

# Resources for Architecture

**Contact details for further help are at the end of this guide.**

The resources in this guide will help you learn more about your subject. The best place to start your search is **Discover**, which provides you with easy access to thousands of books, eBooks, journal articles and much more. You can access Discover and other key resources via the Library website, LJMU student homepage and MyLJMU portal.

Remember, your modules also have reading lists in Canvas with links to recommended books, eBooks, journal articles and other subject resources.

## Books and eBooks

There is an extensive collection of books and eBooks on all aspects of Architecture. You can browse what is available in your subject area or look for specific titles by searching **Discover**.

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Type a book title or keywords and select the search icon
- From the results screen, you can filter your results by selecting **Books**
- Select a book title to see more details and availability
- eBooks will have links to view online
- Print books will show number of copies and location

Print books have a class number and are organised numerically by that number on the shelves for example the class number for is Architecture 720 and House plans 728.

## Journals

Journals are published on a regular basis and contain up-to-date information. Journals contain articles focussing on specific topics written by subject specialists.

To find individual journal titles on your subject area:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Journals** option
- Type a journal title you wish to access and select the search icon
- Select a journal title to see more details and availability
- eJournals will have links to view online
- Print journals will show number of issues and location

## Databases

You can search for journal articles using **Discover** or via individual databases. There are different types of databases. For example:

- **Full-text databases** provide access to full-text information such as journal articles, book chapters, reports, standards, statistics and legislation
- **Abstracting and Indexing Databases** are searchable indexes, you can view the abstract or summary for each resource. If full-text is available follow the link, if not you can request an Inter-library loan.

To access a database:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Databases** option
- Select **Architecture** to see suggested databases or type the name of the database in the search box and select the **search icon**
- Select the database title to see more details and note any log-in requirements
- Select the database link

### Full-text Databases

The databases below are listed in alphabetical order.

#### Art and Architecture Archive

The archive is a research resource comprising the digitized backfiles of some of the foremost art and architecture magazines of the twentieth century. Titles included are Architects' Journal (1929-2005) and Architecture Review (1896-2005).

#### Art Full Text (H.W. Wilson)

This is a comprehensive resource for art information featuring full-text articles from periodicals dating back to 1995. The database covers architecture and titles included are Architectural Review, Architects' Journal, Architectural Record, and Metropolis: Architecture Design.

#### BCIS

Provides access to Building Cost Information Service for example TPI – Tender Price Index.

#### Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

BoB gives access to an archive of TV and radio programmes from 2007 onwards, including all the main free-to-air TV channels. You can create playlists, make clips, and link to content.

#### British Standards Online

Provides access to British Standards and Eurocodes.

#### Cambridge Core

A collection of eBooks and journals this includes a key collection of resources on architecture.

### **Construction Information Service (CIS)**

CIS is an online tool to quickly access current regulations, construction standards, technical advice and industry news on building, engineering, design and construction processes in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. It provides full text access to the AJ (Architects' Journal)

### **Detail Inspiration**

An image and reference database to support architects in their search for construction solutions.

### **Digimap**

Provides access to geospatial data in the following collections: Ordnance Survey, Historic, Geology, Marine, Environment, Aerial, Lidar, Global and Society.

### **EG Radius Data Exchange**

Provides access to the online news, market data, legal, research and information service for the commercial property market.

### **Emerald Insight**

Provides access to peer-reviewed journals, books and case studies. Content covers a wide range of subjects including accounting and finance, business and management, marketing, education, information studies and engineering. It includes many key journal titles for the Built Environment.

### **FT.com**

FT.com (Financial Times) gives access to UK and world news, companies, markets, global economy, providing comment & analysis, and insight into management ideas and practice. The *Special Reports* are useful for researching industries or countries.

### **i-Law.com**

Provides access to Building Law Reports.

### **Lexis Library**

Access to up-to-date legislation, case law, commentary and full-text and abstract of a wide range of legal journal articles. The News tab contains an archive of UK national and regional newspapers, with coverage from the 1990s up to the present day.

### **Pressreader**

Provides access to newspapers and magazines. Content includes Architecture & Design, Architecture Digest (AD), Nordic Living, and Wallpaper.

### **Proquest Central**

Provides access to databases across all major subject areas and includes thousands of full-text scholarly journals, trade and professional titles, newspapers, magazines, dissertations, working papers, case studies, and market reports.

### **RIBA**

RIBA Library Catalogue covers books, journals, and photographs held in the RIBA Library.

### **Sage Research Methods**

This resource supports research at all levels by providing material to guide users through every step of the research process including conducting a literature review.

### **Science Direct**

The world's leading source for scientific, technical, and medical research. It is a multidisciplinary database, which provides full-text access to references from high-quality journals e-books and major reference works. Digital archive dates back to 1823.

### **Springer Link**

A multidisciplinary database providing access to peer-reviewed journals, books, series, protocols, reference works and proceedings published by Springer.

### **Statista**

Provides access to statistics, studies and reports on countries, industries and consumer markets. It has global coverage

### **SURV**

An information resource provided by RICS with sections on Building Surveying, Commercial Property, Construction, Infrastructure, Planning, Residential, Rural, Sustainability and Valuation. Includes best practice, legal information and relevant RICS materials.

### **Taylor and Francis Online**

A multidisciplinary database providing full-text access to quality, peer-reviewed journals published by Taylor & Francis, Routledge and Psychology Press.

### **UK Data Service**

The UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resource, including UK census data and government funded surveys as well as qualitative and business data

### **Wiley**

A multidisciplinary database providing access to over 4 million articles from 1,600 journals, online book chapters and eBooks published by Wiley.

## Academic Abstracting and Indexing Databases

The databases below are listed in alphabetical order.

### Scopus

Multidisciplinary abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: journals, books and conference proceedings, many with links to full text

### Web of Science

A powerful research platform and global citation index including over 161 million records for books, peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and conference proceedings across 254 disciplines. It includes access to the Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1975 to the present), Science Citation Index Expanded (1970 to the present), Social Sciences Citation Index Expanded (1970 to the present). It also contains citation data e.g. journal impact factors and h-index to help you identify quality research.

You can check if LJMU has access to full-text by clicking on the **Full Text** icon within the database, this will check our other collections and direct you to any available full-text.

## Websites

The content of websites is unregulated. Therefore, it is important that you check the quality and accuracy of information on the internet to ensure that it is reliable, accurate and of an academic standard. There are selected websites or search engines that you can use to help find appropriate information online, for example Google Scholar. If you find details for a relevant resource on the internet, you can check if LJMU has full-text access.

## Further Help

The Academic Engagement Librarian for the School of Architecture is:

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Please contact her to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

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