



Broad collections support open, interdisciplinary study at top liberal arts college

Academic Video Online's contribution to a personalized learning experience

A historic institution with innovation and excellence in its DNA

This premier liberal arts college is known nationally for its integrated approach to the liberal arts and sciences. One of the first colleges to institutionalize study abroad and experiential education, students customize their own broad, interdisciplinary college experience, combining their learning and career aspirations. Serving an undergraduate student body of nearly 1,500, it's as well-known for its courses in STEM as it is for social justice leadership.

The library – empowering the community

Library staff develop and maintain collections to energize and support the broad range of teaching and research programs. With a wide choice of majors and minors, the library's staff

members are called upon to supply a diverse range of materials and support, from health to economics to dance.

We spoke to the Collection Services Librarian, who's been here for 10 years, and wears many hats – acquisitions, serials, e-resources and teaching. "There was very little in the way of electronic resources and no video when I joined," said the librarian. "Since then I've quickly had to become competent in film librarianship."

We also spoke to a Reference and Instruction Librarian, who teaches classes embedded in first year seminars and answers students' and faculty's many questions.

"Academic Video Online is the place to send people to look"

Academic Video Online – providing flexible resources for faculty

They had heard of Academic Video Online from library friends, and were keen to try it out. "We got a subscription about two years before COVID, after

"Academic Video Online gives faculty the flexibility to flip the classroom"

having dipped our toes in the water with the on-demand program. I wasn't sure if faculty would find the content useful, or if tech would be able to support it, but it's worked out.

Getting the subscription meant they had a basic collection at their disposal and didn't have to worry about paying per title. "We wanted to give faculty something they could search in. Before, if you bought a documentary DVD, it was \$300-\$500 a pop. With the collection, they got into using it, and **that's reduced our costs.** We'd tell them to start with Academic Video Online, and if they didn't find what they wanted there, then go on to other providers as the next step."

They helped a faculty member find material for a first-year seminar on jazz. "He came to me... about finding titles on Academic Video Online. You can search for videos on jazz, and if there's not something suitable, request a title from Collections."



