

A SUNY-Wide Digital Repository

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[Dspace](#) is one of the open source softwares designed to create institutional repository systems.

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Institutional repositories store, manage, preserve and disseminate the rich digital content generated by an institution like SUNY. Compliance with the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting ([OAI-PMH](#)) standard allows someone to search widely distributed repositories as if they were all one large database.



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SUNY OLIS has established a pilot Dspace system as part of *SUNYConnect*. It should be emphasized that varying levels of access to content in *SUNYConnect*'s Dspace is to be expected. It is unlikely to be totally "open access." SUNY Press titles and copyright-protected visual resources have restricted access. Many publishers, on the other hand, have [given scholars the green light](#) to archive their work in repositories like Dspace and to make the articles available on the open Internet.

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A number of SUNY institutions have approached OLIS about including some of their digital assets in the Dspace repository. These include Binghamton, Brockport, Cortland, Oneonta, Oswego and Stony Brook. Content in the pilot system includes electronic journals, technical papers, visual resources, SUNY Press monographs and some Master's theses.

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The plan is to implement a [SUNY-wide repository](#) for scholarly works (pre-prints, post-prints), conference proceedings, dissertations, monographs, visual resources, presentations, other gray literature and digital assets for those SUNY institutions that are not implementing their own repository.

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