

SAIACS

About SAIACS Library:

SAIACS library began in 1982 with a small collection of books—about 200 titles belonging to the founding principal, Dr Graham Houghton—that was held in a wooden almirah. This almirah is still kept in the Chief Librarian's office to remind us of our humble beginning and in thanks to God for his faithfulness for what the library has today.

Print Collection: At present our library print collection includes over 67000 books, 250 current journals, 4600 bound journals, 7800 reference books, 890 theses and dissertations, 7300 archival materials, 380 microfiches, 220 DVDs/CDs, and 165 VHS tapes. SAIACS library also has a special collection of books on South Asian history.

Online / Digital Library collection:

1. Atla Religion Database With Serials:

Our library subscribes to the Atla religion database with serials produced by the American Theological Library Association (ATLA). It is one of the premier indexes in the field of religious studies, philosophy and theology. It provides access to 810000 journal articles from 390 journals which covers subject areas; Bible, archaeology, and antiquities; human culture and society; world religions and religious studies; church history, ecumenism; pastoral ministry; and theology, philosophy, and ethics.

Atla religion database includes journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. This database claims more than 810,000 article citations from 2,500 journals; more than 287,000 essay citations from over 18,800 multi-author works; more than 1.1 million book review citations; and a growing number of multimedia citations. Full text is provided for more than 1.1 million electronic articles and book reviews from 9,600 journals selected by leading religion scholars in the US.

2. JSTOR

The library subscribes to JSTOR, an online database for journal articles and ebooks. JSTOR provides access to more than 12 million journal articles, books, images, and primary sources in 75 disciplines. It includes articles of core scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The JSTOR archival collections feature the back issues of more than 2,600 scholarly journals across disciplines. Library provides access to over 65000 ebooks through JSTOR in a special acquisition arrangement. It is the first of

its kind arrangement among theological institutions in South Asia. In a special arrangement with TBN, SAIACS has procured over 250 ebooks published by Fortress titles, and they are available in the JSTOR platform.

3. Bloomsbury eBooks:

In a special arrangement SAIACS library has acquired 119 ebooks from Bloomsbury Collections available on perpetual access covering Biblical Studies, Theology and religious studies.

4. Global Digital Theological Library (GDTL):

SAIACS library is a subscribing member of GDTL. Through GDTL membership our students and faculty members have access to over 11,00,000 ebooks and full text journal articles on various subjects.

5. Logos Library:

Logos library provides access to 4017 ebooks on biblical studies, theology and important commentaries and dictionaries.

6. Remote Access:

Online databases subscribed SAIACS library are accessible on campus network via IP authentication. Students, research scholars and faculty members can access the library databases on their devices connected to the campus network. Access to the library resources outside of campus network has been facilitated through eLibrary Portal. GSuite is enabled to facilitate students to access the library databases from anywhere without having to use separate login credentials. The eLibrary portal also offers access to a to z of journals and ebooks subscribed by SAIACS library. Apart from subscribed content students can also search for open access resources through this platform.

Library Automation and integration of RFID

Library housekeeping operations are carried out using KOHA – ILS. Integration of RFID has facilitated the library circulation tasks, inventory, and locating misplaced books have become much easier. The self-service kiosk at the library counter facilitates students to checkout and checkin books without staff intervention. Library catalogue is accessible from within campus network as well as outside. This has enhanced access to the library catalogue beyond library hours.

Library Opening Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 09.00am to 05.30pm

Library is closed on 01 Jan, 26 Jan, Good Friday, 01 May, 15 August, 02 Oct, and last two weeks in Dec every year.

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