We have rules to help maintain and improve the quality of our services. Our services and resources, including electronic ones, are for educational use only. Our Director may change services, including [opening hours](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/openinghours/), whenever necessary.

**Membership**

We hold information about our members under the terms of the Data Protection Act, 1998 and subsequent amendments. These groups of people can join our library:

* Members of our Court and Senate
* Our staff, registered students and researchers
* People attending courses approved by us
* Staff of other institutions where we have reciprocal agreements, or if our Directors approve their membership.
* Other people approved by our Directors
* [External users](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/membership/)
* [Mentors](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/membership/) (clinical supervisors)

There is more information about [membership](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/membership/) on our web pages.

**Borrowing**

You need a student or staff ID card to borrow items. Some of our material is for reference use only. Our Director can take away your right to borrow.

You are responsible for:

* Keeping your ID card safe and not letting anyone else use it.
* Keeping items you borrow in good condition and not passing them on to anyone else.
* Returning items on time. We will try to send you reminder notices but you should not rely on these. There are [fines and other penalties](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/borrowing/fines/) for late returns.
* Paying for items you lose or damage.

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**Environment and behaviour**

To keep a good working environment for everyone, we do not let you:

* Smoke
* Eat or drink anything other than cold food or snacks or bottled water when on [levels 2, 3 or 4](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/aboutthelibrary/floorplans/) of the library.
* Make too much noise (including talking on mobile phones). Some floors are for silent study only.
* Reserve seats
* Do anything else that disturbs other people.

If the Director, or the senior member of staff present, thinks that your behaviour is not acceptable, they can suspend you from using our services. We will use the [code of student discipline](http://www.gcal.ac.uk/student/about/regulations/index.html) or the [staff conduct and capability policy](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/gcalwebv2/theuniversity/supportservices/peopleservices/ConductandCapabilityPolicy.pdf) for more serious bad behaviour.

**IT equipment and software**

When you use our equipment, you agree to keep to our [IT regulations](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/staff/it/policies/information_systems_policy.pdf).

**Security**

We have electronic security systems to stop theft. If the alarm sounds, please check you have had all your borrowed items issued to you. If it is a false alarm, go to [The Library Desk](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/thelibrarydesk/) on level 0. (Our staff can ask you to open bags, briefcases or other containers, and can check any library items you have, whether or not the alarm has sounded.)

If there is an emergency, leave the building immediately, following any instructions you have been given or see on notices.

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