

University Libraries



Library for Science and Technology



Library for Social Sciences



Library for Medical Sciences



Kobe University Library has collected approximately 3,600,000 bibliographical materials. The Library is comprised of General Library and 9 branches divided in accordance with subjects. (But General Library and Library for Intercultural Studies are sharing the same space.) 1 of these at Kusunoki, 1 at Myodani, 1 at Fukae and others at Rokkodai as follows.

Each library provides a wide range of books and journals to the students and staff to promote their education and assist their research. Computerization of the library system in cooperation with the Information Science and Technology Center and the establishment of networks with non-university institutions, such as the National Institute of Informatics, is extending the library network, helping to provide a better service for all users.

In 1999, "Kobe Digital Library" system launched its service. It provides digitized collections for users inside and outside the campus via the Worldwide Web(<http://www.lib.kobe-u.ac.jp/dlib/e-index.html>).

The library for Social Sciences stores 45,000 materials related to the Great Hanshin Earthquake. "The Earthquake Library" discloses them, and aims to contribute to boosting the emergency restoration, earthquake researches, and disaster-prevention measures.

- ① General Library
- ② Library for Social Sciences
- ③ Library for Science and Technology
- ④ Library for Humanities
- ⑤ Library for intercultural Studies
- ⑥ Library for Human Development Sciences
- ⑦ Library of Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration
- ⑧ Library for Medical Sciences
- ⑨ Library for Health Sciences
- ⑩ Library for Maritime Sciences

Number of Books

As of March 31, 2009

Library	Japanese and Chinese Books	Foreign Books	Total
General Library, Library for Intercultural Studies	355,941	145,413	501,354
Library for Social Sciences	586,351	670,325	1,256,676
Library for Science and Technology	251,367	225,340	476,707
Library for Humanities	177,031	105,882	282,913
Library for Human Development Sciences	247,590	73,473	321,063
Library of Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration	118,340	154,979	273,319
Library for Medical Sciences	55,684	81,445	137,129
Library for Health Sciences	52,508	8,201	60,709
Library for Maritime Sciences	195,913	57,889	253,802
Total	2,040,725	1,522,947	3,563,672

Library Hours

Library	During the Semester			During Vacations	
	Mon. – Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon. – Fri.	Sat. – Sun.
General Library			Closed	8:45~17:00	Closed
Library for Intercultural Studies					
Library for Social Sciences	8:45~21:30		10:00~18:00	8:45~21:30	10:00~18:00 except August
Library for Sciences and Technology		10:00~18:00			
Library for Humanities	8:45~20:00			8:45~17:00	
Library for Human-Development Sciences	8:45~21:00				Closed
Library of Research Institute for Economic and Business Administration	8:45~12:15 13:00~17:00	Closed	Closed	8:45~12:15 13:00~17:00	
Library for Medical Sciences	8:45~21:00	9:00~17:00		8:45~21:00	9:00~17:00 closed on Sunday
Library for Health Sciences				8:45~17:00	Closed
Library for Maritime Sciences	8:45~20:00	10:00~18:00			

- Closed on Sundays (except the Library for Social Sciences), holidays, the anniversary of the establishment (5/15) and 12/28-1/4.
- The Libraries extend the hours of operation during the examination period of the first and second semesters.
- Opened on Sundays except the first Sunday of every month.

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