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Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Policy

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In 2010, Gleeson Library initiated its ETD program to electronically process incoming master's theses and doctoral dissertations produced at USF. ETDs not only significantly reduce the processing time required to make theses and dissertations available to the campus community, but also allow these works to become quickly accessible on the internet to scholars worldwide through the open access USF Scholarship Repository. In addition, ETDs expand the medium of expression for graduate research and scholarship to go beyond words and figures that can be reproduced on paper, to multiple media such as audio and video.

Effective August 1, 2014, the Gleeson Library will no longer accept print copies of theses and dissertations. The library will:

- Continue to process and support ETDs through USF Scholarship Repository.
- Help departments and programs not currently in the ETD program set up ETD submission process and procedures if they wish to join.
- Strongly advise departments and programs to make all their ETDs open access, but also provide embargo options and levels of access control for works that are pending publication or are confidential in nature.
- Continue to scan existing paper copies of past theses and dissertations and make them available electronically to the USF community.
- Scan paper copies of past theses and dissertations in the library's holding on demand and make the resulting electronic copy available to the USF community.

For any questions regarding the ETD program, please contact Digital Collections Librarian, Jessica Lu (zjlu@usfca.edu) (415) 422-5674.