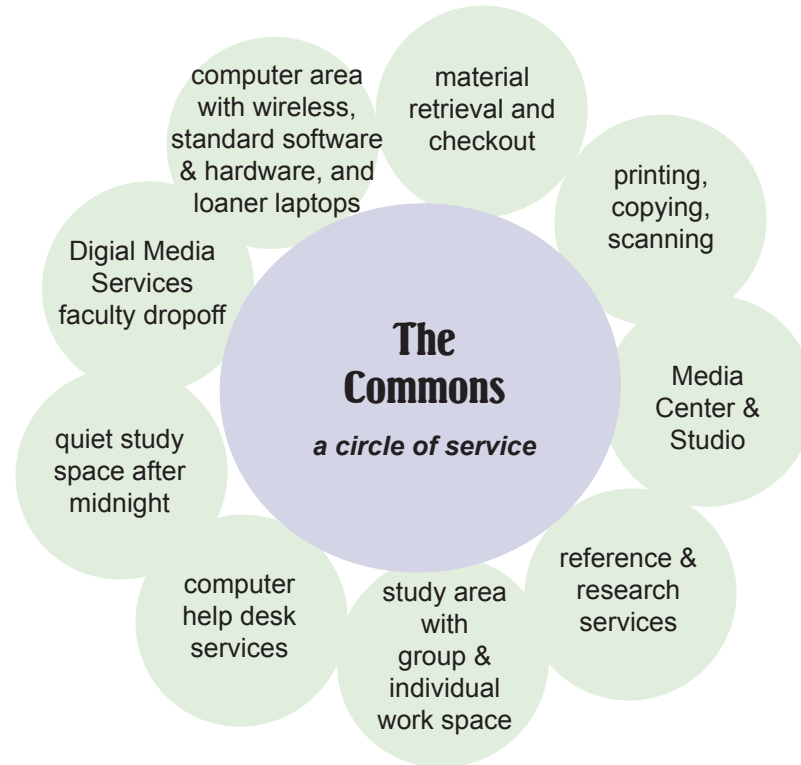


Vision: The Commons is a collaborative partnership between the Office of Information Technology and the University Libraries to connect students and faculty with the tools and information they need to be successful learners and teachers in the 21st century.

Services & Hours

- Facility open:**
Su noon-F midnight;
Sa 8 AM-midnight
- Computer Lab** all hours
- Digital Media Services 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 Opened Fall 2005

Phase I: Spring-Fall 2005

- ✓ Created mission statement and goals
 - Identified guiding principles
 - Allowed partners to do what each does best
 - Shared people and talents
- ✓ Named the space
- ✓ Focused on developing area in Hodges Library 235
- ✓ Co-managers determined user functions for Fall '05 opening
- ✓ Created functional group listserv
- ✓ Synchronized Tech Fee purchases
- ✓ Created a PR and marketing strategy and developed a Web site
- ✓ Addressed security issues
- ✓ Provided:
 - Adaptive services
 - Access to Media Center/Studio resources
 - Self-service area for project work (low-tech: staplers, paper cutters, etc.)
 - Color and large format printers
 - Student "Practice Presentation Room with Smartboard"
 - Training referrals and suggestions for more in-depth help
- ✓ Implemented ready-reference collection
- ✓ Gathered advice from students and other key campus groups
- ✓ Obtained funding for Phase II implementation

Phase II: Fall 2006

- Services**
- Offer most services 24/7
 - Develop information kiosk
 - Offer Blackboard, ESRI, GIS consulting assistance
 - Provide satellite Writing Center
- Computers**
- Integrate additional workstations
 - Provide group workstations with large monitors (space for 2-4)
 - Computer repair and triage
- Group Study and Work Spaces**
- Offer mobile audio/video conferencing services
 - Create multimedia conference and presentation rooms
 - Provide more quiet/independent study spaces
 - Sound-proof new media suites
- Facility**
- Expand area to include Hodges 220
 - Consult campus facilities about electrical capacity

Phase III: Spring 2007

- Funding and Facilities**
- Balance air conditioning
 - Seek funding for additional equipment, furnishing, staffing, possible electrical/network upgrades
 - Expand area to include Hodges Library 245 and 255.

Guiding Principles The Commons...

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