

MAP LIBRARY

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INTRODUCTION

The Map Library is a unit of the Library Services of the Autonomous University of Barcelona specialising in the prospecting, acquisition, conservation and propagation of geographic documentation: maps, vertical aerial photography and digital images of the earth in any presentation media. Although the Map library was created in January of 1995, the collections assembled date back to the 1970s. The collection that was brought together by the Geography Department of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts since 1981 is particularly outstanding and has become the nucleus of the Map Library.



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Hours

September - june : from 9:30 h to 20:30 h
July : from 9 to 19 h.

Easter week, August and Christmas
holidays: CLOSED.

COLLECTIONS

Basically, we have four types of materials:

- **Mapes:** collection made up of 42,000 documents. This material is not freely accessible: any queries must be addressed to the service's personnel.
- **Aerial photography:** collection comprising some 15,000 photographs, which partially cover Catalonia from 1956 to 2000. This material is not freely accessible
- **Atlases and reference works:** collection comprised of 1,500 volumes. Freely accessible material, arranged on the shelves by geographic areas and within the areas by subjects. Reference work collection includes inventories, dictionaries, the history of cartography, etc.

- **Digital cartography:** collection of around 50 CDs that compiles multimedia cartographic databases. This material is not freely accessible.

In addition to the general UAB library catalogues (<http://uab.cbuc.cat/>), you may consult the collections of maps and atlases at Geodoc, the catalogue for geographic information (<http://www.bib.uab.cat/cartotec/c9/996.htm>) Only aerial photography collection is not included in the catalogues. You must search in the paper catalogue the material that you need.

The coverage of Catalonia is maximal and decreases by rungs for the rest of Spain, Western Europe and the rest of the planet. It is a modern collection; there are only facsimiles of maps printed prior to 1900.

REPRODUCTION

The Map Library is located within the building housing the Humanities Library, which means you can use some of the equipment offered there. There are self-service photocopiers as well as the library's photocopy service available for reproducing documents.

The material only can be borrowed for those kind of reproductions not available inside the building (colour photocopy, for example). Then, loans are made for a day for making reproductions intended to serve as a basis for further work.

LOCATION INSIDE THE HUMANITIES LIBRARY (3rd floor)

