FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
LIBRARY RESOURCES
TO SUPPORT HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAMS

The Florida A & M University Library system provides resources, staffing and services to support the curricula of the Department of History and Political Science. The following table reflects general and specific resources owned and leased (electronic journals) which are available to the University community.

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<th>Library Resources</th>
<th>General</th>
<th>Political Science</th>
<th>Public Administration</th>
<th>History</th>
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<td>Volumes (Print)</td>
<td>754,820</td>
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<td>Microforms</td>
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<td>Serial/Periodical titles</td>
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<td>Electronic journals (full-text)</td>
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In addition to these library resources, Florida A&M University is a depository for United States government documents. This collection contains more than 1,495 full-text electronic titles and 134,382 print volume equivalents. Of this number 8,253 government documents are specific to political science, history and public administration. Over 15,916,719 volumes held by the other 37 Florida public postsecondary institutions supplement the FAMU political science, history, and public administration collection.

Nearly 300 electronic databases are available. Many of the databases include full text to journal articles and books. Linking software, SFX, available in most databases, links the user directly from a journal citation to the full text of the journal article or another service. The SFX button may take the user to:

- the full text of an article
- the FAMU catalog to determine if the library owns the journal in which the article is published
- the Interlibrary Loan request form if the item is not located within the libraries' print or electronic resources
- ulrichsweb.com to determine if the journal in which the article appears is considered scholarly
- the Ask A Librarian site to consult a reference librarian

The University maintains reciprocal borrowing agreements and memberships that mutually enhance resources available to FAMU. Partnerships are with the State University Libraries of Florida and the Community College Libraries of Florida. Memberships are with the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA), the Florida Virtual Campus, and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Florida public postsecondary college and university libraries provide services directly and indirectly to
students and faculty of State of Florida postsecondary institutions. Over 15,916,719 volumes, held by the other 37 Florida public postsecondary institutions, supplement the FAMU collection. FAMU students, faculty and staff have access to more than 117,000 history, public administration, and political science titles in the State University System.

FAMU Library personnel includes 4 administrators, 19 full-time librarians (one a distance learning coordinator and one a systems librarian), and 41 support staff. The University provides temporary and part-time librarians and support staff as needed.

Florida A&M University Libraries provide numerous services to support the mission of the University, its programs and its initiatives. These services include individualized reference and research assistance; individual and group instruction in the use of library materials; interlibrary loans; circulation of materials; the purchase, organization and maintenance of adequate collections; the creation and maintenance of a library web page; access to shared resources; the purchase and maintenance of public workstations; photocopy capability; the provision of study facilities in the main library and four branch libraries; and adequate service hours.

Individualized reference and research assistance is accessible in person or via live chat, e-mail, and fax or local and toll free numbers. Many other library services can be accessed directly from the Libraries’ homepage. Any user can search the online catalog, access online databases, ask questions, get instructions, make suggestions, initiate interlibrary loan transactions, and renew loans for items borrowed from the Libraries’ homepage.

Distance learners and distance faculty have access to described library services that are equal to, comparable to, or in excess of services available to on-campus learners and faculty. Distance learners and faculty may borrow print volumes and documents on-site, request them electronically, or have them delivered to a nearby public state college or university library or to their homes. Enrollment or employment at FAMU provides users eligibility to most electronic databases and on-line resources. The provision of telephone (local and toll free numbers), email, live chat, and fax services enable distance learners and distance faculty to receive reference assistance and library instruction. The University libraries provide the services of a distance learning coordinator to specifically support distance programs and their participants. Those using the services of the coordinator mainly request library research assistance, Rattler Card activation assistance, help in configuring personal computers to remotely access collections, and assistance with coordinating library instruction.

All faculty and students have full access to the facilities of the main library, Coleman Memorial Library, branch libraries, and reading rooms. These facilities support faculty and student use of information technology for instruction, learning and research. Coleman Memorial Library occupies approximately 43,964 net square feet. Additional space of 37,000 net square feet will be made available in the Spring of 2004. Almost 20,000 additional square feet are available in the branch libraries and reading rooms. The University Libraries presently have a seating capacity of 776, including group study
rooms and a student study lounge. All library facilities enjoy dense fiber optic wiring. In addition to fiber wiring, much of the main library and its immediate grounds are wireless, enabling students and faculty convenient and generous access to the wireless network using their own supported laptops.

Faculty and students have access to over 200 computers in the main library and to an additional 81 computers in the branch libraries and reading rooms. All computers are well maintained and reliable.

The main library is open 110 hours per week. Branch library hours vary as needed by discipline.

Information about the University Libraries’ resources, staff contact information, general library services, distance education services, and the online catalog can be found on the Libraries’ home page at: http://www.famu.edu/library.