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ABSTRACT

The study sought to produce a three-year-collection blueprint for the resources of the Graduate School Library of the University of San Agustin in Iloilo City. It analyzed current collection density and current collecting intensity for books, periodicals/journals, non-print materials, and electronic resources. It mapped out the desired collection density for the eleven graduate programs supported by the library.

Employing the descriptive-correlation method, this study surveyed the information needs of the graduate school students, conducted interviews and looked into the course checklist, OPAC, new acquisitions lists, and CHED standards.

Graduate school students have different information needs ranked in relation to their subject assignments/readings. Except for the degree/program enrolled in, there is no significant relationship between the profile of the respondents and their information needs. Their research interests are somehow related to their information needs and the jobs they have. They usually consulted people sources, print, non-print and electronic sources. Based on CHED standards and collection mapping, the Graduate School Library collection was inadequate to meet the different information needs of the University of San Agustin Graduate School students, and therefore, insufficient to support their curricula.

This three-year collection resource blueprint will revitalize the collection of the University of San Agustin Graduate School Library.

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