

Odegaard Undergraduate Library, 40 & Fabulous

The Odegaard Undergraduate Library is one of the largest undergraduate libraries in the country. The vision of Charles Odegaard, former president of the University of Washington (1958-1973), the undergraduate library was built in 1972 to be the primary center on campus for undergraduate learning and research. Today it is a place of strong community and collaboration for teaching and a rich learning environment for students and faculty.

A Place for Students

- Open 24 hours, Sunday – Thursday
- More than 2.5 million library visits in 2011
 - Studying alone, using a computer and working in a group were the top three activities in 2011
- Wireless connectivity on all floors
- Sixteen group study rooms with whiteboards and screens
- Silent study on the third floor
- Largest academic collection of DVDs, CDs and videos in the Northwest
- In-person consultation and assistance with librarians and technical specialists
- Online 24-hour chat with a librarian: www.lib.washington.edu/about/contacts.html
- Writing help at Odegaard Writing and Research Center: depts.washington.edu/owrc
- Advanced technologies: studios for sound and video editing, digital presentations, collaborative production, and video conferencing
- University Book Store branch with supplies, technology accessories, gifts, and books
- Active program of exhibits and displays

A Place for Instructors and Faculty

- Computer classroom for hands-on instruction
- Supported electronic reserves program
- Active instructional program tailored to undergraduate courses
- Workshops, consultation, and online tools: catalyst.washington.edu/help/index.html

A Place for Learning and Undergraduate Research

- Odegaard Learning Commons, a 400+-seat computer lab, the largest on campus
- 45 multimedia stations with a media collection of over 70,000 items
- Course reserve materials for hundreds of classes each quarter
- Books and periodicals supporting the undergraduate curriculum, as well as specialized collections of English-as-a-Second-Language, Study Abroad and Good Reads
- Online databases for curriculum and research: www.lib.washington.edu/types/databases/
- Library Research Award for Undergraduates: www.lib.washington.edu/researchaward/