Academic Resources

University Libraries

The Old Dominion University Libraries enrich the academic, research, and learning experience of the University community through their people, resources, and spaces. The University Libraries provide students access to extensive digital resources, online journals, e-books, streaming media, and other electronic resources in all fields of research and instruction, in addition to the books, journals, scores, recordings, and more housed in three campus locations. The Libraries include the Patricia W. and J. Douglas Perry Library, the Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library, and the Music Library and F. Ludwig Diehn Composers Room. On the University Libraries’ web site (www.odu.edu/library), students can find library guides, instructional videos, chat reference, and more information about the Libraries.

Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library

Barry Arts Building, 47th Street and Monarch Way, Room 2008, second floor; 757-683-4059

The Hofheimer Art Library contains specialized books, journals, online resources, audio-visual titles, and other materials for students and faculty in the visual arts. Reserve materials for Art Department classes are available at the service desk. Individual and group study space, computers, viewing monitors, a scanner, and a network printer/copier are available. Visit the Art Library at www.odu.edu/library/art.

Music Library and F. Ludwig Diehn Composers Room

Diehn Center for the Performing Arts, Room 189; 757-683-4173

The Music Library contains print scores, select music books, and music audio and video content. Students also have access to PC and iMac computers, MIDI stations, DVD/VCR players, CD players, audio cassette players, turntables, a flatbed scanner, and network printer/copier. Reserve materials for Music Department classes are available at the service desk. The Diehn Composers Room is co-located with the Music Library and contains manuscripts, scores, audio recordings, memorabilia, and other specialized music materials. Reference and research services, including the use of a Steinway grand piano, are available on an appointment basis only. Visit the Music Library and Diehn Composers Room at www.odu.edu/library/diehn.

Patricia W. and J. Douglas Perry Library

Perry Library offers quiet study space, collaborative rooms for group projects, accessibility services, a café, meeting space, and other facilities for student success. Perry Library has the Libraries’ general collection of books, maps, scores, microforms, and the Federal Depository Library Program Center of Excellence, housing collections from the Navy and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. At the first floor Help Desk, staff are on hand to provide assistance with information, location, instruction, and technological questions. Students and faculty members also have access to the OCLC and the Virtual Library of Virginia’s collections and may borrow books and other materials from participating libraries across the commonwealth and around the world.

Learning Commons @ Perry Library

First Floor, 757-683-4178

The Learning Commons @ Perry Library is a collaboration between the University Libraries, Information Technology Services, and Center for High Impact Practices, providing year-round services with extended 24/5 hours during fall and spring semesters. Here, students can access research assistance and resources, technology assistance, tutoring and writing centers, e-Portfolio assistance, and other services supporting student success. The facility also includes individual study space, group collaboration space, presentation practice space, computers, wireless access, printers, scanners, copiers, GIS/digital media/other specialized software, and a sound room that can be reserved by students.

At the Perry Library Help Desk, located in the Learning Commons, students with a valid University ID may borrow equipment, media, books, reserve materials, and other items. Information and reservations are available at www.odu.edu/learningcommons. Information on borrowing privileges, loan periods, and policies is available at www.odu.edu/library/services/borrowing.

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services

757-683-4170, 4171

Interlibrary loan allows ODU students, faculty, and staff to request journal articles, books, and other needed research materials not available in the University Libraries. The Commonwealth’s Virtual Library of Virginia interlibrary loan agreement ensures that students, faculty, and staff may obtain items located in other Virginia libraries quickly. Further, the University Libraries have access to the holdings of other libraries worldwide. Document delivery services provide copies of materials held in the University Libraries’ collection to distance learners and other eligible students, faculty, and staff. Interlibrary loan and document delivery requests can be submitted online at www.odu.edu/library/services/interlibrary-loan.

Research Help Services

Help Desk, First Floor, 757-683-4178

ODU Libraries staff assist students and faculty with reference and research using all formats of library resources. Subject liaisons provide direct individual assistance through consultation by appointment, telephone, e-mail, and live online chat. All students may obtain assistance by visiting or calling the Help Desk, directly contacting a subject liaison, or linking to Ask A Librarian at www.odu.edu/library/help/ask-librarian.

Tutorial, online research guides, schedules of library workshops, and additional information on instruction services are located at www.odu.edu/library/services/instruction.

Special Collections & University Archives

Third floor, 757-683-4483

Special Collections & University Archives has a unique and wide-ranging collection specializing in ODU, Norfolk, and Virginia history. The Special Collections includes rare books and manuscript collections focusing on African-American history, Norfolk urban redevelopment, women’s history, military history, the Civil War, LGBTQ history, and more. Material types range from rare books, diaries, letters, legal and campaign files to news film, photographs, and maps. The University Archives includes University publications, student theses and dissertations, yearbooks, department records, student organization collections, course catalogs, oral histories, and photographs of yesterday and today. Visit Special Collections and University Archives at www.odu.edu/library/services/special-collections.

Accessibility Services

First Floor, 757-683-4178

The Library Accessibility Room in the Learning Commons provides specialized equipment and quiet space for students registered with the University’s Office of Educational Accessibility (https://www.odu.edu/educationalaccessibility). This wheelchair accessible room can be reserved for individual use. The facility houses CCTV, workstations with ZoomText and JAWS, and other adaptive technologies. Orientation, reservations, and research consultation appointments are available through the Learning Commons Help Desk.

The Help Desk provides on-demand paging to students who need special assistance with retrieving materials from the upper floors. Information about accessibility is available on the University Libraries’ web site at www.odu.edu/library/services/accessibility.

ODU Digital Commons and Digital Collections

The Libraries manage the University’s institutional repository, ODU Digital Commons, which brings together the University’s scholarly, creative, and institutional works to preserve them, as well as provide open access to them online. Several digital collections of materials from the special collections and archives are also available, including the ODU Photographic Collection.
from 1930-early 2000s. Visit the ODU Digital Collections at dc.lib.odu.edu and the ODU Digital Commons at digitalcommons.odu.edu.

Career Pathways
Career Pathways offers a gateway to resources, programs, events, and planning tools for all Old Dominion University graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF)
The Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program at ODU is a professional development program open to all graduate students but is designed especially for those interested in an academic career. PFF offers two events a semester on topics such as teaching methods, publishing, grant writing, and the job application process.

Students can earn a PFF Certificate by participating in a mentored teaching experience and attending PFF and other professional development events. Students develop an ePortfolio to document and highlight their professional development and growth.

For further information, go to the PFF website at http://www.odu.edu/success/programs/pff/certificate and https://sites.wp.odu.edu/PreparingFutureFaculty.

Preparing Future Professionals (PFP)
Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) program at ODU is a professional development program open to all graduate students but is designed especially for those interested in a non-academic career, such as in industry, non-profit or non-governmental organizations, or government agencies.

Students can earn a PFP Certificate by developing an individualized development plan, and attend PFP and other professional development events. Students develop an ePortfolio to document and highlight their professional development and growth.

For further information, go to the PFP website at https://sites.wp.odu.edu/pfp.

Writing Center
The Writing Center provides supplemental instruction to help students improve their writing strategies. Instead of providing a proofreading service, the Writing Center offers tutoring sessions that assist students in learning to proofread their own work, in getting projects started, and in developing the writing process for a paper.

The Writing Center offers 45-minute appointments with graduate student tutors who work with individual students or with groups. Most tutoring sessions are by appointment; walk-in appointments are provided when tutors are not in a scheduled session. For distance students, we use WCOnline for online appointments. Students have the option of making standing appointments with tutors once per week, for up to four weeks at a time.

In addition to tutoring services for undergraduate and graduate students, the Writing Center will visit classrooms to provide writing lessons and group tutorials, and it offers a program called Graduate Student Write-Ins. Graduate Student Write-Ins are weekly retreats hosted by the Writing Center on Saturdays designed to provide a structured time for graduate students to focus on their writing without interruption in a supportive environment, and WC tutors are available for 30-minute appointments during the session.

The Writing Center is located at 1208 Perry Library. For more information, go to https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/writing-center or email writingcenter@odu.edu.