Information for Non-Law Students Enrolled in Problem-Solving Initiative Courses

The University of Michigan Law Library welcomes interdisciplinary students enrolled in the Law School’s Problem-Solving Initiative (PSI) courses. Non-Law students enrolled in one of the PSI courses will have Law student-level access to Law Library spaces and most services. Access to Law Library spaces for Law and PSI students is provided using student UMIDs, so please have your MCard with you at all times when working in the Law Library and other Law School spaces.

Building Hours

Please be aware that the exterior doors to all Law School buildings lock at 7pm. Students enrolled in PSI courses can access the building after 7pm using their MCards at the card reader located at the ramp entrance to the Reading Room off of Monroe Street (across from Dominick’s).

Access to Law Library Spaces

Interdisciplinary students enrolled in PSI courses will have access to areas of the Law School and the Law Library which are normally restricted for the use of Law students: the west end of the Reading Room, the Lower Commons, the Upper Commons, and the underground Law library.

Reading Room & Commons
Reading Room Desk Attendants check MCards in the Reading Room and Commons throughout the day using a device that checks against a database of approved users. We have added PSI students to this database. If the device does not recognize you as a member of the PSI courses, please contact Amanda Runyon, Head of Public Services at arunyon@umich.edu or (734) 763-9452.

Underground Law Library
Gate attendants at the Entrance Station scan MCards at the entrance to the underground library to check against a database of permitted users. We have added PSI students to this database. If the database does not recognize you as a member of the PSI courses, please contact Amanda Runyon, Head of Public Services at arunyon@umich.edu or (734) 763-9452.
Group Study Rooms

There are 11 group study rooms located in the Reading Room. The doors on these rooms are controlled by card readers, and only Law student, staff, and faculty MCards can open them. Since non-Law student MCards will not open the doors to these rooms, PSI students who wish to use these rooms will need to work in a group with at least one Law student.

There are also several group study rooms on sub-2 of the underground Law library. Access to these rooms is not controlled by MCards and they can therefore be used by PSI students. To reserve one of these group study rooms, PSI students should email Amanda Runyon, Head of Public Services at arunyon@umich.edu.

Reference Service

The Reference Desk on sub-1 of the underground Law library is open from 8am – midnight daily. PSI students can contact us for reference help in a number of ways:

- By chat
- By email at askalawlibrarian@umich.edu
- By phone at (734) 764-9324
- In person

For more details, including the link to our chat reference service, please visit http://www.law.umich.edu/library/research/Pages/Get-Help.aspx

Research Consultations with Law Librarians

The Law Library's reference librarians are available to meet with PSI students individually or in small groups to assist with research or other issues. To schedule a consultation with a reference librarian, please visit http://reservations.law.umich.edu/appointments/

Borrowing Equipment

The Law Library has a collection of cables, adapters, laptop and phone chargers, and other equipment that PSI students can borrow. Most of these items can be taken out of the underground Law library for up to 24 hours, but some cannot be taken out of the underground Law library and can only be borrowed for 4 hours at a time. Please check the list of items at the following link for details: http://libguides.law.umich.edu/gadgets