How to access databases and e-journals from off-campus.

SSL-VPN Gateway Service

SSL-VPN Gateway Service is a service which allows students of the University of Tokyo to access a variety of web services from home or other off-campus locations.

Members who can use this service:

UTokyo students (undergraduate, graduate and research students)

Accessing GACoS

GACoS is a gateway site for academic information search. There is a link to off-campus access services.

Click the blue icon “SSL-VPN Gateway”.

Signing in to the SSL-VPN Gateway Service

Sign in with your UTokyo Account (10-digit number). The password is valid for one year. Make sure to change your password on the UTokyo Account website before it expires.

If you successfully sign in, you will see “データベース・電子ジャーナル一覧”. Click on “English” in the upper right corner.
How to use the database

Click on “Databases, E-Journals and E-books List” on the “データベース・電子ジャーナル一覧” page.

The databases that can be used off-campus are arranged in alphabetical order.

Select from a list of available online services. Please read the notes carefully before using the database or e-journals.

Signing out

Some databases have a maximum number that you can access simultaneously.

Please log out of the database when you have finished using it.

If you sign out of the SSL-VPN Gateway Service first, you will effectively remain signed in to the database.

Then click on the door icon to sign out of the SSL-VPN Gateway Service.

When using a database through the SSL-VPN Gateway Service, you may not be able to read the full-text even if you click on the link to the full-text.

This is a solution to the problem that often occurs when using a database with SSL-VPN Gateway Service from off-campus.

Check and confirm the journal name and volume of the document for which you want to access the text.

Then search for the journal name using the "E-journal & E-book Portal" site.
How to use e-journals

Click on E-Journal & E-Book Portal on the “データベース・電子ジャーナル一覧” page.

The E-Journal & E-Book Portal page will be displayed.

Enter the name of the E-journal you want to access in the search box and click the search button.

The search results will be displayed.

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For each platform, the period available at the University of Tokyo will be displayed as described above.

via Off-Campus access service

Only platforms with this green icon can be accessed from off-campus.

Clicking on the database name or platform name will take you to a page where you can read the E-journals.

Signing out

When you are finished using the e-journal, click on the door icon to sign out SSL-VPN Gateway Service.
Please read!

1. This gateway service is for academic use only. Commercial use is strictly prohibited.
2. Do not disclose information obtained using this gateway service. Any disclosure may be an offence against the copyright laws of Japan.
4. The use of the database and electronic journal is conditioned by agreements passed between the university and the publishers. Systematic or programmatic downloading, downloading of large amounts of data in a short time period is prohibited. Please do not conduct excessive or unauthorized downloading. (We recommend that you turn off your browser’s link pre-fetching.)
5. There is the limit to the number of simultaneous users. If the number of access exceeds this limit, you will not be able to sign in to the gateway. Also, some resources may have separate user limit.
6. If you are inactive for a specific period, you will be automatically signed out.
7. Keep your account safe. Use your own PC or secure systems. There is a risk of being hacked if you use a non-secure PC.
8. Some e-journals or databases can only be accessed on-campus. You will not be able to access these materials through the SSL-VPN.
9. Some titles may not be available depending on the firewall of the connected network.

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