

Vision: The Commons is a collaborative partnership between the Office of Information Technology and the University Libraries to connect students and faculty with the tools and information they need to be successful learners and teachers in the 21st century.

Services & Hours

for Fall '05

Facility open:

Su noon-F midnight;
Sa 8 AM-midnight

Computer Lab all hours

DMS Dropoff/Referral M-Th 5-9 PM

Laptops/Scanners all hours

OIT Help Desk (walk-in)

M-F 9 AM-4 PM

Paging from stacks & reserve

M-Th midnight-7:30 AM; F & Sa 6 PM-midnight; Su midnight-7:30 AM

Reference Services

M-Th 8 AM-midnight; F 8 AM-5PM;
Sa 9 AM-6 PM; Su 1 PM-midnight

Statistical Consulting

M-F 9 AM-5 PM

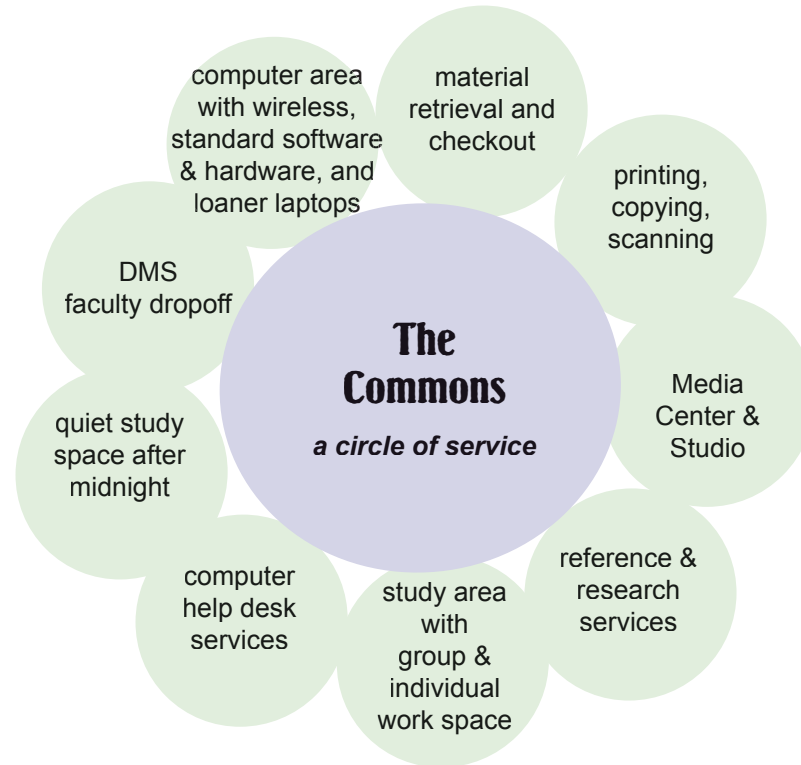
The Studio

M-Th 9 AM-11 PM; F 9 AM-5 PM;
Sa 10 AM-5 PM; Su 1 PM-11 PM

Video Collection in Media Center

M-Th 7:30 AM-11:45 PM;
F 7:30 AM-5:45 PM; Sa 10 AM-5:45 PM;
Su 1 PM-11:45 PM

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Phase I to open in Fall 2005

Phase I: Fall 2005

Completed

- ✓ Co-managers Rita Smith and Stan Pinkleton will determine user functions for Fall '05 opening and report to steering committee
- ✓ Create a listserv
- ▶ Create mission statement and goals
 - ✓ Identify guiding principles
 - ✓ Allow partners to do what each does best
 - ✓ Share people and talents
- ✓ Access to Media Center/Studio resources (staff, equip, etc)
- ✓ Synchronize tech fee purchases
- ✓ Create a PR and marketing strategy and develop a Web site
- ✓ Investigate VolCard photocopy charging
- ✓ Address security issues
- ✓ Implement ready-reference collection
- ✓ Name area
- ✓ Provide adaptive services
- ✓ Self-service area for project work (low-tech: staplers, paper cutters)
- ✓ Smart classroom/smartboards

In Process

- ▶ Seek advice from students and other key campus groups
- ▶ Provide color and large format printers
- ▶ Provide training referrals, suggestions for more in-depth help

Phase II & III

Services

- ▲ Most services offered 24/7
- ▲ Information kiosk
- ▲ Blackboard, ESRI, GIS assistance
- ▲ Writing Center

Computers

- ▲ Additional workstations
- ▲ Group workstations with large monitors and space for 2-4
- ▲ Consult Facilities Services about electrical support for 125 PCs

Group Study, Work, and Presentation Practice rooms

- ▲ Audio and video conferencing capabilities
- ▲ Multi-media conference/presentation rooms
- ▲ More quiet/independent study spaces
- ▲ New media suites, sound-proofed

Facility

- ▲ Balance air conditioning
- ▲ Seek funding for equipment, furnishings, staffing, possible electrical/network upgrades
- ▲ Expand area to include Hodges Library rooms 235, 245, and 255

Guiding Principles

The Commons...

- ◆ is a true partnership of Libraries and OIT
- ◆ is a physical and virtual environment
- ◆ leverages joint expertise of Libraries/OIT faculty and staff
- ◆ focuses on the needs of undergraduates, but also serves graduate students and faculty
- ◆ will increase services, access to content, and technology for users
- ◆ will be a 24/7 environment (currently 24/5)
- ◆ will be developed in a phased approach
- ◆ will be flexible, innovative, and appealing
- ◆ will be developed with advice from students and other key campus groups