Library Support for the OSU Psychology Degree on Cascades Campus

This report is an analysis of the capacity of the OSU Cascades local library collection and services, in combination with access to the resources of the whole of OSU Libraries and Summit, to support the proposed Psychology degree on the Cascades campus. The Psychology degree curriculum will be identical to the one on main campus in Corvallis.

**Journals**
OSU Libraries’ subscriptions to online journal packages, such as Springer, Wiley, and Elsevier have expanded electronic access and in most cases cover the years 1996 – present. There is full-text access to articles older than 3-12 months from the array of journals covered by the Libraries’ Ebsco and Gale database subscriptions. A small sample comparison of OSU holdings against the ranked core psychology journal list released by American Research & College Library’s (ACRL) this year shows that OSU has about 75% of the top ranked journals available electronically (http://corepsychologyjournals.org/main.aspx). OSU Libraries’ support is currently adequate for the Psychology degree at Cascades, but the impact Cascades patrons have on OSU Libraries’ services will need to be monitored.

OSU Libraries does not subscribe electronically to the American Psychological Association (APA) journals available via the PsycArticles database. Many of the 77 journals in this database are considered key, but the $17K/year price tag puts the database out of reach. OSU does have 18 of the APA journals in print subscription. The addition of the Psychology degree on Cascades campus will have a noticeable impact on OSU Libraries Access Services, which will provide Scan & Deliver (scanning print articles and sending them via email) and Interlibrary Loan services for what is likely to be the second largest major on the Cascades campus. Interlibrary loan articles cost OSU Libraries about $25 each. In the future, Cascades will need to purchase additional journal subscriptions if its interlibrary loan expenses equal or surpass the cost of a journal subscription.

**Monographs**
PsycINFO, the main psychology database, connects researchers with books as well as articles. The OSU Libraries’ Psychology fund for books is modest and Cascades will be responsible for maintaining a small but relevant and current monograph collection for its students and instructors. In a study done last year on OSU Cascades holdings and circulation, about 300 books in the psychology call number range circulated during a 7 month period, or slightly more than 40 a month. Based on a 7.5% inflation rate over 2009 prices, the average academic book price for psychology is around $70. An additional $1500 for Psychology in the Cascades library budget will allow for the purchase of course related monographic and video materials for each academic year. Efforts will be made to purchase books in electronic format so they may be accessed easily by students.

OSU is well served by the Libraries’ investment in the Orbis/Cascades Alliance, whose combined collection is substantial. Students and faculty can order from the collections of all the libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance through the Summit catalog. University of Oregon, Portland State University, University of Washington and Washington State University are some
of the larger research libraries represented in the Summit catalog. Books requested through Summit are delivered to OSU Libraries within three to five working days.

**Databases**
OSU Libraries has good access to resources via its subscription databases. OSU Libraries subscribes to PsycINFO, the main psychology database, as well as several other useful titles. Cascades subscribes to Psychiatry Online in support of the Counseling program, which offers access to the DSM-IV. The databases supporting Psychology include:

- ERIC (1966 - present)
- Health Source (1975 - present)
- Medline (1950 – present)
- PsychiatryOnline: Includes DSM-IV-TR; DSM-IV-TR Casebook and its Treatment Companion; DSM-IV-TR Handbook of Differential Diagnosis; Essentials of Clinical Psychopharmacology, 2nd Ed.
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (1965 - present)
- PsycINFO (1887 - present)
- Social Sciences Citation Index (ISI Web of Science) (1970 - present)

**Library staff and expertise**
Librarian support for this program include OSU Cascades Librarians Kate Gronemyer and Maureen Kelly, as well as OSU Libraries Psychology Subject Librarian, Valery King.

**Summary**
OSU Libraries collections are adequate to support the proposed Psychology degree at Cascades campus, with the additional funding for collections recommended for Cascades Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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