

# Law Libraries in Sweden

Law libraries have been built up at universities, research centres, central authorities, courts and major law firms. Information about their collections, reference services and target groups is provided through the website of each library.

Free access to the law library catalogues is given online via Libris “websok. [libris.kb.se/websearch/form?type=simple](http://libris.kb.se/websearch/form?type=simple)”, the union catalogue of Swedish research libraries.

Rättskällan “[rask.uu.se/rattskallan.cfm?eng](http://rask.uu.se/rattskallan.cfm?eng)” is a free gateway with internet resources of high quality. It is a result of cooperation between law libraries in Sweden.

BIBSAM, the Royal Library’s Department for National Co-operation and Development “[www.kb.se/ENG/kbstart.htm](http://www.kb.se/ENG/kbstart.htm)”, has on behalf of research libraries in Sweden signed license agreements for the use of commercial databases. As central agreements often provide better conditions than agreements reached locally, there is reason for continuing the work building consortia.

Below is a compilation of Swedish law libraries.

## **Göteborg University Library/Economics Library**

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### ***History***

Under the name of the Economics Library the library at the School of Business, Economics and Law was incorporated with Göteborg University Library in 1971. The present beautiful building, accomplished in 1995, was designed by the architect Peter Erséus and the interior designer Pelle Frenning. They were both awarded the 1995 Kasper Salin Prize for their work. The Economics Library provides services to 7,000 students and a staff of 500 at six departments of the School of Business, Economics and Law. The Library covers the subjects of Law, Business Administration, Economics, Statistics, Economic Geography, Economic History, and Informatics.

As a part of the School of Business, Economics and Law at the Göteborg University, there are unique possibilities for the Department of Law to cooperate with different departments and a mission for the Economics Library is to facilitate this ambition by adequate media supply.

1998 a Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence was conferred at Göteborg University. Fundings from the Center of Excellence, among others, contribute to maintain the high standard of an EDC Library.

Göteborg University Library originates from Göteborg Museum Library, established in 1861. Advanced by donations, such as collection of books taken over from the Royal Swedish Society of Sciences and Letters, the library became a far-reaching activity, providing readers' seats as well as book loans. When Göteborg University College opened in 1891 the city library was established, with the museum library as its foundation. The library aimed at serving as a scientific library. The intention was to support the university college with library services and, at the same time, to offer its premises to the public.

The School of Business, Economics and Law was established 1923 and by the time of the branch library incorporation with the Göteborg University Library 1969 the law collection principally consisted of materials in Business and Maritime Law.

Today, the Economics Library is one of seven branches that constitute the Göteborg University Library. The subject of Law represents about 25% of the resources of the Library.

### *Users*

The primary users are researchers, doctoral students, teachers, students, and distance students at the School of Business, Economics and Law. Since the early beginning of the Göteborg University Library, the intention has been to serve the public.

The Economics Library offers introduction and information skills training on all levels. The library classes are tailored according to teachers' and researches' requirements. The Economics Library also has a Reading Studio with facilities for visually impaired students.

### *Collections*

#### *The Göteborg University Library*

The Göteborg University Library's collection of older literature, including legal materials, is to a great extent located to the Central Library which is the major unit of the University Library.

In the 1990s, the seven libraries developed considerably. Books and journals in print are just one part of the library holdings. The use of the Digital Library represents as much as about half of the total use of the material available at Göteborg University Library. A visit to the Library website enables an access to 20,000 e-books, and also to 300 article databases on a wide variety of subjects.

The collections located at the seven libraries are comprehensive: 2.4 million volumes, or 64,300 shelving metres, with a yearly increase of 1,000 shelving metres. The books donated to Göteborg Museum Library in the late 19th century constitute the oldest acquisition of the University Library. Ever since then, the Library has shown a steady increase.

### ***Electronic Resources***

An increasing part of the information needed for studying and research is available in electronic form. From the Library's web site you can reach a wide range of databases, electronic books, and thousands of journals. Students, researchers and staff at the Göteborg University have off-campus access to most e-resources. In 2003 the loans from the digital collections exceeded the loans of printed books.

### ***EU, UN, and Statistics Collections***

Since 1991, the Economics Library is one of 10 EDC libraries in Sweden. EDC is an abbreviation for the European Documentation Centre. The Library receives the core of all documentation published by the EU institutions, which includes access to a number of databases on EU legislation, EU case-law judgements, and general information on issues related to the European Union.

The EU Collection consists, in addition to the official publications, of acquired material on the subjects related to the European Union. The goal of the Library is to collect and intermediate EU documents to students and researchers, as well as to the public.

The Economics Library is also a UN depository library and holds practically all official UN office documentation and a selection of publications issued by its main agencies.

The extensive collection of statistics is useful for applied research in a wide range of subjects. The Library acquires not only statistics from Statistics Sweden but also the historical and international statistics published by the OECD, the EU, the World Bank, and the UN, including the UN agencies IMF and ILO.

### ***The Women's History Collections***

The Women's History Collections at Göteborg University Library constitutes a specialist library for Women's, Men's and Gender studies. The Collections were founded as a private initiative in 1958 aimed to collect manuscripts and other material concerning the women's movement in Sweden, to highlight the literature on women's studies and to compile bibliographies. In 1971 the Collections became part of the University Library and since 1997 the Women's History Collections have been the Swedish National Resource Library for Women's, Men's and Gender Studies.

KVINNSAM is an interdisciplinary database with references in English, Swedish and many other languages. English is the predominant language. The references consist of books, journals, articles, chapters, pamphlets, research reports etc. The database now includes about 100,000 references from 1970 onwards. The Women's History Collections also include an electronic archive based on scanned older Swedish journals which are of interest to gender researchers. Important journals from the nineteenth century are now available and the archive is constantly growing. Since the year 2003 KVINNSAM is a part of LIBRIS, the Swedish National Database.

The Women's History Collections include approximately 350 meters of handwritten manuscripts and other source material, dating primarily from the first half of the twentieth century.

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### ***Library profile – law***

- Swedish and international tax law
- Commercial law
- Intellectual property law
- Agencies
- Legal framework of electronic commerce
- The Information Centre for Foreign Law

### ***Of special interest for international visitors***

- Swedish and international tax law
- The Information Centre for Foreign Law

### ***Jönköping***

Jönköping has a long tradition as a city of courts. Since the establishment of the second of Sweden's Courts of Appeals in Jönköping in 1634, Jönköping has been the home of a number of courts: a District Court, a County Administrative Court and one of the four Administrative Courts of Appeals in Sweden. The National Courts Administration, a government authority and a service organization for the Swedish courts, is located in Jönköping since the establishment in 1975.

### ***Jönköping University***

Established in 1977, but with roots in nursing and teacher training that goes back a hundred years, Jönköping University is since 1994 one of only three Swedish universities that are privately run but publicly financed.

Jönköping University comprises four schools that are completely separate entities, each having its own board of directors: Jönköping International Business School (JIBS), the School of Education and Communication, the School of Engineering, and the School of Health Sciences. The total number of students was more than 9 000 in 2004.

### ***Jönköping International Business School***

Jönköping International Business School, founded in 1994, was the first of the schools in Jönköping to receive the right to award doctoral degrees to its students. Research at JIBS is focused on the fields of business administration, economics, informatics, political science and commercial law. An international profile and an emphasis on entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized

enterprises are found throughout all activities at JIBS, which in 2004 had close to 2 000 students.

### ***The Department of Commercial Law***

The Department of Commercial Law has since its foundation in 1994 been giving courses in commercial law, tax law and EC law. The research profile of the department is international taxation, company law and the legal framework of electronic commerce.

### ***The Swedish Institute of Foreign Law and the Information Centre for Foreign Law***

With a history of more than 50 years, The Swedish Institute of Foreign Law moved from its original location in Stockholm to Jönköping International Business School in 2001. At the same time the former Institute library with more than 20 000 volumes was incorporated with Jönköping University Library and was given its current name, Information Centre for Foreign Law.

The Swedish Institute of Foreign Law is an information centre in the fields of international business law and tax law, with its own monthly publication, *IUR-Information*. Annual seminars and conferences are organized by the Institute, which is an institution within the Department of Commercial Law.

The Swedish Institute of Foreign Law

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### ***Jönköping University Library***

Located in a former foundry building erected in 1915, Jönköping University Library has a collection of approximately 200,000 volumes. The collection has been developed to meet the educational and research needs of the four schools that comprise Jönköping University. An increasing number of electronic resources in the form of databases and electronic publications are made available to students, researchers and university staff for easy access from any computer, on and off campus. As a European Documentation Centre the library gives access to official documents from the European Union. The library is open for the general public.

### ***Special collections***

Jönköping University Library holds two special collections of international importance: *The Trade Fair Library*. A small but unique collection of literature regarding trade fairs. *The Information Centre for Entrepreneurship (ICE)*. The largest collection in the world with a focus on entrepreneurship, small business and innovations. ICE has approximately 30 000 volumes in 15 languages and produces an article database with more than 40 000 references to journal articles and book chapters.

***The law collection at Jönköping University Library***

From a humble beginning in the early 1990s, Jönköping University Library now has an extensive law collection in printed and electronic form. Thanks to generous book donations, the incorporation of the former library of the Swedish Institute of Foreign Law and the continuous addition of new publications, the library now holds a large law collection with a special strength in commercial law, company law, Swedish and international tax law, intellectual property law and media law. Due to the international character of the library there are large numbers of publications with a focus on non-Scandinavian countries. With a unique collection of books and journals not available in other Swedish libraries, the library is heavily used for interlibrary loans.

A large number of databases and electronic publications are available on the library web site, many of these resources are not available in other libraries. To support studies and research in tax law, the library holds more than 30 databases in this specific field, more than any other library in Scandinavia.

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Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Number of study places: 250

***Presentation***

The library has a comprehensive collection of Swedish and foreign legal literature as well as an important number of legal journals. The library also provides access to statutes, parliamentary papers and case law from a number of European countries as well as from the United States. In addition to an important collection of EU-related legal literature, the European Documentation Centre established in 1974 and receiving the official publications of the European Union constitutes a unique source for the whole university. From the computers in the library there is access to a large number of legal databases in Swedish and in English, an important number of legal electronic journals, Internet connections as well as word processing, presentation, printing and copying facilities.

### ***History***

The Law Library is located in the very centre of Lund in the same building as the offices of the Law Faculty itself. The Faculty of Law is one of four faculties at the university established in 1666 by Charles XI, king of Sweden at the time. Today about 2000 students study at the faculty and about 70 professors and lecturers teach and perform research within all fields of legal work and doctrine.

### ***Primary users***

Although open to the public, the library provides library and information services primarily for students and researchers at Lund University at all levels.

### ***Collections***

The number of volumes in the library exceeds 200 000 and the main part of the literature is kept on open shelves. The library subscribes to more than 400 legal journals in print, out of which 50% of the titles are published in the Nordic countries and the remaining 50% originate mainly from England, Germany, the United States and France.

In addition to printed material the library provides access to many licensed databases in Swedish and in English, i.e. Infollex, Rättsbanken, FAR, Sveriges Rikes Lag på Internet, Westlaw, Hein online, Refworld, European Competition Law Online as well as more specialized legal databases.

The electronic legal journals are retrievable in a locally developed database, Elin@Lund, permitting cross searching among different types of documents from different publishers and providers. The number of legal electronic journals available totals more than 1500 titles.

### ***Primary legal sources***

Statutes, parliamentary papers and case law from the Nordic countries and from England, Germany, France, the United States, Switzerland, Austria and the European Union are available in the library.

### ***Swedish literature***

The library acquires all relevant legal literature published in Sweden, in print and in electronic format. Textbooks are usually available in several copies.

### ***Nordic literature***

Legal literature published in Denmark and Norway is selected for acquisition on the same grounds as Swedish legal literature. In addition to this the library acquires legal literature published in Finland written in Swedish or in English.

### ***Legal literature published outside the Nordic countries***

Acquisitions from this geographical area mainly involve the legal systems of England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and the United States. General policy of the library is to provide basic literature that permits orientation in all main subject areas of the legal systems of those countries. In addition, European Union-related legal literature published in Swedish, English, German and French is provided in order to cover all legal and policy areas of the Union.

### *Public International Law*

The library keeps a general collection of literature dealing with trade related issues, i.e. GATT/WTO and WCO as well as regional political and economic cooperation, i.e. the Council of Europe, EU and NAFTA.

### *Special collections*

#### *European Documentation Centre*

In 1974, twenty years before Sweden became a member state of the European Union, an agreement was concluded between the Faculty of Law and the European Commission to establish a European Documentation Centre, EDC, within the Law Library. Since then the EDC has received, stored and made available the official publications of the European Communities/European Union in Swedish and in English for students and researchers at Lund University and Southern Sweden. This early interest for European economic cooperation has prevailed since then and made European cooperation a prioritized subject for library acquisition.

#### *National Reporter System*

The library provides access to a complete collection of West's National Reporter System covering the appellate courts of all the states and the District of Columbia, the Regional Reporters, as well as the federal reporters.

#### *Law Commission Collection*

In 1994 the Swedish Ministry of Justice transferred an important collection of foreign and Swedish legal literature to the Law Library. This collection had been the reference library of Swedish Law Commissions between 1875 and 1962. The 10000 volumes of the collection cover the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to the early 1960ies and constitute an interesting documentation of sources used for legislative drafting work until the adoption of a new Code of Judicial Procedure in 1942 and a new Criminal Code in 1962.

### *Strategic objectives*

- The library shall obtain, store and make available relevant legal material in physical and digital form. These collections shall be displayed in a user-friendly way and developed in continuous dialogue with faculty and students.
- The collections of foreign legal literature shall be maintained at a level permitting preparation for studies and research abroad and meeting the needs of Swedish researchers when studying national legal systems of the member states of the European Union.
- The library staff shall provide ICT support and contribute towards pedagogical development and information literacy of faculty and students at all levels of the law program.
- The library shall contribute in making visible and disseminating the Law Faculty's research.



- The library shall provide library and information services at a level which is internationally attractive for researchers and students from Sweden as well as from abroad.

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### ***History***

The Faculty of Law at Stockholm University, first located in Kungstensgatan in the central part of Stockholm, was founded in 1907. At that time, the former University College presented a large collection of law literature to the projected faculty library. During the following years the collection grew thanks to donations by prominent jurists and officials such as E. Cassel, A.O. Winroth and H. Westring. In 1927 the library moved to the new faculty building in Norrtullsgatan, where it remained until the beginning of the 1970s. The collections were located in several offices of this building. There was a special reading-room for students with a gallery belonging to it. On the ground floor there were research rooms and stacks. Various attics housed parliamentary publications and serials.

During 1971 and 1972 the Law library moved to Frescati, north of Stockholm, and was merged with the libraries of the Social Sciences, Humanities and Slavic languages. The libraries got provisory locations in the Södra Husen. What nowadays functions as the Stockholm University Library started in 1977. A year later, the library of the Royal Academy of Sciences was merged with it. In 1983 the separate library building, designed by Ralph Erskine, was inaugurated. All the collections and activities then moved into this new location.

### ***Aim***

The Stockholm University Library (SUB) is the main library for literature within the subject areas represented at the university. Its target groups are students, researchers and teaching staff. SUB is also a library for the general. The number of law students is between 3.500 and 4.000 along with about 100 faculty members and graduate students.

The acquisition of law literature has always been ruled by the present research and basic education. A special acquisition plan has been drawn up in cooperation with the faculty. The book collection has continuously been built up

by active coverage of recent published Swedish and foreign literature. SUB principally acquires national literature via the legal deposit. By the Legal Deposit Act the library receives one copy of all publications printed in Sweden. The collection contains almost all Swedish law publications and a large number of law publications from other Nordic countries. Foreign literature is acquired via international agencies. Of the international publication, literature from the Anglo-American and German areas dominates.

More and more law material is provided in electronic form. Apart from databases, bibliographies and encyclopaedias, the library offers access to a great range of e-journals and e-books. The e-resources are accessible via the library web-site and are available for users within and outside the network of the university. A lot of the e-material is presented by the publishers in the form of "packages" whose contents hardly can be influenced by the libraries. The same selection criteria that govern the printed materials also apply to electronic acquisitions. Whether a monograph shall be acquired in print form and/or electronic form is decided from case to case.

The open collections must be updated, relevant and of high quality so that they can be used for future research. Out-of-date literature is placed in the stacks or will be weeded out.

All recent material as well as most of the older collection is searchable online in Libris and Substansen, the national and local catalogue systems respectively. The literature is classified and placed according to the "SAB classification system", the most common classification system in Sweden. The literature is indexed with the database "Swedish subject headings" that contains combinations of subject headings in all subject fields. Several books in the old collection can be searched for only in the card catalogues that are located at the Basement floor. Anonymous works can be hard to find in these catalogues, as the literature is filed by the first undeclined substantive. A project for retrospective cataloguing is ongoing for making the collections accessible online.

There has always been a legal reference service for students and researchers. The opening hours and locations have been changed over the years. The primary aim is to support the users in successfully searching the catalogues, databases, reference works etc. Reference questions can also be asked via e-mail and the chat service "Librarian on duty."

Since 1996, the Stockholm University Library has housed a European Documentation Centre (EDC) whose collection is located at the Ground floor. The EDC is continuously provided with official publications of the EU and free access to the databases of the EU. The EDC is run by a half-time reference librarian.

The library staff offers library introductions and information retrieval courses to students following the undergraduate law programme as well as to master students and researchers. These are done in cooperation with the teachers so that these introductions and courses occur at the right point of time.

SUB is a national resource library since 1999. In the middle of the 1980s the national resource system started its development. This system is administrated and financed by the Royal Library's Department of National Co-operation and Development (BIBSAM). SUB receives means allocated to development project

related to the provision of legal information. Rättskällan (former Jurwebb) is an example of such a project. This portal is a gateway to high quality web-resources in law and has been developed in co-operation with other Swedish law libraries. Rättskällan is, since 2005, a part of the national portal RASK, the gateway to resources in the humanities, social sciences, law and gender studies.

In October 2005 the law department of SUB has 8 librarians working the equivalent of 5.5 full-time positions. Loan, interlibrary loan, webb-development etc. are managed by other departments within the library.

### ***The collections***

From autumn 2005 the law literature, including the legal textbook collection, is kept together on the upper floor of the library building. Earlier, the monograph collection was kept together in plain SAB-order with the other subject areas, which precluded the possibility of keeping the law literature assembled in one place. Most of this literature is reference-marked. Borrowing is therefore not permitted. Items available for loan are kept in stacks on the basement floor and can be requested in the circulation system. The legal reference collection, consisting of encyclopaedias, dictionaries and bibliographies, is still placed at the ground floor like the EDC collection.

### ***Special collections***

SUB has a unique literature collection within the insurance law area. The insurance law collection is located on the upper floor close to the rest of the law collection. This collection is established via the Law Faculty with funds from the Swedish Insurance Federation. In 1986 there was a considerable addition to the insurance law collection deposited by the Swedish Insurance Society. This collection is principally of historical interest and located in the stacks.

There are also special literature collections at the Faculty of Law. They are managed by their own staff, but SUB assists in some cases with cataloguing and indexing. These collections are included in Substansen and Libris. They are not available for loan.

### ***Future***

By keeping the law literature together in the library a large improvement has taken place for the students and researchers. In the very near future there will be a permanent information desk with a librarian on duty 2 hours a day. Group rooms equipped with PCs will be prepared specially for the law students. The goal is to create a law student's library within the main library.

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### ***Library Profile***

Principally Swedish law but also collections with Nordic, EU and international law.

### ***History***

The Department of law at Umeå University started in 1977. A full master of law degree was introduced in 1991. The research covers a broad spectrum of subjects and methods. The emphasis is on labour law, contract law, EC Law, family law, administration law, taxation law, social law, gender law and intellectual property rights.

### ***Collections***

The law books, journals (printed and electronic) and databases are an integrated part of the of the main library at the Umeå University. There is a complete collection of Swedish law books and journals from 1965 and onwards, and a great collection of older Swedish law material. There are also collections of EC-law, International law and many other subjects.

### ***Users***

Staff and students from the University of Umeå and the citizens in Umeå.

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The Law Library of Uppsala University is beautifully situated next to the river in an old library building from the 1930s. First founded in its modern form in 1962, the library has gone from being a collection of books to an interactive study environment for students, teachers and researchers. Every autumn the library welcomes 350 new students and many of them find their way here on a daily basis.

Historically, the library was run by the Department of Law (which is still the major source of funding), but in 1973 it started collaborating with Uppsala University Library to improve service and availability. Since then, the library has continued to grow, and today it is an independent unit of the larger university-library organisation. With 5 librarians and 1.000.000 SEK for acquisitions, the library has come a long way from the single-room book collection it started out as in the 1960s.

The contacts between the library and the Department of Law have always been close, and up until 1995 the two even shared facilities. By then, however, the Faculty of Law had increased in size so much that it needed to expand its domains. New offices were acquired closer to the city centre, and the library moved to its present location at Klostergatan 3. The new location made the library more accessible for the non-academic visitor, although the clientele in general is dominated by Uppsala University law students.

The generous opening hours (63 hours per week) are a necessary support for law students and academic staff, which, of course, are the library's main target groups. Since 1992 the Law Department has a problem-based learning methodology for their undergraduate courses, and as a result the students need to have easy access to legal reference material. Because of the problem-based learning method, the library is strictly a reference library; this means that the material may not be checked out. Availability is key for the problem-based learning since the students actively should find their own course material. The only exception to this rule is that the academic staff are allowed to borrow books to their offices for a shorter period of time.

Another aspect of this pedagogical approach is that the library needs to be an integrated part of the undergraduate education. Consequently, the library arranges compulsory introductory courses for all first-year students. Besides guiding the students in the library, these sessions focus on teaching them to independently retrieve material for their individual written assignments. During their third year, the students receive further guidance; the library's specialists on the United Nations and the European Union give seminars on how to find sources in international law. Individual tutorials for essay-writing students are also part of the library's services.

The library covers a wide range of material on law. The main focus, however, is on Swedish jurisprudence, and the aim is to cover every aspect of the Swedish judicial system. Public documents, such as the Swedish statutes collection and all the preparatory documents which precede it, make a starting point. Added to those is the case law, which includes publications of court cases from the major Swedish courts. As the public documents increasingly become available electronically the physical collections play a less important role.

In addition to this basis of public documents, the library carries an extensive collection of books and periodicals on Swedish as well as foreign law. The Swedish material is regularly renewed with the latest editions, aiming at complete coverage. Although it is more difficult to be as comprehensive with regards to the foreign material, the library keeps the book collections as up to date and as nuanced as possible. Fortunately, the availability of foreign e-journals, e-books and databases helps and the electronic resources have become a valuable complement which broadens the collections.

As new branches of law are introduced, the library aims to build relevant collections in these areas as well. For instance, the most recent professorial chair at the Faculty of Law is in Medical Law and this appointment has challenged the library to improve the collections further.

More internationally related areas, such as human rights and international law, are also well represented in the library. For people especially interested in these fields, it may be useful to know that the Dag Hammarskjöld library, which is situated just next to the Law Library, also has an impressive collection. Furthermore, as an European Documentation Centre (since 1991), the Law Library makes available material published by the European Union; the EU-material is further complemented by an extensive collection on European law.

Because of recent years' rapid progress in electronic developments, the library has become more accessible for students and staff. By using their personal university accounts, students and researchers may access the library's electronic resources from all over the world. For the time being, the international material takes the lead in electronic availability, but in the future, the Swedish material will follow this trend for sure.

*Ann Odenbring*

## **Other Law Libraries**

### ***Anna Lindh Library/Swedish National Defence College Library***

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["www.annalindhbiblioteket.se/english/index.asp"](http://www.annalindhbiblioteket.se/english/index.asp)

This library has a collection within the field of international law. It is open to the public.

### ***The Court Libraries***

["www.dom.se/"](http://www.dom.se/)

Many courts have libraries for their employees which are not open for the general public.

### ***Dag Hammarskjöld Library***

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["www.ub.uu.se/sam/dh/index.cfm"](http://www.ub.uu.se/sam/dh/index.cfm)

The library is specialised in the fields of United Nations, international relations and peace and conflict research. There is also a considerable collection of literature about international law. The library is open for the public.

***The Government Offices, the Library of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs***

Malmtorgsgatan 3  
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This is a library specialised in the areas of history, international relations, law and politics. Its collections are only accessible for the staff of the ministry.

***The Legal Library Foundation at the Swedish Bar Association***

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This is a special library with a selection of Swedish law literature. There is also a comprehensive collection of law literature from the Nordic countries, Great Britain, Germany, France and the U.S. The library is open for everyone who is graduated from a Swedish Faculty of Law.

***The Library of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute***

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The library holds a large collection of materials in the field of public international law in general and international human rights law in particular. It is a reference library open to the public.

***The Riksdag Library***

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