

Langson Library Self-Guide Tour

Begin Your Tour in the Library Lobby on the 2nd Floor: *Stand looking toward the large glass display cases, and facing away from the entrance.* Remember that you enter the Langson Library building on the 2nd floor.

The Langson Library is one of the eight original buildings on campus, designed by architect William Pereira in 1965. Langson contains the collections and services that support research and teaching in the Arts, Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Social Ecology, and Business & Management.

2nd Floor:

To your right, you will see our **Ask Us Desk**.

- This is where you can get your questions about **how to find materials and conduct research** answered. Friendly librarians are eager to help you out, so don't be shy! And, if you're in need of personalized research help, make a half-hour, one-on-one Research Consultation appointment with a librarian. We'll meet you here at your convenience or you can even request to work with a librarian online, instead of coming in to the library.

Behind and on each side of the Ask Us Desk, you will see an open area with a variety of seating and study options. In addition to study space, this is the **New Books** and **Current Periodicals** area.

- The latest issues of academic journals and popular magazines, as well as domestic and international newspapers can be found here. There are plenty of comfortable chairs and study spaces, so make yourself at home.

To your left, you'll see the **Check Out Desk**.

- This is where you **activate your library card** (your campus ID card is your library card) and **check out and return books**.
- This is also where you'll find **course reserves material**. When professors want their students to read a certain book or journal article, they'll often put it on course reserve.
- Just past the **Check Out Desk**, you'll see two **Express Check Out Stations** which allow you to check out materials independently.

If you have questions about **how to print** materials in the library, ask at the Check Out Desk. Whether photocopying materials, or printing from one of our public workstations, or even from your own wireless connected laptop or handheld device, the UCI Libraries print staff can help and our printing network can do the job for you.

Campus ID cards are used for printing and photocopying at all UCI Libraries. Funds can be added to campus ID cards and Library copy/print cards, and Library copy/print cards can be purchased at card dispenser and refill machines located on the 1st and 2nd floors.

Now, looking straight ahead, you should see an **exhibit case**.

- The library showcases materials from our Special Collections and Archives on a rotating basis, so be sure to check out these exhibits when you visit.

Directly behind the exhibit case is the **Classroom**, where **library workshops and classes** are usually held.

Now take the elevator to your right, next to the current periodicals area, and go one floor down.

1st Floor:

Once you get out of the elevator, take a look around.

- The computer workstations you see on this floor are available for anyone to use—no ID or sign-up necessary. There are also a number of convenient power outlets available throughout this floor – perfect for keeping your laptop, iPad, music device or phone charged as you study.
- You'll also find plenty of comfortable group study work tables near the windows looking out onto Aldrich Park. Remember the 1st and 3rd floors are areas where group study is encouraged (so no “shushing” allowed, ok?). If you're looking for quiet study in Langson, the 4th floor and Basement are designated quiet study areas.
- The library's reference collection is located on this floor. Because reference materials such as encyclopedias and dictionaries can only be used inside the library building, many students make copies of the information they need using one of the copy machines located throughout the library. Networked printers are also available on each floor of the building.
- Of course, much of our reference collection, and our collection as a whole, is available online. So, please don't forget to ask the research librarians how to access electronic materials if you have any trouble finding what you're looking for!
- The first floor also holds the East Asian collection, which contains Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language materials covering a variety of subjects. Finally, you'll see Orange County and California government publications on this floor as well.

Basement:

The next tour stop is the Basement. Take the elevator one floor down. When you exit the elevator, move to your right, until you're standing in an open area in front of a large study table and several computers. In addition to the 4th floor, the Basement is one of the officially designated quiet study areas in the building, whereas the first and third floors are best for group study.

- On this floor, you'll find **oversized materials and older issues of magazines and journals in print**. You'll also find a number of public workstations.
- While here, take a closer look at the bookshelves on this floor. You might notice that these shelves are a little different from the usual! There's no space between most of the shelves. We call it compact shelving and it's designed to save space in the library, allowing more room for our collections to keep growing. If you have any questions how to use the compact shelves, just let us know. We'll be happy to give you a test drive.

3rd and 4th Floors:

Just a few more things – FYI – the really fun stuff is on the 3rd and 4th floors! The majority of our amazing books are located on the 3rd and 4th floors, but you really need to explore those areas on your own, at your own relaxed pace.

- For more information on how to find books (and other kinds of resources like electronic copies of journal articles) check out the Libraries' Begin Research online workshop: <http://www.lib.uci.edu/how/tutorials/LibraryWorkshop/begin.html>
- The 3rd floor also features the **Southeast Asian Archive**, which documents the experiences of refugees and immigrants from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam in the United States, with a special focus on Southeast Asians in Orange County and California.

5th Floor:

Take the Fifth! Finally, don't miss the library's **Special Collections and Archives**, located on the 5th floor. Lots of rare books and manuscripts are kept there, including a First Folio edition of Shakespeare's plays, printed in 1623. So be sure to stop by, especially if you're looking for primary sources for your research.

And remember, if you need help finding a book or article, ask a librarian! We hope you've enjoyed this tour and will make the library your home away from home here at UCI.