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Library of Exact Sciences

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1. General

The Library of Exact Sciences BEWI is the largest faculty library of the Natural Sciences Department of the University of Bern. It encompasses the areas of mathematics, statistics, computer science, physics, astronomy and philosophy of science. It is open to members of the university and the general public. The entire collection is listed in swisscovery and most of it can be borrowed. The BEWI is a local lending library without courier service.

2. Services

The library office at the entrance of the library is the central contact point for all questions concerning libraries, lending, research, databases and the arrangement of a variety of other services:

- Delivery and return of BEWI lending orders
- Request for archive books
- Assistance with registration questions (SWITCH edu-ID, swisscovery)
- Sale of print/copy cards
- Rental of lockers
- Questions about research
- General information about the library and the EXWI building
- Short introductions to the library on request
- Larger library introductions can also be given on request.

Contact: exwiss.ub@unibe.ch

3. Infrastructure

Workplaces (free of charge)

We offer 54 workplaces and 19 reading places. These cannot be reserved and must be vacated in the evening.

Lockers (20 CHF per semester)

The 60 lockers on the three floors of the library are reserved for students of the University of Bern and the PH Bern. A rental contract has to be filled out. Only cash payment possible.

Copying, printing, scanning

Uniprint machines are available in the entrance area in front of the library office and in the corridors of the EXWI building. These have copying, scanning and printing functions. You can find information on the use of the machines and on the charges at www.uniprint.unibe.ch.

Internet access

The library is equipped with WiFi. Students can use the eduroam network with their campus account. The public-unibe network is available for guests. The monthly WiFi codes are available from the library team. There are 4 research stations available in the library.

4. Loan and return

The BEWI is a local lending library without connection to the SLSP and Bernese Courier. Only books from the BEWI can be borrowed and returned on-site. A return box is located in the entrance area of the library. A self check-out is available on each of the three floors.

To access the research and lending stations, you must be registered with SWITCH edu-ID and in swisscovery.

5. Registration

The registration is done independently:

- If you do not already have one, create a [SWITCH edu-ID](#).
- Register on the [swisscovery University and PH Bern platform](#).

The registration is free of charge. The Unicard is valid as a library card. Customers without a Unicard can obtain a library card from the library team.

6. Library collection

The largest collection is organised thematically in the open access area. The library also has two archives. Most of the documents can be borrowed.

All media can be found on our research platform swisscovery University and PH Bern <https://ubbern.swisscovery.slsp.ch>.

The classification chart is available in the library.

8. Contact

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Opening hours

Monday – Friday: 07:00 – 19:30

Service hours

Monday – Friday: 08:30 – 12:00, 13:30-16:00

Saturday: closed

Sunday: closed

For exceptional closing times, please visit the BEWI website.