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: Texas Tech University
Is this Part of a System: Yes ☒ No ☐ (if so, please note which system below)
Other: Texas Tech University System, includes Texas Tech University, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, and Angelo State University

Web Sites

Main: http://www.ttu.edu
Institutional Repository: http://thinktech.lib.ttu.edu/

Contact or Representative Information

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Institution Statistics

• Enrollment

Undergraduate: 24,236 (Fall 2009)
Masters: 2,765 (Fall 2009)
PhD: 1,763 (Fall 2009)
Professional: 647 professional grad-level, 638 law (Fall 2009)
Total: 30,049 (Fall 2009)

• Number of colleges and departments

Colleges: 11 plus a Graduate School and School of Law
Departments: 64

• Number of degree programs

Undergraduate: ~150
Masters: 103
Doctoral: 59

• Degrees granted per year

Undergraduate: 4,460 (Fall 2009)
Masters: 1,034 (Fall 2009)
Doctoral: 201 (Fall 2009)

• Thesis, dissertations and papers submitted per year

Undergraduate: 0
Masters: ~300
Doctoral: ~230
Total: ~530
Campus Infrastructure

Institutional Repository: DSpace
Student System: Banner
Course Management: BlackBoard
Library Automation: Aleph
Search or Discovery: Primo (not yet implemented)

Graduate/Thesis Office Information

Head of Office: Wendell Aycock, Associate Dean
Reporting Structure: There is no dedicated “thesis office” at TTU—there are two dedicated staff members under an Associate Dean in the Graduate School.
Number of Employees: Two—a Dissertation Advisor and a Thesis Advisor.
Operations: The Graduate School adapted workflows they used with our old ETD system (Virginia Tech ETD-db) to match Vireo’s requirements.
IT Environment: The Graduate School has only one dedicated Programmer/Analyst position. The TTU Library hosts and supports Vireo.
Training: Do you offer training to students: Yes ☑ No ☐
If yes, please describe: Training on formatting requirements is given as well as training on converting documents to PDFs using Adobe Acrobat.

Vireo Information

Version: 1.0; moving to current version in June of 2010
Hosted by: TDL ☐ Local IT ☑
Number of ETDs in System: 427
# Embargoed: 67
Collection Information: Currently it’s only Theses and Dissertations. We are working on a project to get our Center for Undergraduate Research to begin submitting undergraduate papers, but it’s still in the early stages.
Stage of Implementation: Deployed
Interaction or Links to Other Campus Systems

Student System:

Library: Jason Thomale serves as one point of contact with the Library—Lance King (TDL support) works in the physical library building even though he is a TDL employee, and he serves as another point of contact. The ETDs’ metadata is checked by library staff after ETDs are published, but TTU has never entered records for ETDs into the catalog.

Operations: We no longer send any dissertations to Proquest. We do have them microfilmed by an outside firm. (To be completed in more detail later)

Current Initiatives

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Current Challenges

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