



Maynooth University Library Regulations

1. Library Admission

1.1 All registered Maynooth University (MU) and St. Patrick's Pontifical University (SPPU) staff and students are entitled to access Maynooth University Library. Other categories of membership are available and may incur a fee.

1.2 All users must have a current approved access card to gain entry and exit to the Library. These cards are **non-transferrable** and must be produced if requested by a member of library staff or security.

1.3 Students & Members are responsible for their cards, lost cards will need to be replaced.

1.4 The Library foyer is open to all members of the public including children. However, children are not allowed past the Library turnstiles and must be supervised at all times.

1.5 With the exception of Guide Dogs, animals are not permitted in any part of the Library.

1.6 All readers must comply with instruction from Staff members. If disruptive behaviours persists, the Individual(s) may be required to provide identification, to leave the library, or be referred to security.

1.7 All users of the Library are asked to refrain from making excessive noise and observe library signage indicating the type of study allowed in each area (silents study (level 2), quiet zone (level1))

1.8 Maynooth University Library reserves the right to refuse admission Further information can be found at <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library/using-library/information-visitors>

2. Borrowing and Consultation of Library Information Resources As a user of Maynooth University Library you are expected to:

2.1 Use our digital and electronic resources such as, but not limited to, online databases, ejournals and e-books within their specified terms of use.

2.2 Be responsible for the material that you borrow and ensure it is returned correctly by the due date and time. Fines will apply for late, unreturned or damaged material as per 2.7.

2.3 Only remove items from the Library that have been borrowed correctly.

2.4 Return all items correctly.

2.5 Return items that are recalled within the time requested on the recall notice.

2.6 Handle all rare and sensitive material according to the specified guidelines and as directed by Library staff.

2.7 Fines will not be charged on overdue Standard Loans nor on overdue Week Loans unless they are requested/recalled and then not returned after the new due date. Fines will be incurred for 1&2 day loans, laptop loans and These (3-hour loans): [Borrowing | Maynooth University](#)

2.8 If you have a fine of more than €10 on your account, you will be unable to borrow Further information can be found at: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library/using-library/borrowing>

3. Conduct in the Library As a user of Maynooth University Library you are expected to:

3.1 Respect your fellow users and Library staff at all times.

3.2 Treat all Library materials and the Library building with respect.

3.3 Ensure you have your MyCard or approved access card with you at all times and produce it if requested by a member of Library or Security staff.

3.4 Library study spaces are offered on a “First Come, First Served” basis. Refrain from reserving study spaces in the Library.

3.5 During busy periods (examination periods) the library may implement a seat monitoring policy. Any spaces left unattended for 45 mins may be cleared by library staff for use by another reader.

3.6 The library shall not be responsible for any stolen or damaged property.

3.7 Use PCs in the Library according the Public Access Computer Rooms (PACRs) Acceptable Use Policy and Code of Conduct <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/it-services/public-access-computer-rooms-pacr>

3.8 Take responsibility for all of your personal belongings, particularly electronic items, and not leave them unattended at any time as MU Library cannot be held responsible for their loss or damage.

3.9 Only consume food or drink on the Ground Floor of the Library. With the exception of bottled drinks, food and drink is not allowed in the Library past the turnstiles. Liquids are not permitted in the Russell Library or the Special Collections Reading Room Maynooth University Library Regulations.

3.10 Keep noise to a minimum so as not to disturb other users.

3.11 Keep your phone/mobile device on silent. Phone calls can be made and received outside the turnstiles on the Ground Floor.

3.12 Produce Library material in your possession to a member of Library staff if the book alarm sounds.

3.13 Co-operate with Library and Security staff if the fire alarm sounds and vacate the premises as requested.

3.14 Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes/vapes (or similar products) is prohibited in the Library Building and in the no smoking zone outside the Library in the vicinity of the revolving door.

4. Study Room Regulations Group Study Rooms, the Postgraduate Reading Room, and the Silent Study Room are for the use of Registered MU and SPCM students and staff only, as outlined below:

Group Study Rooms:

4.1 Group Study Rooms are for group work purposes only and should not be used for teaching or recreational purposes.

4.2 Users must book Group Study Rooms via the Library website using their MU email address http://nuim.libcal.com/booking/MU_GroupStudyRooms

4.3 Group Study Rooms should be used by groups (maximum of 8, minimum of 3) only.

4.4 Group Study Rooms cannot be reserved for individual use.

4.5 Each Group Study Room reservation is for a maximum of two hours per day.

4.6 All personal belongings should be removed and the room should be left tidy. Material should not be attached to the walls or windows.

4.7 Any user in a Group Study Room without a reservation must leave if requested by a group who has a reservation.

4.8 Any groups using the rooms for other than their intended purpose (group work/teaching) or creating excessive noise will be asked to leave the space.

Postgraduate Study Room:

4.9 The Postgraduate Study Room is for the use of registered MU and SPCM postgraduate students (taught Masters level and above) and staff only.

4.10 Access is granted at the Admission Desk on Ground Floor of the Library.

4.12 The door to the Postgraduate Study Room should be kept shut at all times.

4.13 Users are expected to check availability on the booking notice outside each door before entering.

Silent Study Room:

4.14 Is for the use of registered MU and SPPU students and staff only.

4.15 Operates on a first come first served basis.

4.16 It is a strictly silent space, anyone breaching this and disrupting other users will be asked to vacate the room.

5. Russell Library & Special Collections Reading Room

5.1. Users of the Russell Library and the Special Collections Reading Room must adhere to their specific terms of use [Special Collections and Archives | Maynooth University](#)

5.2. May be viewed during official opening hours and by appointment only.

5.3. Is for reference only and may not be borrowed.

5.4. May not be photocopied. Photographs may be made available at the Librarian's discretion.

These regulations will be reviewed periodically not later than October 2026.

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