

2.8 Libraries

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The books that are prescribed for any course at Åbo Akademi University in Åbo should be available at the ASA library. For those studying at the Vasa Campus, course books can be found at the university library Tritonia in Vasa. For courses given at the University of Turku, please consult their course book library. There should be several copies of each book, but please note that there are not enough copies for all course participants.

In the university libraries, most items are listed in the library catalogue. There are separate library catalogues for the Åbo and Vasa campuses at Åbo Akademi University. For libraries on the Åbo Campus, you use Alma and for books at Tritonia you use their database Tria. For books in the libraries of the University of Turku, use Volter. You will find the information about the library catalogue and how to use it on the library's web pages.

You may also want to use the database of all Finnish university libraries, Melinda (<http://linda.linneanet.fi>) as well as other special databases. Information about the catalogues and the databases is available at the library web pages.

Online searches in the university network's catalogues and databases are free of charge and can be done in Swedish, Finnish and English. You can ask the library staff for help to get you started.

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Åbo Akademi University Library is an all-around knowledge centre actively supporting research, teaching and learning. The library serves primarily teachers, researchers and students of the university, but it is also open to the general public. Åbo Akademi University Library consists of several units which focus on different disciplines. In connection to the library units there are computers, photocopiers, reading rooms, desks, cafés and smaller rooms for groups. You can also read newspapers at the library. The facilities vary between the different units.

The different units are:

- The Main Library (has a complete collection of all materials published in Finland since 1919)
- The ASA Library (course books, Information Studies, Women's Studies, Mathematics, Economics and Statistics, Sociology, Political Science, Public Administration)
- The Axelia Library (Department of Chemical Engineering, Department of Natural Sciences, The Accelerator Laboratory)
- The Biocity Library (Biochemistry and Pharmacy, Cell Biology, Environmental and Marine Biology, Parasitology)
- The Economics Library (Organisation and Management, International Marketing, Accounting)
- The Arts and Humanities Library (all subjects at the Faculty of Arts, including Psychology and Logopedics, as well as the Centre for Language and Communication)
- The ICT Library (Information Technologies)
- The Manuscript and Picture Unit