Welcome to
The Institute of World Politics Library

Location

The Institute of World Politics Library is located on the basement level and first floor of Bently Hall at 1523 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C.

Hours

Monday-Thursday  10 AM–10 PM  
Friday  10 AM–7 PM  
Saturday  11 AM–5 PM

Whom to Contact

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Circulation Policy

Circulating books may be checked out for three weeks (you will be issued an IWP ID card by the Office of Student Services to be presented upon checkout of books), and photocopying is available for reserve materials, special collections, and other items which are for in-library use only.

Orientation Sessions

The Library offers scheduled orientation sessions each semester. These orientations are opportunities to meet with the library staff and to get a flavor of the many services available. Additionally, students are encouraged to request individual or small-group research instruction at any time throughout the semester.
These orientation sessions, while not mandatory, are strongly encouraged. It is important for IWP library staff to let students and users know about the library’s services and what they might be able to do for them. The IWP library supports these sessions throughout the year with further training on all aspects of information skills—from using the library’s print collections to making the best use of electronic resources.

**Library Holdings and Information Access**

The Institute of World Politics Library currently contains more than 30,000 volumes, including thousands of rare and out-of-print national security books and documents from the American Security Council Foundation and from former senior government officials. In June 2002, the Institute received the gift of the extraordinary private library of William J. Casey, the late Director of Central Intelligence.

In addition to a basic collection of foreign affairs periodicals and reference works, the IWP library has several specialized resources. These include collections of books in: U.S. foreign policy; U.S. intelligence and counterintelligence; and primary-source Cold War materials in Soviet/Russian/East European affairs and U.S. internal security.

A suite of electronic databases is available to researchers. This suite includes such tools as:

- EBSCO Academic Search Premier
- EBSCO Business Source Elite
- EBSCO Military & Government Collection
- EBSCO International Security & Counter Terrorism Reference Center
- EBSCO Newspaper Source
- EBSCO Educational Research Information Center
- EBSCO Regional Business News
- Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)
- World News Connection
- OCLC NetLibrary for Electronic Books
- Britannica Online

High-speed Internet access is also available to students and faculty. Other electronic resources include e-books, newspapers, and other materials. Topical pathfinders are being developed by the IWP library to assist researchers.

One must be a current IWP student, faculty member, or other authorized user for access to
IWP’s electronic databases, and all databases may be accessed from off or on campus. Authorized users may enter this secured section of the library website by authenticating themselves with their “My IWP” user ID and password.

Reflecting the Institute’s philosophy that a moral foundation is required to practice the various arts of statecraft effectively and ethically, a central element of the IWP library’s mission is to support the principle that “wisdom is knowledge applied to the benefit of humanity.”

**Georgetown University Library Borrowing Privileges**

The Institute of World Politics Library offers borrowing privileges at the Georgetown University Library to all IWP students. The fee for this service is $50 per student per semester. The limit for checked out materials is six books at a time per person. Also, please note that the access to Georgetown University’s electronic databases will be possible but only from the Gelardin New Media Center which is located on the 1st floor of the Georgetown library.

**Online Research Tools**

In addition to the advice and research instruction available from the library staff in person, the library maintains an extensive list of online research tools, including:

- Tutorials on research and writing skills
- Electronic books and other scholarly texts available online
- Online databases for other area libraries

For more information about these important resources, please contact Dmitry Kulik, Library Manager, or James Stambaugh, Library Director.