

Vireo User Profile

The following profile can benefit institutions currently using Vireo or considering its use. This information can be used to identify institutions with similar characteristics, to identify best practices in Vireo use, and to raise awareness of potential challenges when considering new initiatives, so please provide as much information as possible. This profile will be kept on the Vireo Users Group site, and we encourage you to update it as often as necessary to maintain accuracy.

Institution

Name: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Is this Part of a System: Yes No (if so, please note which system below)

Other: UIUC is part of the 3-campus University of Illinois system. Theses and ETDs are administered separately at Urbana-Champaign and Chicago. The Springfield campus offers few graduate degrees.

Web Sites

Main: www.illinois.edu

Thesis Office: www.grad.illinois.edu/thesis-dissertation

Institutional Repository: www.ideals.illinois.edu

Contact or Representative Information

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Institution Statistics

- **Enrollment**

Undergraduate:	31,000
Masters:	4,800
PhD:	5,100
Professional:	1,080
Total:	41,980

- **Number of colleges and departments**

Colleges:	17
Departments:	88

- **Number of degree programs**

Undergraduate:	150
Masters:	143
Doctoral:	95

- **Degrees granted per year**

Undergraduate:	No response
Masters:	2676
Doctoral:	784

- **Thesis, dissertations and papers submitted per year**

Undergraduate:	N/A
Masters:	550
Doctoral:	750
Total:	1300

Campus Infrastructure

Institutional Repository:	DSpace
Student System:	Banner
Course Management:	Blackboard, Moodle, WebCT
Library Automation:	Voyager
Search or Discovery:	Locally developed system (Easy Search)

Graduate/Thesis Office Information

Head of Office: Mark E. Zulauf

Reporting Structure: Reports to Assistant Dean Rebecca Bryant

Number of Employees: 1

Operations: The Graduate College Thesis Office is responsible for assisting students through the thesis deposit process and for reviewing and processing requests for the appointment of doctoral examination committees. Our current ETD process is the result of talks that began in earnest in 2007. The Graduate College partnered with the University's institutional repository, IDEALS, to establish a system, using Vireo, for receiving and reviewing ETDs. In Spring 2009 we conducted an ETD pilot; in Fall 2009 we offered ETD as a deposit option to all graduate students; and in Summer 2010 we are making ETD mandatory.

IT Environment: Non-ETD-related IT issues are handled internally by Graduate College IT staff. ETD-related IT needs, especially those related to Vireo, are met by IDEALS (institutional repository) staff.

Training: Do you offer training to students: Yes No
If yes, please describe: Deposit workshops are offered on a regular basis and educate students about Graduate College thesis format requirements, the ETD submission and review process, and the supporting materials required to complete the deposit. In addition, a video walk-through of the ETD submission process is available via the Thesis Office Web site. We also offer training to departmental thesis reviewers.

Vireo Information

Version: Currently upgrading to latest version

Hosted by: TDL Local IT

Number of ETDs in System: 769

Embargoed: 297

Collection Information: Masters Theses and Doctoral Dissertations

Stage of Implementation: In production

Interaction or Links to Other Campus Systems

- Student System: Student records are accessed via Enterprise applications (UI-Integrate/Banner).
- Library: Export records from IDEALS (the institutional repository) and map them to MARC for inclusion in online catalog
- Operations: Operations are primarily managed using in-house systems; mostly Microsoft Access databases and browser-based forms. Students currently submit hard copies of the ProQuest publishing agreement and the Survey of Earned Doctorates.

Current Initiatives

- The Graduate College continues to work with the University Library to develop additional training materials for students, including workshops on author rights and open access publishing and a video on converting thesis files to PDF format.

Current Challenges

- As noted above, we receive a large number of theses and dissertations, the majority of which are submitted during the final two weeks of each deposit period (of which we have 3 per year). The speed with which the system records updates to the activity log noticeably slows during these periods of heavy traffic.
- It would be useful to have export functionality to the ProQuest DTD so that we could provide the metadata more automatically. We built a mapping to do this, but it would be useful to have this built into the system.
- We also added functionality for the user to upload their 'original' file so that we could capture that alongside the PDF. It would be useful to have this as baseline functionality within Vireo.