Academic Resources

University Libraries

The Old Dominion University Libraries enrich the academic, research, and learning experience of the University community. 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. On the University Libraries’ web site at www.odu.edu/library, students can find library guides, instructional videos, chat reference, and many other services. The Libraries include the Patricia W. and J. Douglas Perry Library, the Elise N. Hofheimeer Art Library, and the Music Library and F. Ludwig Diehn Composers Room. Each facility also holds specialized book collections, maps, scores, recordings, microforms, and equipment available for borrowing. At the Help Desks, staff are on hand to provide assistance with information, location, instruction, and technological questions. Students and faculty members have online access to the Virtual Library of Virginia’s collections and may borrow books and other materials from participating libraries across the commonwealth.

Elise N. Hofheimeer Art Library

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

The Hofheimeer 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, 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 are available in the Reading Room, including the use of a Steinway grand piano, 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.

Learning Commons @ Perry Library

First Floor, 757-683-4178

The Learning Commons @ Perry Library is a collaborative project of 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. The facility includes individual study space, group collaboration space, presentation practice, computers, wireless access, printers, scanners, copiers, GIS/digital media/other specialized software and a sound room that can be reserved by students. Students can access research assistance and resources, technology assistance, tutoring and writing centers, peer to peer tutoring, and other services supporting student success. 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. Graduate student study carrels are also available. 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. 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.

Liaison and Instruction Services

Help Desk, First Floor, 757-683-4178

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

Liaison and Instruction Services staff offer information literacy classes, research classes, specialized workshops, and orientation sessions to assist graduate and undergraduate students with library research. Tutorials, online research guides, schedules of library workshops, and additional information on instruction services is located at www.odu.edu/library/services/instruction.

Special Collections & University Archives

Third floor, 757-683-4483

Special Collections & University Archives, located on the third floor, 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. Materials range from rare books, diaries, letters, legal and campaign files, 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 at www.odu.edu/library/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 second floor Circulation Services 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 provides 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.

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.