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Approaching 2 Million Global Downloads - UNI ScholarWorks

[UNI ScholarWorks](#) approaches 2 million global downloads! UNI's institutional repository is a significant tool in demonstrating the reach and impact of programs and departments at the University of Northern Iowa. The repository is currently receiving 3,000 downloads per day and 90,000 downloads per month and as the system grows these rates will continue to increase. The system metrics provide information about individual works. In addition, we receive feedback from people from all over the world about how specific works have impacted and helped them.

- A graduate student in Spain states, *"I'm working in an investigation about tabletop role-playing games as a didactic tool in high school. This investigation is my Master's thesis and I want to use tabletop RPG games to improve linguistic and literature competence. This paper is one of the arguments to justify my interest in this type of games to teach."* This **graduate research paper**, [Dungeons and Dragons and literacy: The role tabletop role-playing games can play in developing teenagers' literacy skills and reading interests](#), was written by a student in the Division of School Library Studies (Department of Curriculum and Instruction) and has been downloaded over 5,500 downloads since its posting in 2018.
- A Columbian graduate student in France states, *"I'm a special education teacher and I'm interested to contribute to the improvement of inclusive education in my country. I've found this research on the internet and I found very interesting the definitions made by the author according to different perspectives. It helped me to clarify some ideas."* This **undergraduate honors program thesis**, [How inclusion is defined and implemented in elementary classrooms](#), was written by a student in the Department of Special Education and has been downloaded 4,700 times since its posting in 2016.
- A **Dissertation** "[A study of college student attitudes and behaviors related to recycling](#)" by a student in the Department of Technology is one of the most downloaded works located in the repository with 21,000 downloads since its posting in 2015.

A wide variety of content is found in UNI ScholarWorks, ranging from *journals* to *conferences* to *image galleries* to *books developed through course assignments* to *undergraduate honors program theses* to *graduate theses and dissertations*.

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[Economics](#) with over 40,000 downloads (Department of Economics) and the [Proceedings of the Jepson Undergraduate Conference on International Economics](#) (Department of Economics.) Conferences include [Research in the Capitol](#) (Honors Program), [Annual Graduate Student Symposium](#) (award winners are indicated), and [Bill & Linda Tubs Teaching Connects](#). Image galleries include the [Frank Lloyd Wright Structure Image Gallery](#), [Malcolm Price Laboratory School Photographs](#), and [Palczewski Suffrage Postcard Archive](#), UNI related publications include the [Yearbooks](#), [Commencement Programs](#), and [Schedule of Classes](#). In addition there are [Open Access Books](#) and [OER \(Open Educational Resources\)](#) collections and so much more!

The repository ties directly to the strategic goals of UNI by illustrating student success. It is one of the few things that clearly demonstrates the value and global reach of all parts of the university. The structure of the University is found within the repository, therefore each college and department has relevant works collected to it and displays a global readership map. Alerts with links to download numbers and the global readership map can be set up for campus administrators. Authors receive regular reports and links to the readership map for their works.

The entire university community together is creating an important resource for the global community. We look forward to working with you on developing future projects.

If you have questions about UNI ScholarWorks, please contact your library liaison or Ellen Neuhaus, Digital Scholarship Librarian.

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