

A SHORT INTRODUCTION OF THE LIBRARY

Our library is public, anyone can use it free.
It is not required to be a student/teacher of the Sapientia College of Theology.

The Sapientia College of Theology, Budapest is a new joint institution of three religious orders with great tradition in the Catholic Church. While the theological training of these three orders has a centuries-long history in Hungary, the Benedictines (OSB), the Friars Minor (OFM) and Piarists (SchP) decided to merge their respective Colleges in 1998. The Library of the Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders has been improving its collection since the Sapientia was formed. In 2003 our library applied for being including in the Public Libraries Register. In the Hungarian system of libraries, our library is a public religious vocational library.

Among the fields of theology, our specific area is religious life (vita consecrata).

Furthermore, many textbooks and handbooks are available for college education.

Sapientia Library has 70 000 volumes of books and 17 000 volumes of journals and periodicals. The Contents of the holdings: 45% Hungarian, 30% German, 25% other language theological literature. Besides the 126 subscribed journals, retrospective literature can be used with the help one of

Opening hours

Monday: 11 am - 5 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 5 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 5 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 5 pm
Friday: 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday: 11 am - 6 pm*
(*Occasionally, closed in summer)

our librarians.

The bibliographical data of around 553 titles can be searched in the on-line catalogue, furthermore each title can be linked to the journal numbers.

Our documents are in a two-storey reading-room on freely accessible bookshelves except journals for which a librarian's helping hand is needed.

Whole holdings of the library
can be found on website:
<http://www.sapientia.hu>
Left side above:
„Library Online Catalogue”.

Our service

- on-site reading,
- electronical catalogue
- photocopying, printing
- access to theses
- interlibrarian lending
- CD-ROM; Internet; Microsoft Office
- Holdings of the „Ferencs Könyvtár” (Franciscan Library)

Databases and electronic contents available through the computers in the library's reading room:

- ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials
- JSTOR Essential Collection
- Nearly a hundred pcs. of e-Books
- Akadémiai Journals Online
- Akadémiai Dictionaries Online
- ADT Database
- NAVA - National AudioVisual Archives