currently, there is a number of workstations within library premises which are connected with internet. Through these PCs, users are free to browse online information in order to fulfill their information needs. Also, wireless connection is available for those who have their own laptops.