**NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS**

**Library of Law School**

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The Library of the Law School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) covers the needs and demands of the members of the School and is committed to benefit the legal community as well, providing its users with easy, integrated access to legal information in all possible forms. It also supports and promotes academic activities of both undergraduate and postgraduate programs of NKUA. Moreover, the Library supports the NKUA’s cultural and humanitarian role organizing related events and actions.

The Library collections include all sorts of material in Greek, German, French, English, and Italian languages. They mainly cover the following legal categories of domestic and international law:

* Civil Law and Civil Procedure
* Commercial Law
* Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
* Ecclesiastical and Canon Law
* History of Law
* Intellectual Property Law
* International Law and European Law
* Labour and Insurance Law
* Philosophy, Methodology and Sociology of Law
* Public Law

*GENERAL INFORMATION*

**History**

The first collection of legal books goes back to 1837 when the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) was founded. The School of Law was one of the first faculties of the University. Most of Library’s collections have been donated by renowned Law School Professors and continue to grow both frorm University funds and donations. It is considered to be one of the most well-known Law University Libraries, covering all branches of civil and common law.

The new Library of the Law School opened to the public on 12/10/2016 and the official inauguration took place on 4/4/2017 in the historic building of the “Old Chemistry Laboratory”, an architectural masterpiece and an important monument of the City of Athens and it is the outcome of the merging of the previous individual Libraries of the School of Law.

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The building, designed by the German architect Ernst Ziller, was constructed in the late 1870’s, and for more than a century it housed the laboratories of the Faculties of Physics and Mathematics of the NKUA. It has been listed as a historic monument by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture.

In addition, this unique building has been officially characterized as “preserved monument” by the Ministry of Culture, including its scientific equipment dating back to 1837. The building, which has been fully restored, will in the future house, apart from the Library, the Museum of Natural Sciences and Technology and the centre of the University’s cultural events and activities.

**Collection**

The Library of the Law School is organized according to the international standards of Academic Libraries.

The Library’s collections include materials in all forms in Greek, German, French, English, and Italian languages. The Law School's Library collection comprises of approximately 100,000 books and 900 titles of journals, covering all branches of Law in Greek and foreign literature.

The material is classified by subject on open shelves for the examination of the users and is arranged by Universal Decimal Classification number. Apart from the printed collections, the Library has digitised important legal journals and collective works, which are available via Pergamos, the unified Institutional Repository/Digital Library of NKUA (https://pergamos.lib.uoa.gr/uoa/dl/frontend/en/index.html). In addition, the Library provides access to national and international legal databases.

**Library activities**

The Library offers seminars and conferences for professional Librarians - Archivists and many cultural activities, which manifest its educational and cultural role. So far, it has organized special seminars and workshops on different legal issues (such as copyright, data protection, freedom of speech etc). It also coordinates the “Law and Art Team”, a collaboration among Library, students and professors and organizes free cultural events on a regular basis.

**Tour to the Library**

The Library occupies parts of three floors of the Old Chemistry Laboratory building with a total area of 1400 sq m. The Library building is fully accessible with elevators to all levels.

*Ground floor:*

* Main entrance - Lodge
* Information Desk
* Civil Law / Civil Procedural Law collection
* History of Law / Philosophy of Law / Sociology of Law / Ecclesiastical Law collection
* International Law / European Law / Commercial Law collection
* Criminal Law / Labor Law collection
* Public Law collection
* Archive of journals up to 2000
* Users’ Lockers
* Small Auditorium

 *First floor*:

* Information Desk
* Journals’ collection from 2001 to today
* Collection of Honorary Volumes and Collective Works
* Archive of Doctoral Theses of Law School
* Academic Textbooks "Eudoxos" collection
* Reading rooms and group rooms
* Photocopy services
* Men’s WC
* Event Space

*Second floor:*

* Rare Books collection
* Head Office / Meeting room / Secretariat
* Multimedia room / Reading rooms
* Personnel Room
* Great Amphitheatre

**Donations**

The Library of the School of Law receives donations of individual titles as well as entire collections of legal books from professors, students, researchers, lawyers as well as legal publishers and law firms. The Board of Governors of the Library decides on the acceptance of the donation, while the final decision is taken by the Rector's Council of NKUA. Book donors submit to the Library Secretariat the list of titles they wish to donate. For further information please contact the Head of the Library or send an email to the following email address: vstrakan@uoa.gr

**Library Guidelines**

Users are obliged to comply with the following rules and regulations:

* When entering the building, users should give their ID card and receive a key for the lockers, to store their personal belongings.
* Coffee and drinks are only allowed on the 2nd floor.
* Eating is only permitted in the two patios and in a designated by the personnel place, on the first floor
* Rubbish should be placed in the waste bins provided.
* Smoking is strictly forbidden as well as the use of any inflammable material.
* Silence should be observed in the reading areas and mobile phone conversations should not be held anywhere in the Library.
* Behaviour likely to disturb other users or infringe their privacy is not allowed.
* The Library accepts no responsibility for loss or theft of, or damage to, personal belongings left unattended anywhere in the Library.
* Users should not cause any damage to the Library material. In case of destruction or loss, they bear the cost of replacement.
* In order for items to be reshelved, they must be placed on the trolleys or the studying tables of the collection they were taken from.
* The removal of any material from the Library must be properly authorised and recorded with the use of the Library card (for internal users) and identification card or other official document (for external users) and should not exceed three hours. Removal of material outside the Library is not permitted half an hour before closing time.
* Adult users accompanying children are responsible for their safety and appropriate behaviour within the Library.
* Personal data of Library’s users are protected according to the current Greek law and the related EU law.

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*SERVICES*

**Legal Databases**

The Library provides access to the following national and international legal databases, including ebooks, legal journals, commentaries, legal codes of each state and court rulings:

* *“NOMOS”*: Greek language full-text database of Greek legislation, jurisprudence, legal articles etc.
* *“Nomoteleia*”: Greek language database, providing access to Greek legal resources.
* “ISOKRATIS”: Greek language database of Greek case law and jurisprudence.
* *“Nomiki Bibliothiki*”: Greek language database that provides access to the full content of 15 scientific publisher’s law journals
* *“Sakkoulas-online”*: Provides access to Sakkoulas Publications, centered on legal topics including Private Law and Public Law.
* *“Beck-Online premium”:* German language full-text database, providing access to German legal resources.
* *“Heinonline”:* English language database which contains government documents and a vast collection of academic journals, treaties, case law etc.

**Copy material**

The use of the Library material is subject to the provisions of the current copyright and related rights legislation (Greek Law 2121/93 with the amendments to date, international conventions and the EU law).

There is an option for copying items in the Library. Users may use the self-service photocopiers or scanners available. The photocopying machines are to be used carefully and only for Library material.

**Borrowing material and loan periods**

All members of the NKUA community, as well as legal researchers have the right to borrow material if they have a valid Library card. Library card is required for checking out material.

The Library card is issued at the Information Desk upon presentation of a valid student ID (for undergraduates), identity card (for faculty members and administrative personnel) and confirmation of doctoral thesis awarding for researchers. The Library card is for personal use only and is not transferable.

The following type of users may borrow materials from the Library:

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| Library users in general | Up to 5 items for 3 hours |
| Postgraduates and PhD Law School students of NKUA | Up to 3 items from Friday to Monday |
| Academic staff | Up to 7 items for 30 days |

**Accessibility to Persons with Disabilities**

The Library is accessible to Persons with Disabilities from 17-19 Mavromichali St. The Library always tries to improve the existing infrastructure and provide more services in collaboration with the Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities of the NKUA.