

Library and Information Science

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Facilities

The School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) is housed in the south wing on the third floor of the university's Main Library, in a setting that promotes community among students, faculty, and staff and provides easy access to the resources of the University of Iowa Libraries. Facilities are provided for the varied instructional and research activities of the school.

The school includes classrooms dedicated for use by School of Library and Information Science faculty and students. These classrooms feature a wired workstation technology setup with Windows and Macintosh computers fully equipped with videoconferencing systems and large high-definition screens.

Gunther Commons

Gunther Commons, a state-of-the-art collaborative laboratory equipped with workstations, is the school's combined student center and technology lab. Individuals and teams of students gather in Gunther Commons to work on course assignments and to gain experience with specialized software. Students have access to Windows and Macintosh computers, with gigabit access to the campus network and wireless service throughout the Main Library.

University of Iowa Libraries

All of the resources of the University of Iowa Libraries are available to the school's students and faculty. The system contains more than 4 million volumes in the Main Library and six departmental libraries.

The web-based catalog provides access to books and periodicals, electronic indexes, and full-text databases held by the university libraries. In addition, InfoHawk+ provides online resource access to resources arranged by subject and academic discipline. Wireless internet access is available in the Main Library.

The school benefits from proximity to the Learning Commons, encompassing the majority of public space on the first floor of the Main Library. The Learning Commons is a technology-infused, comfortable, and flexible learning space, and an academic and information help center.

The third floor of the Main Library, where SLIS is located, also houses the map collection, Special Collections, and University Archives, including the Iowa Women's Archives.

Other Libraries

Students have access to a variety of libraries through field trips, practicum experience, and personal use: the State Historical Society of Iowa library in Iowa City; the Iowa City, Coralville, and Cedar Rapids public and school libraries; the Augustana, Coe, Cornell, Mount Mercy, and Grinnell college libraries; and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, IA.

Other Resources

The second floor of the University Capitol Centre houses the instructional services and campus services departments of the university's Information Technology Services. It provides instructional and research computing facilities and services for the university community. All university students, staff, and faculty may use the center's computers for university-related research, thesis preparation, and class work. Instructional Technology Centers provide campuswide access to the university's academic computing resources.