SERVICES

Libraries
Scientific literature is housed in the George A. Smathers Libraries (Marston Science Library and the Health Sciences Library) ([http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/)) and the Division of Plant Industry (DPI) library located in the Doyle Conner Building on the University of Florida campus. Much of the holdings of the Smathers Libraries can be accessed from off-campus by any student with a Gatorlink account using the UF VPN Service ([http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufproxy.html](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufproxy.html)). The DPI library emphasizes systematic and taxonomic works. The Entomology and Nematology Department Reading Room (Room 2106) contains a small collection of journals, texts, reference books, trade magazines, etc., and houses the theses and dissertations written by former students in the department. No books or journals can leave the departmental reading room but there is a photocopier in room 2106 that can be used to copy portions of bound journals or books.

Bibliographic Searches
Finding relevant literature is vastly aided by computer searches of electronic databases ([http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/databases.html](http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/databases.html)). The databases include those used to compile Biological Abstracts, Helminthological Abstracts, Bibliography of Agriculture, and Review of Applied Entomology. Librarians in the Marston Science Library teach courses that will help students devise a search program and provide advice on the use of databases. The Entomology and Nematology Department Computer Laboratory also provides online access to these databases ([http://entnem.ifas.ufl.edu/ctl/](http://entnem.ifas.ufl.edu/ctl/)), under UF and Local tab.

Computer Laboratory
The department has an excellent computer laboratory in Room 1012 ([http://entnem.ifas.ufl.edu/ctl/](http://entnem.ifas.ufl.edu/ctl/)). State-of-the-art hardware provides access to word processing, databases, spreadsheets, graphics, and statistical analysis software. Through this lab students are provided access to electronic mail and library services. All students are required to obtain a Gatorlink email account as soon as possible after arrival on campus ([http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu/](http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu/)).

Statistical Consultation
Statistical services are available to our students. See the following web site for information: ([http://ifasstat.ifas.ufl.edu/consultingunit/](http://ifasstat.ifas.ufl.edu/consultingunit/)). The student should consult a statistician for help in designing experiments in order to make sure that the experimental results can be analyzed properly.

Copying
Students may purchase copying cards from Nick Hostettler, Room 3226, to use the copier in the Reading Room (2106). Libraries on campus are equipped with copiers that anyone may use for a charge. Entomology & Nematology graduate students (and undergraduate majors) may use the copy machines in the department copy room in the administrative wing of the building but cannot take items from room 2106 to photocopy in the administrative wing copy room.
Graphics and Scientific Posters
The department has a Graphics Specialist, Jane Medley, available for consultation and assistance with various types of graphics and presentations. You may print scientific posters in Room 1023 at no charge if you are enrolled in courses in our department. Arrangements for using the facility must be coordinated with the Graphics Specialist.

Bulletin Boards
Bulletin boards displaying various bits of information are located throughout the building. A mobile board in the administrative wing of the building is for posting current seminars and other current events. Other boards are assigned to ENSO for posting its activities. Three bulletin boards display photographs of all graduate students, on-campus faculty members, and support staff. There are numerous boards in the hallways that contain scientific posters describing research conducted by various laboratories.

Student Mailboxes
Each graduate student in the Entomology and Nematology department is assigned a mailbox, located in Room 1025, in which to receive regular business mail as well as departmental announcements and special notices. Please check your mailbox regularly. Each student is responsible for giving Nancy Sanders (Receptionist) her/his forwarding address. Please do not use your departmental address for delivery of personal mail.

Stockroom
The department maintains a well-equipped stockroom (Room 3226) containing various items, especially those needed for classes. A few microscopes and projectors are available. Students (and faculty) may check out items needed for special projects. If you need a microscope or projector, please check with the stockroom attendant. Never take microscopes, microscopes light, projectors, or TVs from the teaching laboratories!
Entomology-Nematology Student Organization (ENSO)

The Entomology and Nematology Student Organization (ENSO) and the Urban Entomology Society (UES) are the department’s university-registered student organizations. ENSO is concerned with all areas of student involvement in the department, the university, and the community. For example, ENSO: (a) sponsors the departmental seminar series; (b) conducts community outreach programs to schools, etc.; (c) assists incoming students with orientation to Gainesville and the university; (d) keeps members informed of special campus events; (e) conveys student concerns and opinions to faculty and administrators; and (f) organizes social events. All graduate and undergraduate students upon enrollment in the department are members of ENSO.

Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/groups/123585671074036/

Urban Entomology Society

The Urban Entomology Society (UES) was begun by students in the urban entomology program to unite and support students with an interest in urban entomology. Membership is offered to all graduate and undergraduate students in the department. UES is involved in many of the same activities as ENSO. Some of the activities are: (a) outreach programs to local schools using insects as teaching tools; (b) constructing insect teaching collections for sale to the pest control industry; (c) sponsoring competitive student research presentations in the department; (d) exhibiting UF/IFAS programs, publications, and software at industry trade shows; and (e) sponsoring social events that allow industry representatives to interact with urban entomology students.

Florida Entomological Society

The Florida Entomological Society is a strong force in entomology in Florida, and its journal, the Florida Entomologist, has national and international distribution. At the society’s annual meetings, awards are given for the best student presentations. The greatly reduced annual dues for student membership include a subscription to the Florida Entomologist. Membership application forms are available online at http://www.flaentsoc.org/.

Entomological Society of America

Membership in the Entomological Society of America (ESA) is recommended for all entomologists. Student membership dues include a subscription to the American Entomologist and the online ESA newsletter. Subscriptions to the society’s other journals are additional if one chooses to subscribe to them. The most recent journals are available on the web for subscribers. Membership application forms are available on the web at http://www.entsoc.org. Some awards sponsored by the ESA (such as the John Henry Comstock Award) are available only to members.
Florida Nematology Forum

Students in nematology should attend the annual meetings of the Florida Nematology Forum (FNF). Its meetings are held jointly with the Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida (SCSSF) at various locations in Florida. The FNF has no dues and no publications, but plans an annual program and business meeting. Students who have completed sufficient research should participate in the Best Student Paper competition of the joint SCSSF/FNF meetings. Monetary awards are given for the first three places in the “soils” division and in the “crops” division. Nematology students have won several of these awards.

Society of Nematologists

All nematology graduate students should become members of the Society of Nematologists (SON - http://www.nematologists.org/), a national organization. Students may apply for associate membership at a reduced rate. Membership forms are available on the society’s web site. Membership includes a subscription to the society’s official publications, The Journal of Nematology, Annals of Applied Nematology, and Nematology Newsletter. The SON provides monetary awards for the first three places in the Best Student Paper competition held annually. DowElanco, through SON, provides needs-based travel grants for a limited number of students to attend the SON annual meetings. Ask nematology faculty how to apply for these awards.