

University of Miami Libraries Learning Commons 2018-19 Annual Report

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Discover, Learn, Explore



The University of Miami Libraries Learning Commons offers transformational and expansive support to learners at UM through a unique cross-campus collaborative. Focused on providing seamless experiences for learning and growth, the Learning Commons brings together academic support services through individual and group consultations by peers and experts, as well as innovative spaces that encourage deeper understandings and creative explorations in a wide range of fields and subjects. Flexibility is a hallmark of the Learning Commons, both physically and conceptually, and it endeavors to be responsive to the needs of its community in an ever-changing landscape of education, research, and service.

UML LEARNING COMMONS: 2018-19 Brief Review



- Almost 1 million visits to Richter Library in FY 19—out of 939,606 visitors, 80% were students, with 67% of those visits by undergraduates
- More than 6,000 hours of academic support services offered in both fall and spring semesters through the coordinated efforts of 11 Learning Commons Partners from University of Miami Libraries, College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Education, and Academic Technologies
- Increases in consultations with Camner Center for Academic Resources, Writing Center, and Learning and Research Services/Peer Research Consultants
- Increases in course reserve loans and circulation of laptops, media equipment, general technology, as well as orders for large and specialty format printing
 - **Over 100 workshops, trainings, and programs** offered in the two Flexible Program Spaces by Learning Commons Partners and Affiliates



Service categories as developed through brightspot strategy's 2015-2016 participatory planning exercises.

VISION STATEMENT

Help students become effective and independent learners with the ability to identify, critically analyze and apply relevant information and technologies as well as the skills necessary to communicate across disciplines and cultures.

MISSION STATEMENT

Offer opportunities to work individually and collaboratively, learn from peers and experts, discover and explore resources and ideas, and create and experiment. Provide an inviting, comfortable, and technology-rich environment.

2018-19 STEERING COMMITTEE

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Access Services (UML) Camner Center for Academic Resources (UE) Creative Studio (UML) Digital Scholars' Lab (UML) Math Lab (CAS) Modern Languages Lab (CAS) Office of Academic Enhancement (UE—*New*) Research Services/Peer Research Consultants (UML) Student Technology Help Desk (AT) Technology Assistance Program (AT—*New*) Writing Center (CAS)

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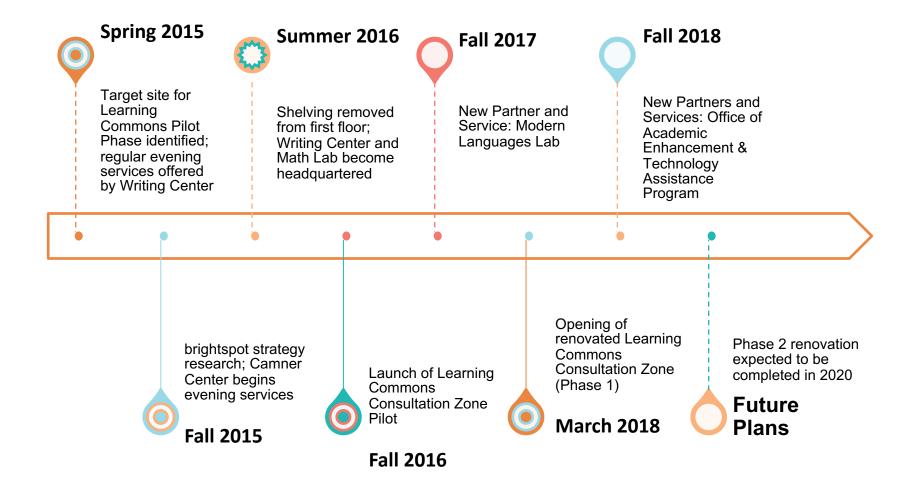
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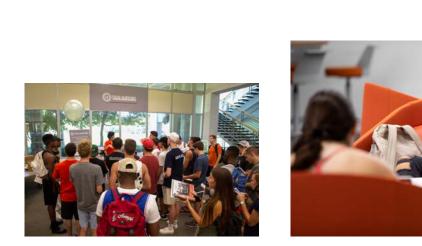
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Milestones







The 2018-19 academic year gave the Learning Commons (LC) many opportunities to refine and enhance offerings to unique constituent populations. **Undergraduate students** make up the majority of those who connect with services at the LC, and in FY19, they received academic course and independent project support in 11 different service areas. Key services accessed included **Camner Center for Academic Resources, Writing Center, Math Lab, Creative Studio, Research Services, Student Technology Help Desk, and Access Services.** **Graduate students** from across University of Miami accessed LC resources, too, along with many others in the university community seeking support for projects that advanced the university's mission of teaching, research, and service. Additionally, with coordinated programming that supplemented the daily offerings of LC Partner services, **the UML Learning Commons enjoyed a successful year of creating dynamic spaces, experiences, and opportunities for engagement at UM.**

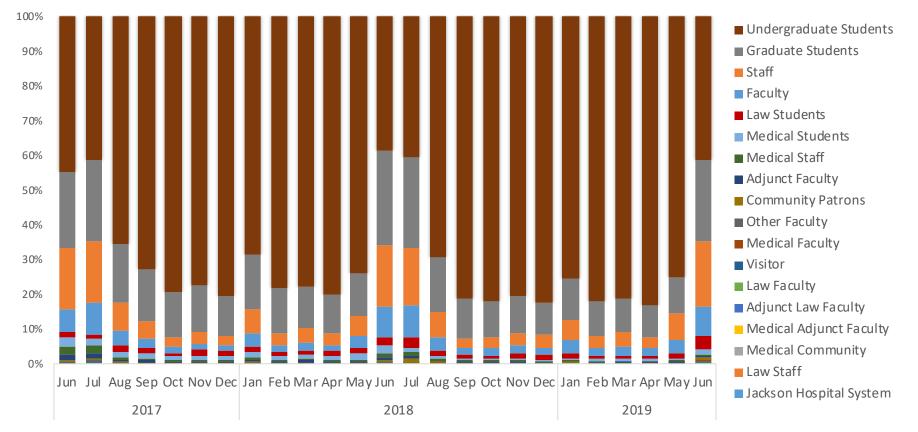
Increases in 2018-19 (from FY18)

Students and others connected with key services during FY19 for coursework, research, group assignments, and independent projects.

LC Partner	Service Type/ Metrics	FY 2018	FY 2019	Increase
Camner Center	Consultations	2,693	4,066	51%
Writing Center	Consultations	4,699	4,835	3%
Research Services	Participants in Library Sessions	2,408	3,084	28%
Access Services	Equipment Borrowed	40,197	48,558	21%
Access Services	Laptops Borrowed	820	1,931	135%
Access Services	Course Reserves Loans	4,778	5,983	25%
Creative Studio	Creativity Tools Borrowed (cameras, etc.)	957	1,174	22%
Creative Studio	Printing Orders of Large Format & 3D	358	391	10%

Access & Space Highlights: Richter Library and Learning Commons Consultation Zone

Richter Library logged 939,606 visits in FY19, an increase of 5%. More than 80% of visitors were students, and of those, 67% were undergraduates.



Richter Library Turnstile by User Group, Year and Month

75% of visitors work with laptops in the Learning Commons Consultation Zone, and their seating preference is for group tables. 60% of visitors work individually, 30% work in groups of 2, and 10% work in groups of 3 or more.

Highlights:

- 2018-19 Learning Commons Orientation Programs "Personalizing Your UM Education") in fall and spring semesters for undergraduate and graduate students
- Collaborative programming in the Flexible Program Spaces (e.g. workshops facilitated by Digital Scholarship, the Writing Center, the Camner Center for Academic Resources, the Graduate School; seminars hosted by the Center for the Humanities; Learning and Research Services instructional sessions)
- **Student Focus Group** to inform 2020 renovation plans
- Coordinated Assessment of participating partners
- Partnership with the
 University Student
 Persistence Task Force





OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT providing scholarship advising and ombudsperson support

CAMNER CENTER tutoring for courses in Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics & Biology are the highest in demand.

Camner Center Course Support at the Learning Commons

Course Number	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	% Change
MTH-162	105	135	169	297	183%
MTH-161	150	114	210	212	41%
CHM-111	99	120	192	233	135%
CHM-201	64	76	124	247	286%
BIL-150	62	99	114	177	185%
CHM-112	58	72	154	103	78%
PHY-205	61	56	91	150	146%
MTH-107	31	45	116	154	397%
CHM-121	36	89	82	117	225%
CHM-221	17	20	79	178	947%

WRITING CENTER reviewed a wide range of projects, including course assignments, personal statements, grant/research proposals, internship & scholarship applications and theses/dissertations.

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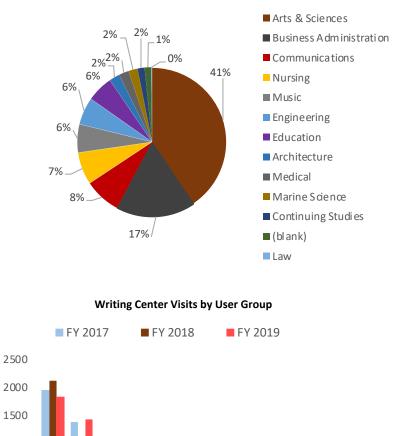
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Writing Center Visits by School/College



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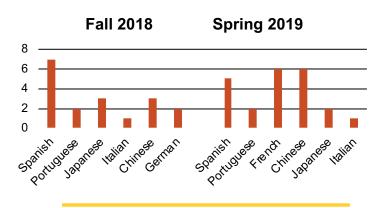
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MATH LAB and MODERN LANGUAGES LAB offered over 2,300 and 800 hours (respectively) of walk-in support for course-related assignments and projects, and they assisted students in both 1:1 and small group settings.

Modern Languages Lab Weekly Support in hours 2018-19







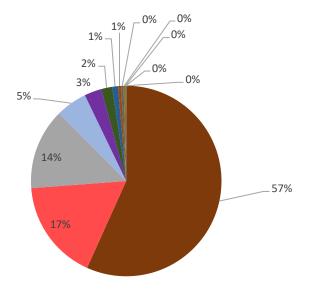
Math Lab Walk-in Support 2018-19

Fiscal Year	Math Lab Hours
FY 2018	1,488
FY 2019	1,924

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RESEARCH SERVICES and the PEER RESEARCH CONSULTANTS increased their outreach through walk-in, scheduled, and course instruction.

FY 2019 Research Sessions by School or College



5 In-person research consultations held



- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Nursing and Health Studies
- N/A
- School of Communication
- College of Engineering
- Education and Human Development
- Frost School of Music
- Miami Business School
- Continuing and International Education
- Miller School of Medicine
- Lennar Medical Center
- School of Architecture
- Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

Learning and Research Services	FY 2019
Consultation (virtual & in-person)	225
Presentation to Groups	170
Total Research Sessions	395 [+16%]
Participants in Library Sessions	3,084
Question asked (all locations)	9,198
At the LC Consultation Zone	389 [4% from Total]

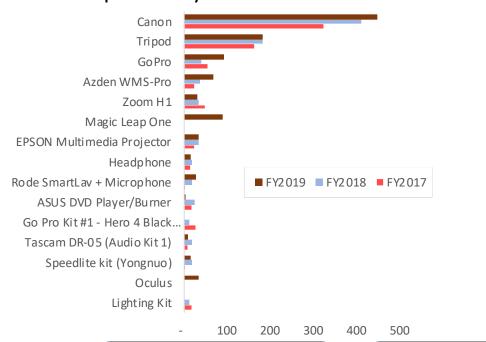
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FOSTERING CREATIVITY AND TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS

CREATIVE STUDIO supports increasing numbers of students, faculty, and staff each year with access to equipment for creative projects, large format and 3D printing, and consultations using Adobe Creative Cloud and other creative software.

NEW

Service



Top 15 Creativity Tools Borrowed

Creative Studio Printing Services by User Group

User Group	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
Undergraduate Students	137	190	198	
Graduate Students	70	73	110	
Faculty	19	20	18	
Law Students	15	16	24	
Staff	21	14	18	
Medical Students	24	14	11	
Medical Staff	11	15	5	
Departmental Use	8	8	5	
Adjunct Faculty	7	1		
Visitor	4			
Medical Community	1	1	1	
Community Patrons		1	1	
Medical Faculty	1	1		
Total	318	354	391	

3,961 requests were resolved by the **STUDENT TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK** at Richter in FY19

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) providing productivity software support

EXPLORATION SUPPORTING ADVANCEI LEARNING AND In addition to hosting **active learning** workshops including "The Data Management Challenge: Wrangling Data in the Research Environment" and the "Utilizing GIS Data Workshop" series, the **DIGITAL SCHOLARS' LAB** provided nearly **1,500 consultations** for researchers at all levels.

GIS & Data Help at the Learning Commons	FY 2019
Data Help Consultations	563
Data Help Workshops	38
GIS Consultations	1,200
GIS Workshops	~30
Participants in GIS & Data Workshops	~1,400

SUPPORTING TEACHING & RESEARCH: The FACULTY EXPLORATORY saw nearly 300 bookings for the One Button Studio, Virtual Reality Station, and meeting space for ULINK interdisciplinary teams.



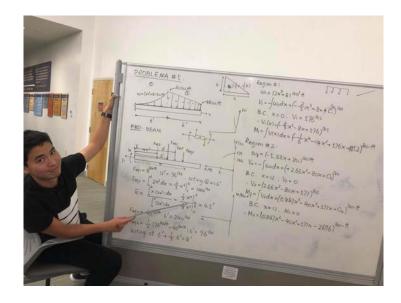
2018-19 WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE LC FLEXIBLE PROGRAM SPACES INCLUDED:

BANNED BOOKS WEEK READ-OUT
DIGITAL SCHOLARS' LAB WORKSHOPS ON DATA VISUALIZATION
CREATIVE STUDIO GALLERY OPENINGS
CAMNER CENTER WORKSHOP ON STUDY STRATEGIES
NATIONAL TUTOR APPRECIATION WEEK BREAKFAST
GRADUATE SCHOOL TEACHING ACADEMY
OPEN ACCESS WEEK
WRITING CENTER WORKSHOP ON LITERATURE REVIEWS
INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK
GIS DAY
Workshops on Professional Development for Women Faculty

GRADUATE WRITING RETREAT

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOPS ON COMPUTING BASICS

RESEARCH SERVICES WORKSHOP ON FORMATTING FOR ELECTRONIC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS



"In these 4 semesters I've done 365 appointments in total and helped around 100 students...I think this experience actually helped me retain what I learned in ancient times and led me discover something new in that I actually just figured out relativity this semester when tutoring, no joke, along with logic circuits and magnetic circuits..." -Sihan Chen, Camner Center Tutor (2017-19)



Galia Bernat '19, Access Services Student Staff and Curator, Connecting Sentences Pop-Up Exhibition, a senior capstone project for the School of Education, in collaboration with Exchange for Change, a nonprofit group working with incarcerated learners.



Research, Mentoring, & the Learning Commons: LIBRARY RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND ADOBE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Library Research Scholars and Adobe Scholars Program help co-curate collections at UML through the selection of materials, creation of resource guides, and addition of bibliographies to the Scholarly Repository. 2018-19 Adobe Scholars also presented to a national audience at Adobe Creative Campus event in February.





 "...what stood out most to me was the ability to work in close connection with librarians in a way that most students will never experience. The unique perspectives and advice given by my mentors will stay with me for a very long time."
 Anonymous survey response, Library Research Scholar

Publications

Kelly Miller, "On Being in Libraries," *Educause Review*, August 27, 2018, <u>https://er.educause.edu/articles/2018/8/on-being-in-libraries</u>.

Conference Presentations

"Using Design Thinking to Enable Student Success and Build Community: Planning, Piloting, and Operating University of Miami's Learning Commons," Presentation by Kelly Miller, Elliot Felix, and Adam Griff, Educause Learning Initiative (ELI) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, February 19, 2019.

Other

Director Kelly Miller was invited to serve as the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) representative to the <u>Learning Spaces Collaboratory</u> (LSC), a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the planning of future learning spaces to support 21st-century learners.

Visitors

- William Noel and Arthur Mitchell Frass, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania
- M. Kathleen Kern, Zell B. Miller Learning Center, University of Georgia
- Library Management Skills Institute Participants, Association of Research Libraries members
- Representatives from Shepley Bullfinch architectural firm

Learning Commons 2018-19 Infographic https://my.visme.co/projects/9079vg3m-6ep5dwxmpzrk2dz3

Goals for 2019-20

- Coordinating data collection and assessment among LC Partners
- Promotion of support services for undergraduate students
- Piloting of Toppel Career Advising, a peer-to-peer initiative from the Toppel Career Center
- Collaborating with The Launch Pad to develop a new Entrepreneurship Collection
- Planning Support for Phase 2 Renovation