

Animal Studies

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1. Purpose of the collection

The Gatton Library collection in this area is intended to support the teaching and research activities of the School of Animal Studies.

2. Primary user groups served

The School offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the following areas:

- Animal Production
- Animal Science
- Animal Welfare and Inspection
- Equine Science
- Veterinary Technology
- Wildlife Science

Remote students: Some courses are offered in flexible and remote mode.

Cross campus considerations: There are a number of implications for duplication of resources in disciplines, which are provided on more than one campus. In the development of courses on the Gatton Campus there is an inevitable overlap of disciplines in courses with a substantial number of students at both campuses making the duplication of library resources necessary, particularly at the undergraduate level.

Centres associated with the School are: Centre for Advanced Animal Science

3. Description of the collection

In 1990 the Queensland Agricultural College (QAC) was amalgamated with the University of Queensland. The library formed the basis of the Gatton Library. The Gatton Library collection is at the undergraduate and certificate level and reflects the applied science nature of the courses. The collection also supports postgraduate and research activities. The collection is supplemented by the veterinary sciences collection at the Biological Sciences Library.

In early 2000 the University Librarian prepared a submission requesting additional funding to enhance the collection to support the new programs to be offered at the Gatton Campus. As a result of this submission 1 million dollars over five years was allocated to the Gatton Library to upgrade the collection.

The Library has many electronic databases that are accessible in the Gatton library and from home or office. These include:

- *Biosis Reviews*
- *CAB Abstracts*
- *Web of Science*
- *Zoological abstracts*

The Library also has electronic access to collections of full text journals including:

- *Cambridge University Press journals*
- *Blackwell Science journals*
- *CSIRO Online Journals*
- *Oxford University Press*
- *Springer*
- *ScienceDirect (Elsevier)*

4. Interdisciplinary relationships

The School of Animal Studies shares common areas of interest with other Schools within the Faculty e.g. the School of Veterinary Science, the School of Land, Crop and Food Sciences the School of Integrative Systems, as well as with areas such as physiology, animal and plant biology, genetics, biometrics, and biochemistry. Many of the disciplines are offered at both Gatton and St Lucia campuses, and also offered externally.

Duplication of printed book titles is necessary when subjects are offered simultaneously at Gatton, St Lucia, externally and remotely.

5. Scope of current collection

1. Languages collected

Principally English language material.

2. Types (formats) of material collected

Material is collected in all forms both physical and electronic.

3. Publication dates

Current material is collected. Older material is purchased when academic staff specially requests it.

4. Special considerations

The Gatton Library supports a large number of external and remote students as many courses are offered both on campus, externally and remotely.