

ACADEMIC LEARNING RESOURCES

Libraries

HCT libraries are among the best equipped in the Gulf region, housing extensive collections of electronic and print resources. HCT students, faculty and staff use the HCT web-based library catalog (<http://libraries.hct.ac.ae/>) to access over 2, 500 000 eBooks, 159 000 eJournals, 116 databases and 357 730 print titles. HCT Libraries utilize a best practice user - driven acquisition process that allows students and faculty to order desired resources directly from the online library catalog.

The Library community also has access to over 360 000 books via LIWA (<http://liwa.ac.ae/>), a shared catalog of the three federally funded UAE higher education institutions (HCT, United Arab Emirates University and Zayed University).

Librarians and library staff are essential to assist students and faculty. Each library provides individual and group instruction on topics ranging from general information to literacy skills and academic research.

eTextbooks, Instructional Software and Laboratory Materials

HCT is committed to being the pre-eminent technology-supported higher education institution in the UAE. Students are provided with resources appropriate to their program and year of study that support learning in and out of the classroom consistent with the Mission and Goals of HCT.

These resources may include:

- eTextbooks and other interactive electronic resources as selected by the teaching faculty; and
- Discipline specific instructional software
- Equipment and tools required for laboratory and other practical instruction including discipline-specific clothing/ uniforms, hard hats, protective boots, etc.

Internet Resources and Services

Provision of access to Internet resources and services is intended to support the need for HCT students to develop the computer and information- seeking skills that are essential for the workplace and for lifelong learning.

Students are expected to equip themselves with tablet computers and/or laptops required to support their learning.

The HCT Internet access and electronic mail services are provided under the authority of the Chancellor and the President & CEO of the HCT in accordance with federal laws and regulations governing the use of these services. Users of the Internet are governed by the HCT Internet Access and Electronic Mail Policy.