

Policy Changes Due to COVID-19

Our emphasis at all four libraries is on providing services and materials rather than offering space to study and socialize. For the safety of all, therefore, many of our physical spaces are inaccessible.

- Entry is limited to those with WIU IDs. Others needing to visit Archives & Special Collections or Government & Legal may do so by making an appointment. Curbside pick-up will continue for those without WIU IDs.
- All libraries have shortened hours, which are posted on the website.
- Reference Service continues remotely via e-mail and chat, supplemented by Zoom and Google Meets appointments.
- Course Reserves are online only.
- Eating is not permitted in the libraries, since it can't be done while wearing a face covering.
- Group and individual study rooms are unavailable for the semester, as well as the Faculty Lounge.
- Tables have one chair. Individual study carrels are separated to comply with the 6 ft rule.
- All classrooms and meeting rooms have smaller capacities. Room scheduling will be done in cooperation with Campus Scheduling & Event Services. Some smaller areas (e.g., Archives & Special Collections) have posted capacity limits and procedures for limiting entry.
- Access to bookstacks may be limited to staff in some areas. In this case users may request items and staff will retrieve them.