

PROGRAM REVIEW

BSBA Global Supply Chain Management

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BACKGROUND

University of Louisville (UofL) Libraries are comprised of:

- 1) Ekstrom Library serving humanities, social sciences, life sciences, business, engineering, physical sciences, and technology,
- 2) Kornhauser Health Sciences Library,
- 3) Anderson Music Library,
- 4) Bridwell Art Library,
- 5) The Law Library, and
- 6) University Archives and Special Collections.

UofL's library system supports the teaching and research needs of more than 22,000 students and more than 7,000 faculty and staff. UofL belongs to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), an organization of 126 North American library systems affiliated with large, comprehensive research institutions; the State-Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky (SAALCK); and Kentuckiana Metroversity, a consortium of Louisville area libraries.

This report provides a summary of library resources that support teaching and research in the area being proposed. It identifies areas of weakness and concludes whether the library's current resources are adequate to support the new program or not. When necessary, this report also identifies resources that could be purchased to increase and strengthen the library's support for this program.

SERVICES

Research Assistance and Instruction

Each library within the University of Louisville Libraries offers instruction programs designed to meet the needs of its researchers. Ekstrom Library's information literacy program provides both face-to-face and online research instruction tailored to specific courses and assignments. The library's Research DIY website offers additional online support for students, with brief video tutorials, infographics, and other instructional materials. There are also specific online research guides in **Business**, **Management**, and **Industrial Engineering** that provide access to relevant databases and materials for the proposed program.

Ekstrom Library also provides research assistance through in-person consultations, e-mail, telephone, and online chat. Ekstrom also has an assigned library liaison and subject specialist for the College of Business.

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery

Faculty and students can access books and articles not held by UofL Libraries through [Interlibrary Loan](#). Document delivery services allow patrons to request that library-owned articles or book chapters less than 50 pages in length, and within copyright fair use guidelines, be scanned and delivered to them electronically. Ekstrom Library has a [Distance Learning Services Specialist](#) who provides online learners with access to print and electronic resources.

STAFFING

According to the most recent data available from ARL, UofL Libraries' staff to student ratio is slightly above average compared to our established benchmark institutions.

<u>FY21</u>	<u>Library Staff</u>	<u>Full-Time Students</u>	<u>Ratio Staff : FT Students</u>
SUNY @ Stony Brook University	64	22,457	1:350
University of Alabama @ Birmingham	114	37,402	1:328
Temple University	126	32,275	1:256
SUNY @ Buffalo	115	26,500	1:230
University of Cincinnati – Main Campus	133	29,817	1:224
University of California – Irvine	162	35,154	1:217
University of Illinois @ Chicago	129	28,055	1:217
University of South Carolina	166	33,104	1:199
Wayne State University	105	18,831	1:179
University of California – San Diego	220	38,072	1:173
Virginia Commonwealth University	141	23,980	1:170
University of Louisville	104	16,777	1:161
University of Pittsburgh – Main Campus	211	30,226	1:143
University of Utah	199	25,405	1:127
University of Iowa	193	25,185	1:130
University of New Mexico	129	14,920	1:115
University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill	300	25,202	1:84

COLLECTIONS

Books

Here is a breakdown of the library's current holdings of both print and eBooks, categorized by relevant Library of Congress subject heading:

LC Subject	# of Print Books	# of eBooks	Print Books published in last 5 years	eBooks published in last 5 years
Business logistics	157	315	6	132
Delivery of goods	18	30	0	6

Materials management	326	982	1	242
Business intelligence	122	205	6	47
Physical distribution of goods	48	24	2	5

Periodicals

UofL currently has online full-text access to the following journals that focus on topics related to the proposed program.

Journal	Online Full-Text Holdings
International Journal of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management	2008 – present
International Journal of Operations & Production Management	1994 – present
International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management	1992 – present
Journal of Business Logistics	1978 – present
Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management	2003 – present
Journal of Supply Chain Management	1992 – present
Supply Chain Management Review	2003 – present

Online Databases

The following databases offer indexes, abstracts, and full-text access to the periodicals listed above plus thousands of other publications and data related to the proposed program.

- **ABI/INFORM Collection**
- **ABI/INFORM Global**
- **Business Source Premier**
- **ProQuest Career and Technical Education Database**
- **Wiley Online Library**

Analysis of Collections

While Ekstrom Library adequately supports the College of Business's current inventory of courses, the proposed BSBA in Global Supply Chain Management emphasizes artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, tools, and practices in the supply chain field. The library only has 15 print books published in the past 5 years in subjects related to the program focus. There are hundreds of eBooks on the topic; however, these are not necessarily specifically related to emerging technologies in global supply chain management. The library does provide access to top journals in the field and online databases that provide access to academic articles, technical reports, and other relevant business literature.

RECOMMENDATIONS

University Libraries request \$500 - \$1,000 in funding to purchase recently published print and electronic books in global supply chain management that focus on artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies and practices in the field. The library encourages program faculty and administrators to submit titles that would best support program objectives and course content. The Business Librarian can work with program faculty to identify the most useful print and electronic titles to add to the library's collection.

CONCLUSION

- ☐ The University of Louisville Libraries have adequate resources to support the proposed program.
- ☒ The University of Louisville Libraries have resources that marginally support the proposed program. We recommend providing funding for the purchase of materials and resources outlined in the Recommendations section of this document.
- ☐ The University of Louisville Libraries do not have adequate resources to support the proposed program.