

E-RESOURCES FOR LAW

ACCESSING THE E-RESOURCES

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<http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/search/y>.

Go to: **Finding eResources by Title** and type the name of the eResource you require.

Note: to see a full list of eResources for law students, go to: **Finding eResources by Subject** and use the pull-down menu to select **Law**.

KEY LEGAL DATABASES

Westlaw UK

A very powerful legal database, providing:

- UK and EU cases, including *ICLR Law Reports* (1865 – onwards), *Weekly Law Reports* (1953 – onwards), *Criminal Appeal Reports* (1995 – onwards), and *Common Market Law Reports* (1962 – onwards).
- UK and EU legislation.
- Legal journals index: provides summaries (abstracts) of many thousands of legal journal articles.
- The full text to articles to over 100 legal journals, including major titles such as *Criminal Law Review*, *Law Quarterly Review*, and *Public Law*.
- Access to *Westlaw International*, which allows you to retrieve, for example, international legislation, cases and law reviews from countries such as the United States; Canada; Singapore; United Arab Emirates.
- UK newspapers: articles from the national and provincial press.

Lexis®Library

A very powerful legal database, providing:

- UK and EU cases, including *ICLR Law Reports* (1865 – onwards), *All England Law Reports* (1936 – onwards), and *Times Law Reports* (1988 – onwards).
- UK and EU legislation.

- The full text to articles from almost 100 legal journals, including major titles such as *Journal of Criminal Law*, *Law Society Gazette*, and *New Law Journal*.
- *Halsbury's Laws of England* (the online version of the legal encyclopaedia).
- *Legal Alerts*: allows you to set a schedule for regular e-mail updates providing the latest results on legal topics of interest to you.
- UK newspapers: articles from the national and provincial press.

Both *Westlaw UK* and *Lexis®Library* are tailor-made for the UK legal market. Whilst there is some overlap in their content, you **MUST** familiarise yourself with both databases, e.g.

- The journal content on both *Westlaw UK* and *Lexis®Library* is particularly significant. *Westlaw UK* is licensed to hold legal journals published by Sweet & Maxwell (e.g. *Law Quarterly Review* and *Public Law*), which you will not find on *Lexis®Library*. On the other hand, *Lexis®Library* holds journals such as the *Law Society Gazette* and *Environmental Law Review* which you will not find on *Westlaw UK*.
- *Westlaw UK* has links to international law, via *Westlaw International*, which you will not find on *Lexis®Library*.
- *Lexis®Library* holds the online version of *Halsbury's Laws of England*, which you will not find on *Westlaw UK*.
- *Lexis®Library* allows you to set up and receive legal alerts by e-mail.

HeinOnline

HeinOnline provides access to the back-files of over 800 international legal journals.

Although the emphasis in HeinOnline is on American titles, many major UK titles are included, e.g. *Cambridge Law Journal* and *Modern Law Review*.

It also provides the full-text of the *English Reports* (13th century – 1867): these early cases played an important role in formulating the basis of our common law as we know it today.

OTHER IMPORTANT LEGAL DATABASES

Oxford Journals Law Collection

The OUP law collection provides full-text access to thirty legal journals published by Oxford UP, and not available elsewhere. Major titles include *Human Rights Law Review*, *Industrial Law Journal*, *Journal of Environmental Law*, *Medical Law Review*, and *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*. Once you enter Oxford Journals, go to '**JOURNALS BY SUBJECT**', and click on '**LAW**'.

Jordan Publishing online journals / Family Law Online

Once you enter the database, click on '**FAMILY LAW**' (in the left-hand frame). You will now see various family law publications that you can access, including these major journal titles: *Family Law Journal*; *Child and Family Law Quarterly*; *International Family Law*.

You also have full-text access to *Family Law Reports [FLR]* (1980 – onwards), an authoritative series of law reports covering family and child case law, e.g. practice and procedure, divorce, adoption, and welfare of the child. Note: *Family Law Reports [FLR]* must NOT be confused with the series titled *Law Reports, Family Division [Fam]*, published by ICLR.

Immigration Case Law Review

ICLR provides contemporary comment and law reports concerning immigration law from *Amicus Curiae*. Note: this series ceased publication in August 2013.

Available online via the Library catalogue at: <http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/record=b1366208~S1>.

SPECIFIC E-JOURNALS FOR LAW

Some legal journals are **NOT** available online via the above legal databases, i.e. *Westlaw UK*, *Lexis®Library*, *HeinOnline*, and *Oxford Journals Law Collection*. Titles include:

Common Market Law Review

Criminal Law and Philosophy

European Law Journal

Gazette, also known as Law Society Gazette

Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice

Journal of Law and Society

Law and Humanities

Law Teacher

Legal Studies

Modern Law Review

Solicitors Journal

Sport and the Law Journal

You must use the Library catalogue to gain online access to the above titles. Go to:

<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/library/>.

1. Select '**Catalogue**' and then '**Journal Title Search**'.
2. Type in the name of the journal you require, e.g. *modern law review*.

3. Click on the relevant link to connect to the online version of the journal. Off-campus, you need to enter your UoB username and password.

OTHER DATABASES WITH SIGNIFICANT LEGAL CONTENT

ProQuest®

A world-class international business database, but also includes numerous law journals not available on other legal databases. Students studying European law, international law, environmental law, and law and society, will find ProQuest useful.

Notable publications concerning EU law include: *Common Market Law Review* and *European Constitutional Law Review*. Other titles (mainly American) include *Chicago Journal of International Law*; *Crime, Law and Social Change*; *Law and Human Behavior*; *OECD Journal of Competition Law and Policy*.

XpertHR professional

XpertHR is a part of the IRS (Industrial Relations Services). It is a useful source for employment law, including daily updates, case studies, model policies and podcasts.

From the XpertHR homepage and select '**Tools: Employment Law**'. You can now select from a variety of sub-menus, including an up-to-date UK employment law '**manual**' and a '**Legal Timetable**'.

E-BOOKS FOR LAW

To see what eBooks the Library provides to support law students;

1. Go to <http://www.bradford.ac.uk/library/library-resources/ebooks/>.
2. Enter some keywords into the 'Search' box, e.g. criminal law.
3. For more eBooks, use the following eBook databases:

Oxford Scholarship Online – Law

OSO Law is a vast eBook library which offers online access to the full-text of numerous scholarly law books published by Oxford University Press.

1. Access via the eResource webpages at: <http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/search/y>.
2. In the search box, type: **oxford scholarship**.
3. Once you enter Oxford Scholarship Online, scroll down the page to '**SUBJECT: [+] Law**', and click on **[+]**. This will take you to a list of subjects within the OSO Law collection.

Ebrary® Academic Complete

Ebrary provides access to more than 80,000 eBooks in many different subject areas, including Law. The collection contains textbooks from university presses and academic publishers. You will find titles of interest, especially concerning law and society.

1. Access via the eResources webpage at <http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/search/y>.
2. Type 'ebrary' in the search box.

FREE INTERNET SITES FOR LAW

Legal abbreviations

Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations (<http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk>).

General gateway for case reports

BAILII (<http://www.bailii.org>) is the site for the British and Irish Legal Information Institute and gateway to the full-text of much British and Irish legislation and case law.

Government gateways to statutory and Parliamentary information

Legislation.gov.uk (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk>) includes all UK statutes from the Magna Carta to the present day.

United Kingdom Parliament (<http://www.parliament.uk/>) provides detailed information about UK parliament and legislative process.

Official gateways to EU and international law

Eur-Lex (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) is the official portal to EU law. It includes access to the case-law of the Court of Justice.

HUDOC (<http://www.coe.int>) is the official portal to the European Court of Human Rights, providing access to the case-law of the ECHR and documentation from the European Commission of Human Rights.

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

The ICJ is where the judicial body of the United Nations sits to settle international legal disputes. Based in the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands and must not be confused with the International Criminal Court.

International Criminal Court (<http://www.icc-cpi.int>). The ICC was established in July 2002 to prosecute individuals for crimes against humanity, including war crimes and genocide. Its official seat is in The Hague, Netherlands, but its proceedings may take place elsewhere.

Sentencing information and legal directories

Law Pages (<http://www.thelawpages.com/index.php>) provide a range of sentencing information and includes directories of solicitors and barristers (contact details, specialisms, etc.), and listings of the various courts.

General gateways to legal information

LawBore (<http://www.lawbore.net>) is the legal portal of City University, London. It provides links to a variety of free legal information, including video-clips, e.g. on mooting techniques.

Delia Venables Legal Resources (<http://www.venables.co.uk>) provides links to resources for students.

Legal news and gossip

Roll on Friday (<http://www.rollonfriday.co.uk>) is useful for news, views and gossip on various law firms (including what they pay!). You must register first to receive an e-mail each Friday afternoon with the week's top legal stories.

Research summaries and innovative reports produced by Bradford University Law School

Law in Brief (<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/management/research/groups/law>) focuses on issues currently being researched and debated at Bradford University Law School and within the wider legal community.

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