Finding Your Ideal Study Spot: A Guide to Libraries on Campus

Major-specific libraries:

- Accounting Library
- Architecture and Fine Arts Library
- Crocker Business Library
- Law Library
- Wilson Dental Library

Helen Topping Architecture and Fine Arts Library

- Mainly used by: Art students
- Noise level: Very Quiet
- Busy/Crowded: Relatively unused
- Hours: M—Th 10am—10pm, F 10am—5pm, Sat. Closed, Sunday 1pm—8pm
- Phone: 213-740-1956
- Size: Medium, two floors
- Distractions: The only possible distractions are the building models scattered around the library.
- Study Space:

  Mostly study tables and computer cubbies.
  A few couch areas to study.

The Law Library

Holiday & Summer Hours: Vary by Location

Von KleinSmid Library

For an interactive map of all 16 USC libraries:

http://web-app.usc.edu/maps/

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An Inside Look: On-Campus Libraries

Leavey Library

Mainly used by: All students
Noise level: Rustling papers, whispering, and foot traffic
Busy/Crowded: This is the busiest library on campus. Each floor is normally full of students.
Hours: M-Sat 24/7 Sun 9am-12am
Size: Very large, four stories and basement
Distractions: Other students are constantly walking around, which can be distracting
Study Space: Mostly cubicles in long rows with some sound proof study rooms available. Few books.

Von KleinSmid Center Library

Mainly used by: Students
Noise level: Very low due to few crowds and it is a “true library setting” with book stacks.
Busy/Crowded: This is a relatively unused library.
Hours: M—Th 8AM—10PM, Fri 8AM–8PM, Sat 9AM–5PM, Sun 12PM–8PM
Phone: 213-740-1769
Size: One story, book stacks extend far enough that you can find a place to be the only one studying in that area.
Distractions: Sometimes group study sessions at large tables
Study Space: There are individual reading carrels as well as large and small tables for group work, all surrounded by book stacks.

Gerontology Library

Mainly used by: Gerontology students, but open to all students
Noise level: Very quiet
Busy/Crowded: Usually hits a maximum of 4 students, most likely you’ll be alone
Hours: M—F 9AM—5PM, closed weekends
Size: Medium
Distractions: Book stacks surround study areas, floor to ceiling windows which give full view to outside courtyard
Study Space: Mostly natural light from the large windows, book stacks, comfortable plush chairs

Doheny Memorial Library

Mainly used by: All students and some staff & faculty members
Noise level: Very quiet
Busy/Crowded: Very easy to find a room with very few students
Hours: M—Th 8AM—10PM, Fri 8AM–8PM, Sat 9AM–5PM, Sun 12PM–8PM
Phone: 213-740-2924
Size: Large
Distractions: Whispering and side conversations
Study Space: Most rooms in Doheny are ornately decorated, some with high ceilings. Resembles the great hall from Harry Potter.

Hoose Library of Philosophy in Mudd Hall

Mainly used by: All students
Noise level: Very quiet
Busy/Crowded: One of the least used libraries on campus.
Hours: M—Th 9AM—8PM, Fri 9AM–5PM, Sat Closed, Sun 1PM–5PM
Phone: 213-740-7434
Size: This library is one long room
Distractions: Occasional whispering
Study Space: Long tables with chairs for individual work, small private individual alcoves. Mostly natural light and stained glass windows

Science & Engineering Library

Mainly used by: Science Majors, but open to all
Noise level: Very quiet
Busy/Crowded: Well used, easy to find private study areas
Hours: M-Th 8AM-10PM, F 8AM-8PM, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun 12PM-8PM
Phone: 213-740-8507
Size: 3 stories with book stacks, chairs and desks throughout
Distractions: Book and periodicals surrounding study areas
Study Space: Bright and open