COME HERE OFTEN?

STUDENT SPACE ASSESSMENT

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OUR SPACE

BASEMENT

REFERENCE ROOM

LOBBY

LRC AREA
MC BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment

- Total enrollment: 5,070
- Undergraduate: 3,145
- Graduate: 1,532
- Law: 393
MC BY THE NUMBERS

Academics

83 undergraduate areas of study, covering every area of a comprehensive liberal arts curriculum

16 graduate degrees, ranging from Business to Medical Sciences to Art and more
SECOND FLOOR PLAN
WHY CONDUCT A SPACE ASSESSMENT WITH STUDENTS?

+ LIBRARY SPACES BEING USED AS CLASSROOMS
+ INCREASED STUDENT COMPLAINTS
+ DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT SPACE
STUDENTS COMPLAINED MOST ABOUT...

- NOT ENOUGH STUDY ROOMS
- NOT ENOUGH QUIET SPACE
- NEEDING MORE "LOUD" STUDY SPACE
- MORE WHITEBOARDS
- MORE OUTLETS
- OPEN LONGER HOURS
DESIGNING OUR ASSESSMENT

+ AN ONLINE SURVEY
+ PROMOTED AROUND CAMPUS
+ SIGNAGE WITH LINK TO SURVEY
+ LOG OF "SEATING SWEEPS", CONDUCTED 4 TIMES DAILY
+ PHOTO DIARY/FLIP CHARTS
How frequently do you visit Speed Library?

- Several times a day: 10% of respondents
- Once a day: 5% of respondents
- Several times a week: 30% of respondents
- Once a week: 15% of respondents
- About once a month: 10% of respondents
- About once a semester: 5% of respondents
- It varies (please explain): 5% of respondents

Answered: 221, Skipped: 0
Individual Comments
(17 total)

01

"I come to print both color and b/w pages, but rarely anything else. I have some study rooms in Hederman that I use mostly."

02

Sometimes I work independently, but typically I am wanting to work with at least one or more other people to study for an exam or work on a group project.

03

"I live in Jackson, so I don't usually have time to come to the library unless I am doing research."
Is Speed Library a good place to work by yourself?

Answered: 221  Skipped: 0

- Yes: 90%
- No: 10%
- Sometimes (please explain...): 0%

Survey Results
Individual Comments (43 total)

01

"It's really loud in almost every single place except the basement and there's often limited seating by outlets for my computer. This makes coming to the library a challenge."

02

IF you can get a table in a quiet area with an outlet that isn't against the wall in the basement (or as we refer to it, the murder dungeon), then it's okay to study alone, but these options are quite limited.

03

Yes!!! The quiet room is amazing!!! However I wish we had more outlets by the tables
SURVEY

Is Speed Library a good place to work on group projects?

Answered: 221  Skipped: 0

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes (please explain...)

[Bar chart showing the distribution of responses]
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<td>01</td>
<td>When you are able to snag a study room (which isn't always easy), it's good. It would be better to have more study rooms, for sure. It would also be convenient to have another printing station.</td>
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<td>02</td>
<td>Sometimes. When I work with a group, we use the group study rooms and the noise from other rooms next to us can sometimes make it difficult to study/focus.</td>
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<td>The study rooms are great, but the walls need to be soundproofed, or just not paper thin. I can hear neighbors whispering. Also, no 24h area...??</td>
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When you come to Speed Library to work on an assignment, which do you do most often?

Answered: 221  Skipped: 0
## Survey

### Answer Choices

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<td>Used your laptop in the library to work on an assignment</td>
<td>81.45%</td>
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<td>Used the printers/photocopiers</td>
<td>79.19%</td>
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<td>Used a group study room</td>
<td>75.57%</td>
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<td>Drank</td>
<td>62.90%</td>
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<td>Socialized in person (chatted with friends at the library)</td>
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<td>Read or studied print materials that you brought with you</td>
<td>58.37%</td>
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<td>Used library computers to work on an assignment</td>
<td>57.47%</td>
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<td>Ate</td>
<td>51.58%</td>
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<td>Socialized online (Facebook, email, etc.)</td>
<td>45.25%</td>
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<td>Searched the library book shelves</td>
<td>42.99%</td>
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<td>Got help from library staff</td>
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<td>Checked out or returned library materials</td>
<td>38.46%</td>
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<td>Read or studied library print materials</td>
<td>28.51%</td>
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<td>Attended a library instruction session, workshop or tour</td>
<td>16.74%</td>
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<td>Took a nap</td>
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<td>7.24%</td>
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<td>Other (please explain below)</td>
<td>5.88%</td>
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Total Respondents: 221

### Bar Chart

Which of the following activities have you engaged in at Speed Library in the past year? (Check all that apply)
"I AM IN A STUDY ROOM WORKING ON A PAPER, IN THE COMPANY OF TWO FRIENDS WORKING ON THE SAME PAPER. I CHOSE IT BECAUSE IT’S NOT THE BASEMENT AND WE CAN SIT AND TALK ABOUT OUR PAPER TOPICS WITHOUT ANNOYING OTHERS."
"The library has become more of a social atmosphere rather than a studious one. It's always loud."
"BETTER: LESS DISTRACTIONS, WHITE BOARDS IN SOME OF THE ROOMS, CAN TALK THROUGH THE NOTES WITHOUT DISTURBING OTHERS. WORSE: CAN HEAR OTHERS IN ADJACENT ROOMS, NO PIZZA??????
"CONS: THE BASEMENT IS GROSS AND TERRIFYING AND DIMLY LIT. (EXCEPTION: STUDY ROOMS, BUT THERE IS A WEIRD SLUDGE COMING FROM THE WALL OF ONE ROOM. DON'T BELIEVE ME? GO CHECK IT OUT.) LIBRARY AS A WHOLE IS TOO SMALL AND HOURS COULD BE BETTER.

PROS: COFFEE SHOP IN THE LIBRARY IS MUCH APPRECIATED!! I LOVE THE STUDY ROOMS."
"(We need) fans in the study rooms."

"I also appreciate that the basement is always quiet and never cold."

"It's way too hot in the library."

"I love the library, but is always very hot downstairs. Especially in the study rooms."

"Free cookies would be nice."

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED

+ ADDED THREE STUDY ROOMS
+ FANS AND BETTER LIGHTING IN STUDY ROOMS
+ WHITEBOARDS ON INDIVIDUAL CARRELS
+ 10 NEW COMPUTER BEING ADDED


