Odegaard Undergraduate Library

The Odegaard Undergraduate Library is one of the largest undergraduate libraries in the country. Built on 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 library or personal computer and working in a group were the top three activities in 2011
- Wireless connectivity on all floors
- Sixteen group study rooms with white boards, viewing equipment, and connectivity
- 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: http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/contacts.html
- Writing help at Odegaard Writing and Research Center: http://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 exhibits calendar

A Place for Instructors and Faculty

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

A Place for Learning and Undergraduate Research

- Odegaard Learning Commons, a 400+-seat drop-in 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 focused on materials 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: http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/
- Library Research Award for Undergraduates: http://www.lib.washington.edu/researchaward/

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