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Welcome to the John C. Hitt Library!

I’m the Subject Librarian for the Department of Political Science. Please contact me for any of your research needs at: linda.colding@ucf.edu  OR  407-823-4248

There’s lots of news so let me begin with the Research Guides. General Political Science information can found at http://guides.ucf.edu/PoliticalScience. For Security Studies, take a look at http://guides.ucf.edu/SecurityStudies. I can create a research guide for your specific class including online classes.

If you are teaching a face to face class with a research component, please consider having a library instruction session. You can submit the online request form at http://library.ucf.edu/Reference/Instruction/LIRequest.php or contact me directly at the information provided above. I can guide your students to the many databases and resources specifically for Political Science. If you can’t bring your students into the library, I’d be happy to stop by your classroom for a few minutes to introduce myself and a few of the Library’s services.

For online classes, consider including me as an embedded librarian. I can assist your students with any research or library question through a discussion conference. I can also create a research module including a graded assignment.
Your students may be interested in having a Research Consultation. This service is a one-on-one appointment with me for extensive, in-depth research assistance. They can sign up at http://library.ucf.edu/Reference/ResearchConsultations/Default.php

Another service you might be interested in is Document Delivery. This free service is for faculty, staff and graduate students. It gives you the opportunity to submit requests through the Interlibrary Loan system (ILLiad) for items owned by the UCF Libraries. Library staff will pull the requested material and either send the articles directly to your ILLiad account or have the book ready for you to pick up at the Circulation desk.

The library will have about $3000 to purchase materials this year. Please work with your library liaison, Anca Turcu, to submit requests. This money is strictly for books and/or DVDs. One question I will have for you is whether you would like to purchase the item electronically. Unfortunately we are not permitted to purchase journals with this money because those orders need to be renewed each year and we don’t know what our budget will be in the future. Also, sorry but no textbooks!

If you are new to UCF or just haven’t had a chance to visit the library, I’d be happy to meet with you and show you around the Knowledge Commons area. You may also want to look at our Research guide for New Faculty at http://guides.ucf.edu/newfaculty.

I’m looking forward to working with each of you and your students this year!

Linda