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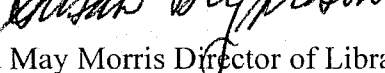
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MEMORANDUM

To: Tony Middlebrooks
Leadership Program
School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

From: Susan Brynteson 
Vice Provost and May Morris Director of Libraries

Re: New Major in Public Policy

I am responding to your request to supply information about the capability of the University of Delaware Library to support the proposal for a new major in Public Policy in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

The University of Delaware Library is well able to support the proposed new major. Enclosed is a description of collections, resources and services available.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions.

SB/nb
Enclosure

c: Maria P. Aristigueta, Director, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy
Michael Gamel-McCormick, Interim Dean, College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy
Michael Gutierrez, Associate Librarian, Reference Department



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Report on Library Services and Collections in Support of a New Major in Public Policy in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

General Description

The University of Delaware Library includes the Hugh M. Morris Library, where the main collection is housed; three branch libraries located on the Newark campus, the Agriculture Library, the Chemistry Library, and the Physics Library; and a fourth branch library, the Marine Studies Library, located in Lewes, Delaware. The Library collections parallel the University's academic interests and support all disciplines. In addition to collections which directly support the new degree proposal, the Library has strong collections in other areas that relate to the new degree proposal, such as Business and Economics, Communication, Environmental Sciences, History, Legal Studies, Political Science, Sociology, and Urban Affairs.

Books, periodicals, microforms, government publications, computer databases and other electronic resources, maps, manuscripts, and media provide a major academic resource for the University of Delaware, the surrounding community, the state of Delaware, and the nation. Library staff members provide a wide range of services, including reference assistance, circulation, interlibrary loan, instructional programs, and assistance to the visually impaired.

The University of Delaware Library is a U.S. depository library and a U.S. patent depository library and contains a complete file of every patent the U.S. Office of Patents and Trademarks has issued.

The online catalog, called DELCAT, provides access to millions of items by author, title, subject, and keyword.

Library collections number over 2,700,000. In 2007/2008, the Library Web <www.udel.edu/library> received over 1,700,000 virtual visits.

The University of Delaware Library is a member of the Association of Research Libraries, OCLC, the Center for Research Libraries, PALINET, CIRLA (The Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance), and NERL (NorthEast Research Libraries).

Specific Support for the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

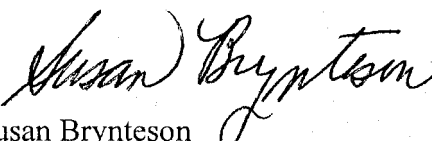
Funds are designated at the beginning of each fiscal year for the support and strengthening of the collections including those related to Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Support for the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy is supplemented by funds used to purchase materials in the related areas noted previously as well as funds for the licensing of electronic resources.

The Library subscribes to many print journals and electronic journals which support Public Policy. A list of electronic journals by subject is available from the Library Web by clicking on "Electronic Journals" at the top of the main page <www.udel.edu/library>. In addition to various reference sources in print (see the "Research Guides" section of the Subject Guide for Public Policy available under the section "Subject Guides A-Z" on the Library Web page), the Library also makes available several electronic databases which support Public Policy, including ABI/INFORM, CQ (Congressional Quarterly) Researcher Plus Archive, CQ (Congressional Quarterly) Weekly, EconLit, Environmental Sciences & Pollution Management, GPO Access, International Abstracts of Human Resources, LegalTrac, LexisNexis Congressional, LexisNexis State Capital, PAIS Archive, PAIS International, and Social Services Abstracts.

In addition, the Library provides access to such important electronic databases as America: History and Life, ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts, Biography Resource Center, EconLit, Expanded Academic ASAP Plus, General Business File ASAP, General OneFile, Historical Abstracts, LexisNexis Academic, LexisNexis Statistical Universe, New York Times (Historical), Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, ProQuest Digital Dissertations (Dissertation Abstracts), Sociological Abstracts, Statistical Abstract of the United States, STAT-USA, and Web of Science. Several databases incorporate the Library's major linking service, Article Express, for electronic access to the full text of journal articles. The Library also subscribes to RefWorks, a Web-based bibliographic and database management system that can be used with most databases and has just released a major new service, WorldCat Local, which provides access to a vast number of resources in libraries worldwide. The Library also maintains an Institutional Repository (see: <<http://dspace.udel.edu:8080/dspace>>), which archives research reports and documents and the like produced by University of Delaware faculty, including some documents from the Institute for Public Administration. Census information and other demographic data are available as is a wide range of printed and electronic reference sources.

The Library has a strong collection of videotapes and films which cover a wide range of subjects which could possibly relate to Public Policy. The video collection is heavily used; is increasing in size; and there has been much consultation about it by Francis Poole, Librarian and Head of the Instructional Media Collection Department, with faculty in all areas.

A professional librarian, Michael Gutiérrez, Associate Librarian in the Reference Department, serves as liaison to the faculty in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Suggestions for purchases received by the Library for materials related to Public Policy are directed to Mr. Gutiérrez who also regularly consults faculty about priorities and the direction the collections should take. Mr. Gutiérrez is also available for instruction in the use of the Library for students and faculty. He maintains a subject Web site for Public Policy, which can be accessed from the Library Web <www.udel.edu/library> by clicking on "Subject Guides A to Z" or directly by the URL <<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/urba>>.


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