

Herskovits Library of African Studies Collection Development Policy

Northwestern University Libraries is an active participant in the Africana Librarians Council since 1957 and the Center for Research Libraries. It serves as the repository of the archives of the African Studies Association founded in 1957. As part of its involvement in these organizations and due to the breadth and depth of its collections, the Melville J Herskovits Library of African Studies is widely recognized as the collection of record for African Studies in the United States and one of the best collections in this subject area worldwide.

The collections of the Herskovits Library are primarily acquired to document the continent of Africa at research level 4 with coverage from kindergarten to PhD. Northwestern University Libraries participation in the Big Ten Academic Alliance and other agreements extends access to these collections across the country and to various parts of the world. The collection supports outreach to schools in the area, teaching, faculty research, graduate students and visiting scholars from across the world.

The collection represents the publishing output of the various countries of the continent of Africa and many other parts of the world with interests in Africa. There are no limits placed on time, format or language (Arabic, Igbo, French, Russian, etc). However, materials on agriculture and music LP, CD's, etc., have historically not been included.

In addition to monographs, journal and database subscriptions there are extensive collections of newspapers, maps, photographs, posters and grey literature.

The Herskovits Library of African Studies maintains areas of strength at the Specialized Research Level.

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African American Studies Collection Development Policy

Overview of the Collection

Collection supports the race based scholarship conducted by Northwestern University Research Centers and Institutes, particularly the Center for African American History, the Institute for Policy Research, the Interdisciplinary Center on the Science of Diversity, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (BCICS), and the Program of African Studies. Primary users of the collection are students and faculty in the Department of African American Studies, students, faculty and staff with research and teaching interests in classes studying the Black experience, perspectives and contributions.

Collecting Level

This collection supports undergraduate, advanced undergraduate, masters, doctoral, and independent level instruction.

Prioritization of material type

In terms of collecting African American Studies relies both on monographs as well as various databases containing a variety of material including archives, journals, and newspapers. Additionally, audiovisual material is also collected and there are significant microform collections but this format is not being collected as heavily now.

Prioritization of languages collected in

The majority of material collected is in English, however there are some materials in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian. There is limited number of materials in the Creole and Gullah languages.

Prioritization of format

Print copies of monographs are preferred, electronic access is fine for journals.

Areas of traditional strength

African American Studies materials in the University Library focus on the experience of Blacks in the Americas. The vast majority of the collection focuses on the experience of African Americans in the United States. The remaining materials, which cover Blacks in the New World excludes Africana, include coverage within areas such as Canada, the Caribbean, Continental Europe, Great Britain, and Latin America.

Areas of focus

Subject areas covered in African American Studies includes but is not limited to Anthropology, Communication, Dance and Drama, Education, Economics, Fine Arts, Folklore, History, Language and Literature, Law, Medicine, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Recreation, Religion, Science, Sociology, and Technology.

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Anthropology Collections Development Policy

The Anthropology Collection supports teaching and research by Anthropology Department faculty and students from undergraduate through PhD. Research at Northwestern covers the breadth of anthropological inquiry, including biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology and archaeology.

NUL aspires to collect Anthropology materials at research 3 level.

The library collects books, journals, videos, and databases, primarily in English though Spanish language materials support several areas of interest primarily in Latin America. Important works in other languages are also purchased as are materials in local languages. Databases of primary source material are also purchased.

Print is preferred for single author monographs, electronic is preferred for edited volumes, reference works and monographs taught at the undergraduate level.

Geographic focus is worldwide and chronologically, the entirety of human history. The study of Africa is a major focus and collections are largely supported through the Herskovits Library. Other current areas of focus include medical anthropology and epidemiology, demography, urban anthropology and forensic anthropology. Current geographic interests also include Latin America (Archaeology and Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology) Oceania (Biological Anthropology) Europe (Archaeology and Demography) South and East Asia (Cultural Anthropology) and the Americas (Urban Anthropology and Native and Indigenous Studies).

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Art and Architecture Collection Development Policy

Overview of the Collection

The Art Library supports the teaching, research, study and practice of undergraduate through doctoral students in the Department of Art History and undergraduate through Master's degree students in Art Theory & Practice, as well as the instruction, research and study of students from across the campus in departments and programs as varied as Theatre, Communications Studies, and the Segal Design Institute. Additionally, the Art Libraries collections support the research and curatorial activities of the Block Museum of Art. The Art Library is considered a significant collection for art history research locally and nationally. It serves a community that extends beyond the Northwestern campus including scholars in the region and around the world.

The Art Collection is a comprehensive research collection of reference works, monographs, exhibition catalogues, monographic series, journals, and electronic sources (including databases, e-books, e-journals, image sources and other digital information objects) on art, architecture, and design. Subjects include sources on painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, architecture, photography, installation and conceptual art, performance art, industrial design, graphic design, costume and fashion design, critical theory and other related topics from all time periods and from around the world.

Collecting Levels

The Art Library maintains undergraduate level support of global art history for all time periods. Research levels for doctoral studies are achieved in areas of historical strength and specialized research levels are pursued in areas directly related to faculty research and the curriculum.

Prioritization of languages collected

Materials collected are primarily in English, with secondary collecting in Western European languages, supported in part by several foreign language approval plans. Collections in Asian languages are housed in the Art Library as well as with other collections in the vernacular. Collections concerning art from Africa are the purview of the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies.

Prioritization of material type

Scholars of art and architectural history as well as practitioners rely most heavily on books, including monographs, exhibit catalogs, and book series. Exhibit catalogs are especially important and are supported by an approval plan with Worldwide Books. Journals remain an important resource for art and architecture historians, and popular art magazines are important to art practitioners. Primary source materials as well as facsimiles are critical resources for art and design research and are purchased by both the Art Library and by the McCormick Library of Special Collections. Primary source materials may be rare and held in the McCormick Library of Special Collections or they may be medium-rare or more common and are held in the Art Library Collection at Oak Grove where they have the benefit of added security and climate protection.

Prioritization of format

Print is strongly preferred over ebooks, however for sources that are primarily text with few or very modest image content, e-books are also purchased. JSTOR ebooks, and DRM free copies are preferred, and the e-book platform A&AePortal has also increased access to high quality, image centric e-books. Long-held attitudes discouraging the publication and use of e-books on art and architecture topics are

changing, possibly due to the 2020 pandemic, as well as the need to serve distance students and scholars. Online journals are preferred, though many journals including long tails publications remain available only in print. Online reference sources including image databases are preferred.

Areas of traditional strength (that we are maintaining)

Areas of historical strength include European art and architectural history (especially French) of the 19th and 20th centuries is a long standing area of strength, though the collection is shifting to a broader pan-European view of the 19th and early 20th centuries and a global approach to the mid-20th through 21st centuries. Early Modern art and architectural history (European) is also an area of depth, expanding to include greater emphasis on the southern European renaissance and Baroque periods and colonial, new world art and architecture. 20th and 21st century North American art and specific areas of Asian art including Tibetan art, pan-Asian Buddhist art are other areas of depth in the Art Library. Materials in ancient Middle Eastern and Mediterranean art are collected at a core level, with special focus on tribal and silk road art and artifacts.

Areas of focus

In addition to the continued areas of strength listed above, areas of focus and growth include global 20th and 21st century art with special attention to contemporary art from the Middle East and Asia, African diasporic art, and the art of underrepresented groups from throughout North America; 18th and 19th century decorative art and sculpture; Ottoman art; new media including performance, installation, video and digital art and other forms of time art; as well as shifting demands for new topics in Asian art depending on near-future changes to the curriculum.

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Asian Studies Collection Development Policy

The Asian Studies collection at NUL supports the teaching and research of faculty, PhD students, and undergraduate students. Faculty teaching and research focus on the Asian region in discipline-based departments, such as History, Art History, Political Science, Religious Studies, Asian Languages and Cultures, and Sociology.

NUL aspires to collect Asian Studies materials at a core research level.

The Asian Studies collection is primarily made up of journal subscriptions, indexing sources (databases), and books.

Materials for Asian Studies collection are primarily collected in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hindi, Urdu, Indonesia, Vietnamese, and English.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials and electronic for journal, and database materials.

The Asian Studies collection maintains its area strength of modern and contemporary Asian history and political science.

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Biological Sciences Collection Development Policy

The Biological Sciences collection at NUL supports the research and teaching of faculty, Masters and PhD students, and undergraduate students in the Department of Molecular Biosciences; the Department of Neurobiology; the Program in Plant Biology and Conservation; the Integrated Biological Sciences and Northwestern University Integrated Neuroscience PhD programs; and undergraduate Program in Biological Sciences. Topics such as genetics and molecular biology, structural biology, systems neuroscience, cellular and molecular neuroscience, evolution of land plants, and plant communities are researched by faculty.

NUL aspires to collect Biology materials at a core research level.

The Biological Sciences collection is comprised of books, journals, and databases to support the current research needs of the affiliates described above.

The collection is comprised of materials in English.

Monographs are collected in both physical and digital formats. Journals and databases are collected exclusively in digital formats, and some are shared with Galter Health Sciences Library.

The Biological Sciences collection maintains its areas of strength in faculty research areas described above.

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Business Collection Collection Development Policy

The business collection at Northwestern University Library supports the [Kellogg School of Management](#) as well as the [McCormick School of Engineering](#) and the [Integrated Marketing Communications Program](#) in the Medill School of Journalism.

Kellogg consists of seven departments, nineteen research centers and the following initiatives: Architectures of Collaboration, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Markets and Customers and Public-Private Interface.

Kellogg offers a MBA, a PhD, a dual JD-MBA in conjunction with the Law School, the MMM program which is a dual MBA and M.S. in Design Innovation from the McCormick School of Engineering, a dual MD-MBA in conjunction with the Feinberg School of Medicine, a M.S. in Management Studies.

The business collection reflects the teaching and research interests of the Northwestern University faculty. Although the format is largely electronic, print materials are housed primarily within the Main Library and there is a small business collection at the Schaffner Library.

Materials are collected at the research level to support instruction and research in the following areas: marketing, finance, accounting, managerial economics, management and organizations, operations, entrepreneurship, business innovation, design thinking, management strategy. Monographs, periodicals, conference proceedings, and proprietary research are all purchased in both print and electronic formats, however, electronic is preferred when available.

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of business, the collection intersects with sociology, psychology, economics, engineering, medicine, law and social sciences data. Communication among subject specialists for these areas takes place when building the collection. There are consortial arrangements with the BTAA for Wiley, Springer and Elsevier ebooks and ejournals. The Kellogg School of Management contributes funds for database subscriptions.

Endowments There are eleven endowed funds that support business:

1. Effie Keith – supports general use
2. Richard Devereaux – focus is business and management
3. Chicago Association of Direct Marketing – focus is marketing
4. Class 20, Executive Master's Program – focus is business and management
5. Class 21, Executive Master's Program – focus is business and management
6. Douglas Tanner – supports general use
7. Vernon and Marcia Wagner – focus is business and management
8. Floyd Patterson – supports general use
9. J. Howard Kramer – focus is accounting
10. James Allen - focus is business and management
11. Laura Jackson – focus is hospital administration
12. Englert – supports general use.

Donations of business materials are reviewed according to the Library's Gift Policy.

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Chemistry Collection Development Policy

- I. Overview of the Collection
 - a. Activities the collection supports

The Chemistry collection supports current research and teaching in the Department of Chemistry as well as the needs of chemical science researchers in other Northwestern departments and programs, such as Materials Science, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Physics, and the Feinberg School of Medicine. Current research in the Department of Chemistry falls into biological chemistry, environmental and energy chemistry, materials and nanoscience, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, and physical and analytical chemistry.
 - b. Collecting Level: Core research level
 - c. Prioritization of material type
 - i. Journals
 - ii. Databases
 - iii. Monographs, though in practice this is limited to works from major publishers, especially through ebook packages, and requests from faculty and students.
 - iv. Reference works
 - d. Prioritization of languages: English
 - e. Prioritization of format
 - i. Journals: Collected in electronic format, though print duplicates will be archived in OGLC
 - ii. Monographs: Collected in electronic format is preferred
 - iii. Reference works: Collected in electronic format is preferred
 - f. Areas of focus
 - i. See overview of the collection

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Children's Literature Collection Development Policy

The Children's Literature Collection does not directly support any particular program but has been utilized in support of English and Theater. Because of this it is collected at a basic information level. Given the absence of a direct program to support, collection has focused on two main areas: winners of various ALA awards and books by indigenous authors. The nature of this focus means the collection is exclusively in print formats and the focus is often on English language materials, although we do have a small collection of materials in other languages. Between the focus of the collection and the limited endowment it is supported by it does not make sense to look at alternative acquisitions means; about 2 hours are spent twice a year on ordering materials.

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Classics Collection Collection Development Policy

The Classics Collection supports the work of the Classics Department and, more broadly, curricular interest in the culture and history of ancient Greece and Rome and its reception, and Latin literary culture during the middle ages. The collection has historic strengths, particularly with the acquisition of Johannes Schulze's book collection (the Greenleaf Collection) in 1870, with its many eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century editions of classical texts, and the purchase in 1956 of Stephan Hurley's extensive collection of editions of Horace, now housed in the McCormick Library of Special Collections and University Archives. The Classics Collection is located mostly in the main stacks and in OGLC, with some reference materials in the reference collection in Main 1E. The Horace Collection, parts of the Greenleaf Collection and other rare materials are housed in the McCormick Library, and the Art Collection houses books on ancient art, architecture, and numismatics.

The Classics Department officially has eleven faculty ("officially" because of a large number of split appointments) and offers undergraduate majors and minors in Latin and Greek, and a minor in Classical Studies. It has no graduate students per se, but graduate students enrolled in other departments may participate in the Classics Cluster, and take graduate work in the department. Currently about twenty graduate students participate in the cluster; they are based in a wide variety of departments and programs, including philosophy, comparative literature, English, political science, theater and drama, and religion.

Classics is a highly interdisciplinary field, and material is collected in areas of literature and literary criticism, history, art and architecture, theater, and philosophy at a research level, as funds allow. Priority is given in general to the acquisition of critical editions and commentaries, works on classical reception, and modern English-language translations. Traditional philology is of less interest to the department, but is collected at an instructional support level. The department does little direct work in archaeology, but archaeological materials are an important resource for the understanding of the ancient world, and are acquired where useful to research interests in the department. We also attempt to purchase major epigraphic and papyrological sources. Byzantine Greek is acquired at a minimal level. Materials are acquired largely in English, German, French, and Italian; primary materials, of course, are acquired in Latin and Greek. Journals are generally purchased in electronic format where available. A number of classics journals, however, still exist primarily in print. Monographs are generally purchased in print format, although in recent years we have acquired e-books in classical studies via the BTAA Oxford Collective Collecting Pilot program. Large full texts databases of primary texts, such as the *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae* and the *Library of Latin Texts*, are enormously useful and popular, but don't obviate the need to continue to purchase critical editions of these texts in print.

The strength of several strong collections in the Chicago area, particularly at the University of Chicago, provides an important supplement to materials held locally. The United Library collects materials on patristic and medieval Christian literature, the ancient Near East, and late antiquity; Galter collects material on ancient medicine; and Pritzker on Greek and Roman law.

In consultation with other liaisons, materials on the classical world are purchased from a variety of funds in addition to classics, particularly history, philosophy, art, religion, political science, gender studies, and theater. Material on medieval and neo-Latin literature tends to be purchased on funds for the modern

literatures, depending on the nationality of the author in question. Reference materials are purchased on reference funds. There are no endowments assigned to Classics.

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Cognitive Science Collection Development Policy

I. Overview of the Collection

The cognitive science collection primarily serves the research and teaching needs of the [Cognitive Science Program at Northwestern](#). In addition, the collection supports research into the cognitive aspects of a variety of disciplines, most especially education, linguistics, and psychology. Cognitive science is an inherently interdisciplinary field of study that draws together knowledge and expertise from multiple fields, including computer science, psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, philosophy, anthropology, biology, counseling, and many other fields.

The Cognitive Science Program offers an undergraduate major and minor as a part of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. At the graduate level, doctoral students in participating departments can obtain a Certificate in Cognitive Science. The program features an active schedule of talks, debates and workshops, as well as a number of cross-disciplinary research initiatives. There are competitive fellowships for graduate students and summer research fellowships for undergraduates.

Departments/programs affiliated with the Cognitive Science Program include:

- [Anthropology](#)
- [Cognitive Neurology](#)
- [Communication Sciences and Disorders](#)
- [Communication Studies](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Education and Social Policy](#)
- [Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program](#)
- [The Learning Sciences Program](#)
- [Linguistics](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Management and Organizations](#)
- [Music Cognition](#)
- [Neuroscience](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Psychology](#)

II. Description of Materials Collected

The cognitive science selector aims to maintain a research level collection that includes major published works needed to support dissertations and independent research, including materials containing research reporting, new findings, scientific experimental results, and other information useful to researchers. The collection includes important reference works and a wide selection of specialized monographs, as well as an extensive collection of journals and major indexing and abstracting services. The cognitive science selector will often consult with other subject specialists when acquiring relevant materials.

Language(s) covered:

The library primarily collects materials for cognitive science in English. Other languages may be collected as requested by faculty.

Geographical scope:

Geographical scope of the collection is worldwide.

Formats collected/excluded:

Cognitive science materials are collected in all formats. Journals are collected in electronic form.

E-books are collected on a selective basis depending on audience need

Audiovisual materials are collected in consultation with the head of the Mitchell Multimedia Center. Popular and juvenile level materials are not collected. Textbooks, regardless of academic level, typically are not collected, with some exceptions for methodological works. In general, the cognitive science selector will avoid purchasing materials that fall within the realm of medical science, leaving such content to be acquired by the Galter Library.

III. Related Collections and Consortial Activities

Since cognitive science, psychology (especially cognitive psychology), and counseling are so closely related, the cognitive science fund may on occasion share costs with these funds. As part of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), and other consortia, Northwestern takes part in cooperative purchase agreements which impact the area of as cognitive science, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence.

IV. Other Collection Information

The Gilbert and Carolyn Krulee Endowed Fund has been designated to support the acquisition of scholarly materials relating to the cognitive sciences and artificial intelligence.

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Communication Sciences and Disorders Collection Development Policy

I. Overview of the Collection

The Communication Sciences and Disorders collection at Northwestern University Libraries supports [The Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders](#) in the [School of Communication](#). The department operates clinics on the Evanston campus, as well as hospital-based clinics in Chicago, which are integrated into their degree programs. The department offers the following undergraduate and graduate degrees:

- [Major in Human Communication Sciences](#)
- [Minor in Human Communication Sciences](#)
- [Ms in Speech, Language & Learning](#)
- [Doctor Of Audiology \(Aud\)](#)
- [Doctor Of Speech-Language Pathology \(Slpd\)](#)
- [Ph.D. in Interdepartmental Neuroscience](#)
- [Ph.D. in Communication Sciences & Disorders](#)

The Communication Sciences and Disorders collection has developed in response to the research and teaching needs of Northwestern University faculty and graduate students.

II. Description of Materials Collected

In order to serve the faculty and students in communication sciences and disorders, the Libraries aspire to collect at a research level in speech and language pathology, audiology and hearing sciences, learning disabilities, and human communication sciences. This includes materials to support instruction and research, including reference works, specialized monographs, periodicals, and proceedings of associations and conferences. These materials are purchased in both print and electronic formats, with a preference for electronic formats when available. The collection focuses on current English-language publications and materials that cover contemporary research trends and developments. Within this subject area, the Libraries do not collect antiquarian titles, manuscripts, or dissertations from universities other than Northwestern.

III. Related Collections and Consortial Activity

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of communication sciences and disorders, the collection intersects with other areas, including psychology, education, physiology, engineering, and medicine. Subject specialists in these areas regularly collaborate when purchasing materials and building the collection. As part of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), and other consortia, Northwestern takes part in cooperative purchase agreements which impact the area of communication sciences and disorders.

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Communication Studies Collection Development Policy

The Communication Studies collection at Northwestern University Libraries supports the teaching and research of faculty, PhD students, undergraduate students, and students within the professional master's degree programs. Most classes within the department are taught in-person, but online classes are offered in the professional master's programs, as well as the School of Professional Studies undergraduate program. Faculty teaching and research focus on the areas of new media, rhetoric and public culture, social networking, technology, social behavior, and health communication.

NUL aspires to collect Communication Studies materials at the Core Research Level.

The Communication Studies collection is primarily made up of journal subscriptions, indexing sources, and books. Materials for the communication studies collection are primarily collected in English. Preference is given to electronic format for journal and database materials. Monographs are primarily purchased in print, unless being requested or used for a class or an online program. Audio Video streaming material is collected upon request.

The Communication Studies collections provide access to journals within the health science field to support the growing interest in health communication research by faculty, PhD students, and those within the MS Health Communication program.

The Communication Studies collections maintains its areas of strength of social networking, technology, and health communication.

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Computer Science Collection Development Policy

The Computer Science collection at NUL supports teaching and research of faculty, graduate, PhD, post-doc, and undergraduate students. The Computer Science Department faculty and student research includes areas of focus in artificial intelligence (AI) & machine learning, graphics, human-computer interaction, program languages, robotics, security and privacy, and systems & networking.

NUL aspires to collect Computer Science materials at a Core Research Level Support.

Outside of the instructional undergraduate level, graduate, PhD, post-doc, and faculty research is largely limited to the department's stated areas of interest. Because of these, the NUL Computer Science collection aspires to support research in these areas by primarily purchasing monographic materials in these areas to be physically held in the NUL collections. E-Books are acquired to access online material which are readily accessible. Journal subscriptions, whether print or online, are acquired in ways to maintain permanent access.

The research of the Computer Science Department focuses largely on current study areas such as operating systems, compilers, databases, networking, distributed systems, parallel systems, image-based modeling and rendering, intelligent systems for problem-solving and education, computer graphics, and theoretical computer science.

The Computer Science collection is primarily made up of books, journal subscriptions, and online resources for the research materials.

Materials for the computer science collection collections are multi-lingual and are not primarily English.

Preference is given to online monographic materials and electronic for journal and database materials.

The computer science collection maintains its areas of discipline including, but not limited to, all aspects of computer science: systems; theory; artificial intelligence and machine learning; human-computer interaction; graphics; robotics; computer engineering; and various CS + X areas of research, highly innovative research in many synergistic areas of ultra-scale computing and information technologies, theory and algorithms for optimization, develop models for novel application areas, and create optimization software and modeling tools.

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Core Reference Collection Development Policy

The Core Reference is a small, discrete circulating collection that supports the development teaching, learning and skill-building of Northwestern undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty. This collection also provides books for staff in campus units and departments to support them as they support students. The majority of the collection consists of skill-building and “how-to” materials that tend to fall outside traditional subject-based selection.

Books include titles on research and research methods; academic writing at all levels (undergraduate, dissertation-level, and publishing) both broadly and in specific disciplines; using, evaluating, and citing sources; student skills such as studying and time management, career resources on internships, resumes and cover letters; tutoring practices and student support, as well as teaching and pedagogical practices.

NUL aspires to collect at a Basic Information Level.

The Core Ref collection consists entirely of books.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials.

Prioritization is given for materials in English.

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Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy Collection Development Policy

The collection supports the Counseling program as well as the Marriage and Family Therapy programs, whose degrees are conferred by The Graduate School and faculty appointments made by the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Related programming and operations are conducted through a separate institution, The Family Institute, which operates a private counseling clinic and employs part-time and full-time therapists and administrators.

Materials for the Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy programs are collected at the Research level, to serve the needs of master's and doctoral-level students. Prioritization is given to electronic materials as the bulk of the students in these programs are distance learners in varied geographic locations. The most heavily used content consists of interdisciplinary electronic databases whose selection and purchase is arranged at a library-wide level or shared among selectors of related disciplines; the databases are typically renewed on a regular basis, per their contract terms, without interruption. Print monographs are collected when no electronic format exists. All items collected are in English.

The physical collection is shelved in the Main University Library in two locations: items in the Dewey Decimal classification (items received prior to the year 2015) and in the Library of Congress Classification (items received from 2015 and after). Older and less frequently used physical items are shelved offsite at the Library's Oak Grove Library Center. The Counseling/MFT collection stands alone and is separately managed and administered from the holdings of the Galter Health Sciences Library, with the exception of electronic databases, which are negotiated on a university-wide, campus-neutral basis, when possible, to achieve cost savings.

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Earth & Planetary Sciences Collection Development Policy

The Earth & Planetary Sciences (E&PS) collection supports teaching and research of faculty, PhD graduate students and undergraduate students. Faculty research focuses on a wide range of research areas including aqueous geochemistry, climate change, earthquake hazards, geobiology, isotope geochemistry, mineral physics and petrology, paleoclimatology and paleoceanography, paleoecology, planetary science, sedimentology and stratigraphy, seismology, sustainability, and tectonophysics. These projects include substantial amounts of field, lab, and computational work. Many of the research projects are collaborative both within and outside the department and are supported by a state-of-the-art analytic lab facility called the Integrated Labs for Earth and Planetary Sciences (ILEPS).

NUL aspires to collect at a research level in the geosciences. The major language of the collection is English and is international in scope. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the geosciences, materials related to this subject can also be found in engineering, chemistry, physics, anthropology, and history of science collections.

The geosciences collection consists of monographs, journal subscriptions and indexing databases. Monographs are either print or electronic. Journal subscriptions are mainly electronic and all databases are electronic.

The E&PS collection maintains its areas of strength in all aspects of geoscience but focuses on the current research areas of the faculty.

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Economics Collection Development Policy

The Economics collection at NUL supports teaching and research of faculty, graduate students primarily at the PhD level, and undergraduate students. According to information from the Economics Department, faculty research in the areas of development economics, labor and public economics, macroeconomics, industrial organization, econometrics, economic theory, economic history and international trade.

NUL aspires to collect Economics materials at a Specialized Research Level.

Outside of the instructional undergraduate level, graduate and faculty research is limited to very specific economic areas with focus on new research and data sources. Because of these, the NUL Economics collections aspires to support research in these areas by primarily purchasing electronic materials with permanent access wherever possible. Journal subscriptions, whether print or online, are acquired in ways to maintain permanent access.

The research of the Economics Department focuses largely on current research with less of a focus on the scholarly conversation with historical research.

The economics collection is primarily made up of journal subscriptions, books, and indexing sources to the journal literature.

Materials for the economic collections are primarily collected in English.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials and electronic for journal and database materials.

The economics collection maintains its historic areas of strength in macroeconomics, historic economics, and microeconomic theory.

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**Education & Social Policy
Collection Development Policy**

The Education & Social Policy collection at NUL supports the teaching and research of faculty, PhD students, masters students, and undergraduate students. Faculty teaching and research focus on the area of Learning Sciences, Human Development and Social Policy, Learning and Organizational Change, K-12 Education, Higher Education Administration and Policy.

NUL aspires to collect Education and Social Policy materials at a core research level.

The Education and Social Policy collection is primarily made up of journal subscriptions, indexing sources (databases), and books.

The Education and Social Policy collection focuses predominantly English-language publications.

Preference is given to electronic for both monographic, journal, and database materials.

The Education and Social Policy collection maintains its area strength of K-12 Education, Higher Education Administration and Policy.

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Engineering Collection Development Policy

The Engineering Collection Development Policy covers the following engineering subject areas:

- Biomedical Engineering (BME)
- Chemical and Biological Engineering (ChBE)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE)
- Computer Science (CS)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)
- Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics (ESAM)
- Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences (IEMS)
- Materials Science and Engineering (MSE)
- Mechanical Engineering (ME)

Overview of the Collection

The McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science consists of [nine academic departments](#). In addition to master's and PhD programs offered in the academic departments, Northwestern Engineering also has 14 standalone master's degree programs and 4 standalone PhD programs. Visit <https://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/academics/all-areas-of-study.html> for a complete list of areas of study at Northwestern Engineering. While there are 23 centers based in Northwestern Engineering, there are 14 engineering-related centers that report to Northwestern's VP of Research. Click [here](#) to see a complete list of engineering centers at Northwestern.

The Engineering Collection supports teaching, learning, and research needs of faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in the departments and programs listed above as well as the needs of engineering researchers in other Northwestern departments and programs. While the collection focuses on research areas for faculty and doctoral level graduate students, it supports learning and general research needs of master's and undergraduate students.

Every effort will be made to support all research, teaching, and learning needs at Northwestern Engineering, including multi- or interdisciplinary programs offered across schools, departments, and centers.

Collecting Level

NUL aspires to collect engineering materials at a core research level for all subject areas listed above.

Prioritization of Material Type

The Engineering Collection includes but is not limited to monographs, conference proceedings, journal subscriptions, handbooks, videos, property data, technical reports, patents, and indexing sources (databases) to research literature; efforts are made to provide access to ASTM or ISO standards upon request by the Northwestern Engineering community. **Prioritization of Languages Collected**

Materials for the Engineering Collection are primarily acquired in English. Materials in non-English languages may be considered if requested by the Northwestern Engineering community.

Prioritization of Format

Preferred format of the Engineering Collection is electronic for monographic materials, journals subscriptions, conference proceedings, and handbooks whenever possible. Perpetual or licensed access to videos, datasets, and databases will also be provided. Print materials may be considered if an electronic copy is not available or is cost-prohibitive.

Areas of Traditional Strength

BME: The BME collection maintains its areas of strength in biomechanics, biomaterials and regenerative engineering, cell and molecular engineering, imaging and biophotonics, medical devices and instrumentation, and neural engineering.

ChBE: The ChBE collection maintains its areas of strength in catalysis and reaction engineering, polymers and soft materials, and complex systems. New areas of interest include sustainability and energy, and synthetic biology. The Libraries supports ChBE research through the Engineering collections, but also through the Chemistry, Life Sciences, and Statistics collections.

CEE: The CEE collection maintains its areas of strength in mechanics, materials, and structures. Special collection efforts are made to support needs of faculty research in environmental engineering and environmental science. The Libraries supports CEE research through the Engineering collections, but also through the Transportation collections.

CS: The CS collection maintains its areas of strength in systems and networking, programming languages, human-computer interaction and information visualization, and machine learning.

ECE: The ECE collection maintains its areas of strength in semiconductors and electronics, networking, signals and systems, solid state, photonic, and quantum technologies. The Libraries supports ECE research through the Engineering collections, but also through the Physics collections.

ESAM: The ESAM collection maintains its areas of strength in mathematical, modelling, and computational methods. The Libraries supports ESAM research through the Engineering collections, but also through the Mathematics collections.

IEMS: The IEMS collection maintains its areas of strength in statistical analysis and optimization. The Libraries supports IEMS research through the Engineering collections, but also through the Business, Mathematics, and Statistics collections.

MSE: The MSE collection maintains its areas of strength in biomaterials, ceramics, composites, nanomaterials, materials for electronics and photonics, materials synthesis & processing, materials theory, computation, metals, and polymers. The Libraries supports MSE research through the Engineering collections, but also through the Chemistry and Physics collections.

ME: The ME collection maintains its areas of strength in micro-electrical-mechanical systems (MEMS), nanotechnology, robotics, virtual design and manufacturing, tribology, microfluidics, computational solid and fluid mechanics, nondestructive materials characterization and structural reliability, neuromechanics, and biomimetics.

Areas of Focus

BME: In the BME department, faculty conduct research in the areas of biomechanics, biomaterials and regenerative engineering, cell and molecular engineering, imaging and biophotonics, medical devices and instrumentation, and neural engineering. They are affiliated with [eleven different research centers](#), including Center for Photonics, Center for Bionic Medicine, and Center for Robotics and Biosystems. Many BME faculty hold dual appointments with Feinberg, so many medical resources are provided by Galter Health Science Library, some through shared subscriptions.

ChBE: Core research areas of the [Chemical and Biological Engineering department](#) include sustainability and energy; biotechnology and synthetic biology; catalysis and reaction engineering; polymers and soft materials; and complex systems and data science.

CEE: In the CEE department, faculty research focuses primarily on the areas of material systems (mechanics of materials and solids, structural engineering and materials), ecosystems (environmental science), urban systems (energy resource recovery and reuse climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience, water treatment, structure and infrastructure, automation geosystems), and human systems (transportation, data science and smart cities, modeling and network analysis, public health, urban planning and design, and policy). In addition, CEE faculty are connected to [six research centers/institutes](#) in support of interdisciplinary research efforts.

CS: In the CS department, core research areas include systems and networking, security and privacy, programming languages, theoretical computer science, artificial intelligence and machine learning, human-computer interaction and information visualization, vision and graphics, robotics.

ECE: In the ECE department, core research areas include computer engineering, signals and systems, solid state, photonic, and quantum technologies.

ESAM: In the ESAM department, core research areas include applied mathematical and computational methods associated with asymptotic analysis, biological systems, complex systems, diffusive processes, earth sciences, fluid dynamics, materials science, mathematical biology, scientific computing, social systems, stellar astrophysics, wave propagation.

IEMS: In the IEMS department, faculty research focuses primarily on the areas of applied statistics & statistical learning, data sciences, financial engineering, healthcare engineering, optimization, management science, logistics & operations, and stochastic analysis & simulation. In addition, IEMS faculty actively collaborate with 25 departments across five Northwestern schools. It is expected that subject librarians for the Business collections will collect materials in management sciences and financial engineering. Due to interdisciplinary nature of the research interests in IEMS, subject librarians for Computer Science, Statistics, Mathematics, and Applied Math may also collect materials that support needs of faculty research in IEMS.

MSE: In the MSE department, faculty research focuses on the areas of art conservation science, biomaterials, ceramics, composites, energy, magnetic materials, materials for electronics and

photonics, materials synthesis & processing, materials theory, computation, and design, metals, nanomaterials, polymers, self-assembly, and surfaces and interfaces. In addition, MSE faculty actively collaborate with most other Northwestern engineering and science departments and [affiliated Centers & Institutes](#) on the Evanston campus, the Feinberg School of Medicine and national laboratories, especially Argonne National Laboratory which includes the Advanced Photon Source and the Center for Nanoscale Materials.

ME: In the ME department, faculty research focuses on the core areas of mechanics and materials, design and manufacturing, robotics and biosystems as well as interdisciplinary research in design, bio-systems & health, nano/micro-science & technology, energy & sustainability, and multiscale simulation. In addition, ME faculty actively collaborate and partner with 21 other departments with across five Northwestern schools and numerous major centers/institutes, and programs on campus including the Segal Design Institute, Querrey Simpson Institute for Bioelectronics, Center for Engineering Sustainability and Resilience, and Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems (NICO).

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English, Comparative Literary Studies, and Creative Writing Collections Development Policy

The English collection strives to support the teaching, learning, research, leisure, and other activities of the faculty, students, staff, and the communities and relations of the Northwestern University Department of English. Supporting the broad range of activity of English scholars and students, the collection has historical strengths in Medieval, Early Modern, and 19th and 20th century English-language poetry, literature, and scholarship, and prioritizes historical and contemporary works by BIPOC authors, as well as literature-in-translation, small press publications, and collaborations with area and ethnic studies librarians, departments, and programs. The collecting of print materials is still highly valued and strongly supported. In order to increase access, especially for courses, edited volumes, and in support of low-income students, unlimited user, DRM-free copies of ebooks will be purchased as available/affordable, and the collection continues to purchase access to online databases, historical publications, and more, while also promoting open access resources. Areas of collection focus will be guided by strong collaborations between the English Librarian and the faculty and students of the Department of English in order to tend to emerging trends, issues of equity, and future directions.

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Environmental Studies Collection Development Policy

The Environmental Studies collections supports the teaching and research needs of the faculty and PhD graduate students of the many departments and programs offering a specialization in environmental studies. It also supports undergraduate students enrolled in the Environmental Sciences Program in the Weinberg College. This undergraduate program has two tracks, science and policy. Departments or programs involved in Environmental Studies include Earth and Planetary Sciences, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, History, Sociology, Political Science, Anthropology, Psychology, Religion and Economics.

NUL aspires to collect Environmental Studies materials at a research level to support the multidisciplinary nature of research in this area.

The Environmental Studies collection is primarily made up of monographs, journal subscriptions and indexing databases. Materials for Environmental Studies are mainly in English.

Monographs are either print or electronic. Most journals are electronic and all databases are electronic.

The Environmental Studies attempts to maintain its area of strength in current environmental issues.

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French and Italian Collection Development Policy

The French & Italian collection at University Libraries supports the teaching and research of faculty, PhD students, and undergraduate students. Faculty teaching and research focuses around language instruction, literature, media, and cultural studies.

University Libraries aspires to collect French & Italian materials at a research 3 level.

Undergraduate instruction focuses largely on language instruction, literature, and cultural studies. The graduate program focuses on literary and cultural production throughout the French-speaking world with an emphasis on critical theory. The current faculty work across periods with strengths in the areas of twentieth-century literature and contemporary theory; film and visual culture across periods; Francophone Studies; seventeenth and eighteenth-century studies; Medieval and Early Modern; and gender studies. Research and teaching in French and Italian rely heavily on the collections of the Herskovits Library of African Studies in addition to the collections in the University Library. The library will maintain core journals in the field, but subscriptions in more specialized areas are acquired and maintained only as long as necessitated by current research and teaching at the university. Selector knowledge and the needs of the university will inform the choices of acquiring materials, particularly monographic materials, to be held within the libraries' collections. The University Libraries will rely on our membership and participation in large academic library networks to fulfill specialized needs not met by our local collection.

The research of the French & Italian department relies heavily on the scholarly conversation with current and historical research. As conversations deepen, selectors will be able to identify "the most important" works that make up this conversation to ensure that they are acquired and maintained for the future.

The French & Italian collection is primarily made up of books, journal subscriptions, and indexing sources to the journal literature.

Materials for the French & Italian collection are primarily collected in French, Italian, and English.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials and electronic for journals.

The French & Italian collection maintains its areas of strength in Medieval and Early Modern literature, contemporary literature and theory, and film culture.

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Gender and Sexuality Studies Collections Development Policy

The Gender Studies collection supports the curricular and research needs of the undergraduate and graduate students and faculty from the Gender & Sexuality Studies Program in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (<https://gendersexuality.northwestern.edu/index.html>). The Program draws upon faculty and courses from more than twenty departments and across several of Northwestern's undergraduate and professional schools. Undergraduates may earn an adjunct major or minor in Gender Studies, and they offer a graduate certificate program.

Gender Studies faculty teach courses from freshman seminars to upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses. The collection supports research and teaching in the history and theory of gender, in feminism, and in sexuality studies, including gay, lesbian, and queer studies.

Interdisciplinary research centers have also been established. In 2010 the Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN - <https://www.sexualities.northwestern.edu/>), was established to be "... a multi-pronged, critical, and interdisciplinary initiative to promote research and education on sexuality, sexual orientation, and health in social context . . . [SPAN] has provided funding to faculty and students in more than 15 departments and programs on campus, and its workshops and events have been attended by a wide cross-section of the Northwestern community. " Established in 2015, the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing ([https:// isgmh.northwestern.edu/](https://isgmh.northwestern.edu/)) describes itself as follows: "As a university-wide institute, our mission is to connect scholars from numerous disciplines with the SGM community to forge collaborations and stimulate innovative research to improve SGM health and wellbeing."

The University Library has provided support since the founding of the interdisciplinary Program on Women in 1971. The Women's Studies Program was established in 1980. In 1992, Women's Studies awarded its first graduate certificate; and in 1993, Women's Studies was recognized as a major by the College of Arts and Sciences. The Program changed its name to "Gender Studies" in 2000 and, in 2012, was renamed the Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, expanding its commitment to include the study of gender more broadly, sexuality studies, and related cutting-edge perspectives on ethnicity, race, and globalism. In 2003, the University Library designated a fund to acquire materials in support of the discipline. An endowed fund to support collections focused on Human Sexuality was established in FY 2011.

Gender Studies materials are collected broadly. The University Library collects materials that study gender and women as discrete subjects as well as overlapping topics of many other academic disciplines. Historically, Northwestern University Library has had a strong collection of women's studies resources. Materials on both current and historical topics are considered. The University Library acquires materials that are international in scope, with no geographic restrictions. While most resources are in English, there are no language restrictions, and the emphasis is on appropriate material in any language. Emphasis is on current publications, but retrospective works are also considered. Selectors are strongly encouraged to acquire Gender Studies materials produced in their subject and geographic areas. While monographs provide the bulk of research materials, the University Library maintains a collection of journals relevant to this discipline and provides additional full text electronic journal access. All appropriate formats, including ephemera and microforms, are considered.

Government Documents, Art Library, Music Library, and University Archives have primary and secondary source materials in Gender Studies.

The Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections houses an impressive Women's Collection, documenting the contemporary women's liberation movement, both in the U.S. and abroad. Its Femina Collection has serials, books, ephemera about women's liberation movements worldwide from 1960 to the present day. There is a collection of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender periodicals.

Chicago's Gerber/Hart Library & Archives (<https://gerberhart.org/>) and the Oak Park Public Library's Transgender Resource Collection (<https://www.oppl.org/read-listen-watch/transgender-resource-collection/>) are two leading area collections. The Center for Research Libraries (<https://www.crl.edu/>) has notable collections of interest to Gender Studies.

Donations of gift materials in Gender Studies are reviewed and accepted in adherence to the Library Gift Policy. Few Gender Studies juvenile literature materials are collected.

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Geographic Information Collection Development Policy

Overview of the Collection

The Geographic Information Collection (also known as the Map Collection) provides a broad general research collection of cartographic materials (maps and atlases) and digital geospatial datasets to support all levels of academic courses and research programs. The focus of the collection is on the United States, Illinois, Great Lakes region, world and Africa.

The majority of collection was inherited from the former Map Library, established circa 1947. In 1946, Northwestern University Librarian announced that the university was selected as an official depository of the US Army Map Service. To house and take care of the incoming 25,000 maps, Northwestern decided to centralize cartographic materials in a map library. The Map Library was originally located next to the Geography department in the basement of University Hall. Until the University Library hired a full time map librarian in 1966, the library and its collection was mainly maintained by the staff of the Geography Department (often graduate students). The library was moved to the current building in 1969 and then became a part of the Government Publications department in 1987. Circa 1999, the Government Publication department acquired a license of a geographic information system (GIS), ArcView, allowing use of the software on computers located in the Library. In 2015 an institutional site license with ESRI was established by NUL providing a suite of desktop and web-based geospatial analysis software for Northwestern-affiliated students, faculty and staff to use for teaching and research on any University-owned computer (and on personal computers used for academic teaching and research).

Description of Materials Collected

Collecting Level: Undergraduate Level Support

The collection acquires primarily contemporary maps, including general maps (travel and street maps), thematic maps, topographic maps of various scales, aero and nautical charts, and general and thematic atlases. The geographic coverage is worldwide with focuses on the United States, Illinois, Great Lakes region and Africa. The vast majority of the cartographic collection was acquired through the government depository programs. Maps, atlases, and related materials have been acquired through firm order or gift, and with the cessation of map distribution through depository programs, the collection has not been growing at a significant pace. Maps have been acquired by firm order to address collection gaps, such as mapping that addresses North American Native or Indigenous traditional homelands and languages, changing national boundaries, or updated cartography drawing upon improved data.

In approximately 2006 the USGS ceased producing maps in paper format for distribution to depository libraries. Other federal agencies that provided paper maps to the depository library program also stopped producing paper maps at approximately the same time, including (but not limited to) the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Federal Aviation Administration, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (previously known as the Defense Mapping Agency), Census Bureau, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency. Mapping products are still produced, but mass distribution of paper copies has taken a back seat to electronic publication of map products and data, or on-demand purchase of map sheets.

A move of the collection from Deering Library to the lower level of University Library Room B190 (completed in March 2018), brought together all government and geographic collections. To achieve

this consolidation, the Map Collection weeded U.S. topographic maps (1:24,000) for 38 states, retaining maps at that scale for states in the Midwest region. All other scales of USGS topographic maps were retained. Scanned images of the USGS topographic maps are available online for download and on-demand printing. Maps from the Bureau of Land Management and duplicates were also weeded.

Acquisition criteria:

- General maps: small to medium scale maps of the world, countries and places to show relative locations, boundaries and transportation routes.
- Topographic maps: small scale worldwide coverage (i.e. 1:1,000,000), medium to large scale coverage for the United States and areas of interest to patrons.
- Nautical charts: charts of the United States coastal areas and foreign seas and coastal areas are acquired through the federal depository program. All editions of the charts are retained for historical uses. All are marked as inappropriate to use for navigation due to the availability of more current maps/data.
- Aeronautical charts: air navigation charts are often useful for areas not covered by topographic or thematic maps in the collection.
- Thematic maps: of basic and broad interest.
- Scientific maps: geology, soil, land use/land cover, and other scientific maps.
- Atlases: world, national and regional atlases, including general and topical atlases. Historical atlases are also sought after by patrons, and thus of the collection's interest.
- Electronic databases: of basic and broad interest.
- Geospatial data: of basic and broad interest.

Until the early-mid 2000s, the collection also acquired gazetteers, geographic dictionaries, cartographic material publication catalogs, periodicals on cartography, and reference works on map reading and cartography to supplement the maps and atlases. A large number of gazetteers distributed through the Federal Depository Library Program were weeded prior to the collection's relocation in 2018 due to the online availability of the Geographic Names Information Service (GNIS) from the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. No travel and guidebooks are acquired as they are available in the general and Africana collections.

Related Collections and Consortia Activity

Although most maps are housed on the lower level of the University Library, collecting and housing of maps and atlases are done by other NU Libraries including the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, Art Collection, McCormick Library of Special Collections & University Archives, and the Transportation Library. Atlases and map-related information in book or journal format that were acquired by the Maps selector after the NU Libraries adoption of the Library of Congress classification system (2016 to present) are housed in the general collection stacks.

Important map collections in Chicago can be found at the Newberry Library, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has a research-level map collection, much of which can be identified using their online discovery system.

Other Collection Information

The collection does not actively acquire historic (pre-1900) maps and atlases due to lack of adequate facility to provide access to sensible materials. Gifts should be referred to the McCormick Library of Special Collections & University Archives.

Cataloging of maps is in progress, though most maps are not yet recorded in NUSearch. Patrons are advised to ask for assistance to locate geographic information they need. The collection will accept gifts which meet the acquisition criteria specified in Section II.

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German Literatures and Language Collection Development Policy

The German languages and literature collection supports faculty, PhD students, and undergraduates in the German Department and other humanities disciplines. Teaching and research in the department centers on language instruction, literature, literary and critical theory, cultural studies, and aspects of philosophy, media studies, history, and religious studies.

Literature and some areas of philosophy, history, literary and media studies from 1750 to the present are collected at a core research level. Materials on medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque literature are collected at a basic level. Materials for language teaching are collected at a level that supports instruction.

Undergraduate instruction focuses on language and literature. Graduate and faculty research is highly interdisciplinary. Outside of core titles, journal subscriptions are acquired and maintained as necessitated by current research. Selector knowledge and community needs inform the choice of materials to purchase and the decisions of what is to be held locally versus where University Libraries will rely on networks and consortia, especially BTAA (Big Ten Academic Alliance). The library is a member of GNARP (German-North American Resources Partnership).

Materials are collected in German and English. The former come from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and some areas of Central Europe. English translations of novels, poetry, short stories, some memoirs, and major secondary works are collected.

Print is preferred for monographs, electronic for journals, periodicals, and reference materials.

Strengths include literature, literary criticism, new critical editions in German and in English translation and related areas of philosophy, film, history, and religious studies. Holocaust literature and related materials are exceptional strengths, and collected in concert with Jewish Studies. Current focus is on literature of the 19th - 21st literature, literary and critical theory, and cultural studies, and some aspect of early modern studies. There is a traditional focus on German Expressionism and the documentation of German intellectual movements of the early 20th century.

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Government Information Collection Development Policy

Governments represented in NUL collections include the U.S. Federal government, the State of Illinois, selected local governments, the United Nations, and several international intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) in the UN System including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD), International Labour Organization (ILO), World Health Organization, World Meteorological Organization, Organization of American States (acquisitions ceased 2008), and the League of Nations. In 2002 NUL became a depository for publications of the World Tourism Organization. The vast majority of this information is in English, with the exception of the Organization of American States (OAS) material which is in Spanish.

U.S. Federal Government

Collecting level: Core Research

Northwestern University Library (NUL) has been a depository for U.S. federal documents since 1876 and serves the 9th Congressional District in the state of Illinois. As a selective depository, NUL receives approximately 60% of the material available through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Prior to March 2019 the Library received approximately 80% of the publications made available by the Government Printing Office (GPO)¹. FDLP Guidelines require that selective depository libraries maintain a [basic collection](#) of titles which are provided to NUL users in various formats. The majority of materials are available in English, however there are publications in other languages scattered through the collection, including material in Braille which are found in the publications of agencies such as Social Security Administration and National Parks Service.

The collection covers numerous agencies and dates back to the 1800's. Significant portions of the collection (19th century through 1970s), and in particular that portion of the print collection which was formerly housed at 2122 Sheridan Road and now in locked shelving (approximately 25%, a mix of federal, state and local materials), are not represented in Alma/NUSearch. A card file of check-in information has been retained but not maintained for several years.

The federal government collection emphasizes a broad range of subjects, and supports teaching and research within the social sciences, with notable strengths in the areas of demography, education, environment, geography/maps, justice, labor, legislative information, statistics, trade, transportation, and U.S. foreign and public policy.

While several core titles continue to be received in tangible format, the majority of materials are now received online. The collection consists of material published in all formats (floppy disc, CD/DVD, paper, microfiche, online) and is mostly acquired through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). MARC records loaded into ALMA for FDLP material are acquired through the Marcive service, which provides records based upon our FDLP selection profile. Call number labels are also provided and used when processing physical items. Purchases of federal agency titles are considered on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the availability of funds, and could include publications produced by the federal government that were not included in the depository program (i.e. declassified material, fugitive material). Purchases from commercial vendors have included

¹ In March 2019, the majority of tangible material was deselected. Specifically 2,205 item numbers (~25% of selections) for depository material distributed in print, microfiche/film, or DVD/CD was de-selected in March 2019. Lists of titles retained in print/microfiche are available.

large microfiche sets, indexing/abstracting databases, databases of digitized government publications of historical significance, and cataloging records. The collection is located in B190 on the lower level of the University Library, with a small portion housed in the Transportation Library. Increasingly, current federal information is provided online through agency web sites (often bypassing the GPO and Depository Program), and via digital repositories such as govinfo.gov².

State of Illinois³ and Local Governments

Collecting Level: Basic Informational

The University Libraries has also been a depository for publications of the State of Illinois, distributed by the Illinois State Library, since 1971. Historically, the State and Local Government Documents Collection includes tangible materials from Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago, City of Evanston, regional government and special district publications. Illinois State Documents are the current focus of active collecting. The number of publications currently distributed in tangible format is comparatively small and receipts continue to be cataloged/checked in and housed in B190. In addition, digitized versions of Illinois state publications are available through Electronic Documents of Illinois (EDI)⁴ and state agency websites.

Annual reports of the City of Chicago and Cook County government agencies and departments, were collected proactively for many years. However, the number of tangible documents acquired from the local and county governments decreased significantly as many became freely accessible on governmental websites and are not currently collected.

Selective Chicago government publications are also available through our subscription to the *Index to the Current Urban Documents* (print index, 1973/74-2006; microfiche publications 1981/82 – 1999/2000, per Alma), and access continued for several years through an electronic database, subsequently cancelled.

An historic collection of basic reference material on the fifty states, such as state blue books and a complete set of the *Book of the States* exists in the collections, to provide general information and comparisons for U.S. states and in some cases territories. Active collecting for print copies of state blue books (state agency directories/organization manuals) ceased in 2015.

Patrons of the state and local government documents collection also rely on other research collections in the region, such as: the [Municipal Reference Collection of the Chicago Public Library](#); the [Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Northeastern Illinois University](#); [Great Lake Region office of the National Archives](#); the [Newberry Library](#); and the [Chicago History Museum](#).

The government documents librarians of the Chicago metropolitan area work closely with each other through biannual meetings and coordinated activities of the [Northeastern Illinois Documents Librarians](#) (NIDL).

Relevant subjects and collections in the library are: Political Science, History, Journalism, Reference, Transportation Library; and University Archives.

² govinfo.gov provides public access, content management to ensure authoritative content, and digital preservation, <https://www.govinfo.gov/about> (viewed 3-24-2020)

³ https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/depository_programs/#ILDPCS, viewed 3-24-2020

⁴ <http://ediillinois.org/>, viewed 3-24-2020

International Inter-Government Organization Collections

United Nations

Collecting Level – Historic Material: Core Research

Collecting Level – Current Material: Basic Informational

The University Libraries became a depository for United Nations documents since 1947 and houses material in print, microfiche, electronic, and online formats. <https://library.un.org/content/united-nations-depository-library-programme>

The distinction between **documents** and **publications** is particularly important when discussing these materials.

- **Documents** are records of proceedings of the various councils, bodies and committees of the UN, such as meeting minutes, speeches of member representatives, resolutions, etc.
 - As of 1 January 2013, UN depository libraries no longer receive paper copies of UN **documents** with the exception of a “small core of the most important parliamentary documents.”⁵
 - For many years NU purchased UN documents on microfiche (1946-1970, 1996-2011 ALMA check-in complete?), ceasing those purchases in 2011.
 - The UN Digital Library and the related Official Document System (ODS) are open access, digital repositories for both born digital (1993-present) and scanned documents (1946-1993 selective, including resolutions of the principal organs, all documents of the Security Council and the General Assembly Official Records, and other documents as scanned)⁶
- **Publications** of the United Nations are those materials meant for a general audience, are made available through the UN Sales program, and include statistical annuals, periodicals, etc. A significant component of our collection consists of UN Sales Publications. The UN iLibrary, a growing digital collection of sales publications became available by subscription in 2016⁷, providing online access to UN Sales publications, current and retrospective. Key reference publications have been retained in print format due to their foundational support for accessing other areas of the UN collection, specifically the United Nations Yearbook, Index to Speeches, and Index to Resolutions.

NUL became a depository library for the World Tourism Organization in 2002. Depository status allows purchase of material at discounted prices.

Collection materials for the World Bank, IMF, OECD, and a range of additional IGOs were obtained through standing orders rather than depository arrangements. Subscriptions to online repositories were established in the early 2000s⁸ and standing orders for tangible editions were cancelled.

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⁵ FYI: A note of clarification about the change in your deposit level, *What's New - UN Deposit Info – Archives*, Sept 5, 2012 https://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/whatsnew_archives.htm

⁶ <https://documents.un.org/prod/ods.nsf/home.xsp>, viewed 3/24/2020 and relevant posts on the UN Library News blog at <https://library-un-org.turing.library.northwestern.edu/content/library-news>

⁷ The iLibrary subscription itself may be cancelled due to low use and the extreme budget situation in fiscal years 2019, 2020.

⁸ Subscriptions to these digital online libraries may be cancelled due to low use and the extreme budget situation in fiscal years 2019, 2020.

History Collection Development Policy

Northwestern University Libraries' history collections support the teaching and research needs of the Department of History as well as those departments, programs, and individual members of the university community who engage in historical research. The Department offers an undergraduate major and minor, and the PhD. Historical research is by nature interdisciplinary, and thus the collection supports students and scholars throughout the community.

Specialized research level for the history of the continental United States, the United Kingdom, France, Medieval Western Europe, and some aspects of the histories of Germany and Italy; core research level for all other areas of history covered in this policy.

Books, journals, reprints of primary sources, facsimiles of primary sources materials.

This policy covers materials in English, with secondary collecting in French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Materials in the vernacular are purchased by librarians for East, South and Southeast Asian Studies; Slavic Languages & Literatures; Latin American Studies; and Jewish Studies. All materials for the study of the Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and parts of the Middle East are the purview of the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies.

Print traditionally preferred for monographs (until spring quarter 2020, when electronic took precedence), electronic for journals and facsimile primary source materials.

The collection covered in this policy emphasizes Western Europe from the middle ages to the later part of the twentieth century, and the United States and some aspects of Canadian history beginning with the colonial period, though all regions of the world are represented in the libraries' collections. For European history, emphasis is on the United Kingdom, France, and Germany, medieval and early modern Italy, some aspects of the history of the Iberian Peninsula (early modern and the Spanish Civil War), the Low Countries (medieval/early modern), and most parts of Central and Eastern Europe (emphasis on 19th and 20th centuries). We collect materials for most areas of Central and South America (traditional emphasis on Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, and Mexico for North America); and for China, Japan, India, and other parts of East, South, and Southeast Asia. The Libraries collect in the history of classical Greece and Rome. Vernacular materials are collected by the librarians for East, South, and Southeast Asian Studies; Slavic Languages and Literatures; Latin American Studies; Jewish Studies; and African Studies.

The collections covered in this policy focus on the United Kingdom, France, and Germany from the middle ages to the later part of the 20th century; the Italian and Iberian peninsulas especially medieval/early modern and the Spanish Civil War; medieval and early modern history of the Low Countries; and other important aspects of the histories of all of these areas. Purchasing for the histories of other parts of Europe varies chronologically depending on current university needs. Urban studies, gender studies, social and cultural history, economic history, diplomatic history, foreign relations and historiography/historical methods are traditional strengths. History of Science, Technology, and

Medicine; History of Religion; and Legal history are covered, but the majority of this material is the purview of other selectors/collections/libraries within the greater Northwestern University system.

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Jewish and Israel Studies Collection Development Policy

The Jewish and Israel collections at NUL are being developed and expanded to support teaching and research by faculty and graduate students primarily at the PhD level and to enhance the learning by the undergraduate students. The Crown Center for Jewish and Israel Studies has 17 affiliated faculty members who offer courses covering all topics of Jewish civilization: history, literature, philosophy, politics and religion (Judaism, history of the Jews, antiquities in Palestine, history of Palestine and Israel). Hebrew and Yiddish are also taught in the program.

NUL aspires to collect materials on Jewish Civilization, Judaism and Israel at a research 3 level.

To support the research of the Jewish and Israel Program faculty and students, we collect materials that are relevant to the areas of expertise and to the needs of the curriculum: Judaism, Jewish Law, Midrash, Aggadah, Jewish history, relations between Judaism, Christianity and Islam (Middle Ages), Jewish Art, Israel, and the Holocaust.

The Jewish and Israel collection is primarily made up of books, journal subscriptions, indexing sources to the journal literature and some very important electronic databases.

Materials for the Jewish and Israel collections are collected in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, French, German and some Italian.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials and electronic for journal and database materials.

Completion/Revision Date: July 2020

Journalism Collection Development Policy

The Journalism collection supports the teaching and practice of Faculty, Undergraduate students and Graduate students. The Journalism programs of the Medill School focus on the practical aspects of creating world-class journalists. The Undergraduate core curriculum focuses the Medill way of reporting, writing, editing and thinking critically. In addition to those core classes, every student selects a concentration in a discipline outside Medill, ranging from Political Science, History, Economics, a Foreign Language, Computer Science and more. Graduate students specialize in various fields of journalism: Health, Environment and Science; Media Innovation and Content Strategy; Politics, Policy and Foreign Affairs; Social Justice and Investigative Reporting, Sports Media; Magazine; Video and Broadcast. Faculty are engaged in research about audience engagement, media history and diversity in media.

The collection emphasizes broadcast journalism, newspaper reportage, magazine writing, new and mixed media, with a focus on professional practice. Common to all areas are writing, editing, production and management. There is a growing focus on Sports Journalism. Works on journalism history are collected at the instructional level. Monographs are predominantly collected based on faculty requests.

The school focuses heavily on practice, making the user needs are incredibly multidisciplinary. Support the needs of Journalism requires the support and collaboration with selectors in many fields fields, including Communications, Political Science, Legal Studies, Radio/Television/Film, Public Policy.

NUL aspires to collect Journalism materials at an undergraduate level.

The Journalism collection is made up of journal subscriptions, article databases and books. Preference is given to print for titles related to faculty research and electronic for course related materials. Because the program includes practical components, both guidebooks and textbooks are collected at the instructional level.

Prioritization is given for materials in English.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Collection Development Policy

- I. Overview of the Collection
 - a. Activities the collection supports
 - i. The collection for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Northwestern University Library supports the Latin American Studies and Caribbean program in Northwestern University. The program offers an undergraduate minor and coordinates the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate for graduate students. It offers an additional intellectual community for faculty and participating students from the departments of Spanish and Portuguese, Anthropology, Art History, Comparative Literature, Communication Studies, History, Journalism, Political Science, Sociology, and Religious Studies.

Thematically, the faculty affiliated with Latin American and Caribbean Studies conduct research in languages and literatures, art and architecture, politics, colonialism, history, immigration/emigration, the African diaspora, gender & sexuality, ethnography, religion, race, music, public health, and archaeology. Geographically, affiliated faculty interests are clustered in the Andes, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, and Brazil, and express interest in the transnational trends between countries and continents, including Latin America, North America, the Atlantic World, and Europe.
 - b. Collecting Level:
 - i. Core Research Collection
 - c. Prioritization of Material Type:
 - i. Monographs, including secondary sources and literature.
 - ii. Access to primary source collections, including newspapers and archival documents, through database subscriptions.
 - iii. Films purchased on request to support research and teaching.
 - d. Prioritization of Languages:
 - i. English
 - ii. Spanish
 - iii. Portuguese
 - iv. French
 - v. Indigenous languages
 - e. Prioritization of format:
 - i. Print monographs are preferred by faculty and students
 - ii. Electronic resources purchased on demand
 - f. Areas of traditional strength:
 - i. Afro-Latino studies (primarily supported by Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies)
 - ii. History of Latin America and the Caribbean
 - iii. Literature from Latin America and the Caribbean

- g. Areas of focus:
 - i. Mexican history
 - ii. Colonial history
 - iii. Andean Studies
 - iv. Literature, art, and visual culture of the Caribbean
 - v. Archeology of Mexico and of the Andes
 - vi. Drug trade and trafficking, particularly in the Andes
 - vii. Ladino and Jewish history in Latin America

Completion/Revision Date: March 2023

Latin American Studies Collection Development Policy

I. Overview of the Collection

a. Activities the collection supports

- i. The collection for Latin American Studies at Northwestern University Library supports the Latin American Studies program in Northwestern University. Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary program that allows students to connect courses in Spanish and Portuguese, History, Anthropology, English, and Political Science into an undergraduate minor. In addition to the undergraduate minor in Latin American Studies, the program coordinates the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Cluster, which serves as an intellectual community for faculty and participating students from the departments of Spanish and Portuguese, Anthropology, Art History, Comparative Literature, Communication Studies, History, Journalism, Political Science, Sociology, and Religious Studies. The collection to support Latin American Studies is by its nature interdisciplinary, and has developed in response to the research and teaching needs of faculty and students affiliated with the Latin American Studies program, in coordination with the subject specialist liaisons for the departments mentioned above.

Thematically, the faculty affiliated with Latin American Studies conduct research in languages and literatures, art and architecture, politics, colonialism, history, immigration/emigration, the African diaspora, gender & sexuality, ethnography, religion, race, music, public health, and archaeology. Geographically, affiliated faculty interests are clustered in the Andes, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, and Brazil, and express interest in the transnational trends between countries and continents, including Latin America, North America, the Atlantic World, and Europe.

b. Collecting Level: Core Research Collection

c. Prioritization of Material Type:

- i. Monographs, including secondary sources and literature.
- ii. Access to primary source collections, including newspapers and archival documents, through database subscriptions.
- iii. Films purchased on request to support research and teaching.

d. Prioritization of Languages:

- i. English
- ii. Spanish
- iii. Portuguese

e. Prioritization of format:

- i. Print monographs are preferred by faculty and students
- ii. Electronic resources purchased on demand

f. Areas of traditional strength:

- i. Afro-Latino studies (supported by Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies)
 - ii. History of Latin America
 - iii. Literature from Latin America
- g. Areas of focus:
 - i. Mexican history
 - ii. Colonial history
 - iii. Andean Studies, including cultural and political history, as well as indigenous studies
 - iv. Archeology of Mexico and of the Andes
 - v. Drug trade and trafficking, particularly in the Andes
 - vi. Ladino and Jewish history in Latin America

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Law Enforcement Collection Development Policy

The core of the Law Enforcement collection is focused in two areas. The first is police management and training, which supports the needs of the School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC) program and its student base of practicing law enforcement professionals both locally and in distance classes. The second is traffic law, which supports the needs of the university's interdisciplinary Transportation Center and researchers around the world. A secondary goal is the development of a collection to support research across the university on areas related to law enforcement, particularly as it relates to social issues and impacts on communities.

We collect law enforcement materials at a basic informational 1 level for both police management and traffic law. Criminal law and all other areas of law are not supported here; these collections are maintained by the university's Law Library.

Materials are collected in print and electronic formats, including monographs and serials. A prioritization of print materials reflects the collection's place within the Transportation Library, a collection of record. One exception is law enforcement trade periodicals, for which electronic formats are prioritized to meet the access preferences of SPSC students. The police management and training collection is more heavily focused on trade literature than is typical of collections in our library; this reflects the academic needs of the law enforcement professionals who use them. The primary language of materials collected is English, and the geographic focus is the United States.

The Law Enforcement collection maintains its strengths in police management and training materials, and traffic law.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Linguistics Collection Development Policy

The Linguistics department's undergraduate program teaches across the main subfields in Linguistics which include (Morphology, Phonetic, Phonology, Pragmatics, Semantics, and Syntax). In addition the department has both Masters and Doctoral students pursuing advanced research, particularly in the areas of Sound, Grammar, and Meaning.

The collecting level for the main subfields in Linguistics, listed above, is undergraduate level. In addition to these areas the department has 20-25 doctoral students and 2-3 postdoctoral fellows which requires a higher level of collecting at the core research level in certain areas (see areas of traditional strength below).

Most materials acquired are in English but this does not preclude the purchase of foreign language material, usually on request.

Materials have been acquired in both print and electronic format but there has been no objection to electronic copies of monographs when asked and it is anticipated that acquisitions in the future will tend to be in electronic format if available.

Traditional areas of strength focus on *sound* (phonetics, phonology, prosody), *grammar* (syntax, psycholinguistics, corpus analysis, computational modeling), and *meaning* (semantics and pragmatics, language acquisition, cross-linguistic comparison, psycholinguistics, computational methods for extracting semantic information from text). These are areas where faculty and students are doing research so it is in these areas that the collecting level will be at the core research level.

The areas of focus for the linguistics department fall into the three broad categories mentioned above of sound, grammar, and meaning. In addition, second language acquisition has recently been area of focus.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Mathematics and Statistics Collection Development Policy

The Mathematics and Statistics collection at NUL supports the research and teaching of faculty, Masters and PhD students, and undergraduate students in the Mathematics and Statistics departments. Topics such as topology, geometry, Bayesian statistics, dynamical systems, probability, number theory, and statistical inference are researched by faculty.

NUL aspires to collect Math and Stats materials at a core research level.

The Math and Stats collection is comprised of books, journals, and databases to support the current research needs of the affiliates described above.

The collection is comprised mostly of materials in English, although we do own some older materials in other languages, such as French, German, and Russian.

Monographs are primarily collected in physical formats. Journals are collected in both physical and digital formats.

The Mathematics and Statistics collection maintains its areas of strength in faculty research areas described above.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Middle East and North Africa Collection Development Policy

The Northwestern University Libraries is an active participant in the Big Ten Academic Alliance. As part of this involvement, NUL thinks of the collections of the Big Ten institutions as part of its extended collection. As a commitment to the consortium, NUL maintains collections in its areas of historical strength so that other members of the consortium can rely on our collections to support their patrons. NUL relies on the distinctive strengths of other collections to support its patrons in areas outside of the current priorities of the university. While the NUL collections are primarily acquired to support our users, being part of the consortium extends the access, we are able to provide the Northwestern community. The following collection development policies reflect the collection aspirations of the libraries around materials it chooses to purchase or acquire for permanent access. The libraries also embraces a philosophy that in addition to materials it purchases and has permanent access to, it also supports the research and teaching needs of the university through access to materials through its networks.

MENA

Given our reciprocal borrowing privileges and proximity to the Middle Eastern collection in Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, NUL aspires to collect MENA at level 3, the core research level. Our consortia agreements within the Big Ten Alliance provide our MENA community with access to the extensive holdings from other collections. Northwestern University Libraries is a member of Middle East Materials Project (MEMP) and actively contributes to, participates in the preservation and the resource sharing opportunities of materials within MEMP held at CRL.

The MENA collection at NUL supports the teaching and research needs of faculty and graduate students within the Program. Interdisciplinary in nature the collection comprises monographs, serials and databases subscriptions that support the program. Areas of teaching and research are popular culture, protest, migration, nationalism and the regional languages. Materials are collected both print and electronic format and tend to be both historic and recent in nature reflective of the needs of the program.

Completion/Revision Date: July 2020

Music Collection Development Policy

Overview of the Collection

The Music Library collects materials that support the instruction, research, study, and performing needs of students and faculty of the Bienen School of Music (BSM). Additionally, the Music Library supports the entire Northwestern community and researchers from around the globe. While all eras and styles of Western art music are given emphasis, other musical forms are supported as well including jazz, popular and traditional music of the world's cultures.

Music is designated as a specialized research collection. The Music Library is recognized worldwide as an important collection of 20th century music, in particular of post WWII musical experimentalism (*see Areas of Focus below*).

The score collection supports the performing needs of all BSM students by providing printed music editions of solo works and chamber music. Study scores and critical editions are used to support the study of music history and interpretation.

The book collection supports research in historical musicology, ethnography, performance practice, music theory, and music education. To a lesser degree, the collection provides materials to support the curricular instruction of instrumental and vocal performance.

The sound recording collection supports the curricular need of all class based instruction as well as providing a reasonable sampling of interpretation of specific musical works.

Collecting Level

Printed music - Practical (performance) editions, critical (study) editions, chamber music of less than 10 parts.

Sound recordings – Streaming audio is a priority. CDs for specific labels that are not currently represented in streaming services or align with the Music Library's mission to collect experimental and newly composed music.

Books & Journals – University presses, other scholarly presses are a priority; trade and society publications are a lesser priority.

Prioritization of languages collected in

English, modern Western European languages

Prioritization of format—print vs electronic

Books and printed music are preferred in print. Sound recordings (see above) and journals are preferred in electronic formats. E books are becoming a higher priority.

Areas of traditional strength (that we are maintaining)

Scores of Western art music from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, 20th century musical experimentalism.

Areas of focus

While the study and performance of all eras and styles of Western music are collected, an area of focus is music written since 1945. The Music Library attempts to collect as broadly as possible all print

editions of post WWII music. This mission has been in place for roughly 50 years, and the Music Library is recognized worldwide as an important collection of modern music.

Completion/Revision Date: August 2020

Philosophy Collection Development Policy

Northwestern University Libraries' philosophy collection supports graduate student and faculty research at the core research collecting level. We prioritize print scholarly monographs, electronic journals, and philosophical handbooks in English, German, and French, as well as databases containing digitized texts from early modern Europe and Ancient Greece. Traditionally, we held strong collections in continental European philosophy. The philosophy collection endeavors to meet the needs of the philosophy department's areas of specialization by collecting monographs and electronic journals focused on ancient philosophy, epistemology & metaphysics, European philosophy, philosophy of mind & language, critical theory, philosophy of race & gender, ethics, and moral & political philosophy. The top publishers covering these areas in philosophy include Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, de Gruyter, Harvard University Press, Princeton University Press, and the University of Chicago Press.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Physics and Astronomy Collection Development Policy

The Physics & Astronomy collection at NUL supports teaching and research of faculty, graduate, PhD, post-doc, and undergraduate students and undergraduate students. According to information from the Physics & Astronomy Department, faculty and student research include areas of focus from thermal effects in mesoscopic systems to the nature of the black hole at the center of the Milky Way.

NUL aspires to collect physics & astronomy materials at a core research level support.

Outside of the instructional undergraduate level, graduate, PhD, post-doc, and faculty research is largely limited to the department's stated areas of interest. Because of these, the NUL Physics & Astronomy collection aspires to support research in these areas by primarily purchasing monographic materials in these areas to be physically held in the NUL collections. E-Books are acquired to access online material which are readily accessible. Journal subscriptions, whether print or online, are acquired in ways to maintain permanent access.

The research of the Physics & Astronomy Department focuses largely on current study areas which includes disciplines such as gravitational waves and their electromagnetic counterparts, cosmic explosions and other transients, compact objects, including accretion and outflow processes, atomic and molecular trapping and cooling, coherent control, applied optics, quantum computing and cryptography, neural networks, protein-DNA interactions, chaotic fluid flows, liquid interfaces, calculational materials physics, nonlinear and quantum optics, ultra-low-temperature physics, nanoscale physics, thin films, superconductivity, NMR studies, magnetism, superconducting qubits and their application to quantum information.

The Physics & Astronomy collection is primarily made up of books, journal subscriptions, and online resources for the research materials.

Materials for the physics & astronomy collection collections are multi-lingual and are not primarily English.

Preference is given to online monographic materials and electronic for journal and database materials.

The physics & astronomy collections maintains its areas of discipline including, but not limited to, theoretical astrophysics, observational astronomy, atomic and molecular sciences, including quantum control of molecular states and processes, optics, quantum computing and cryptography, complex systems and biophysics, theoretical condensed matter, experimental condensed matter, theoretical particle physics, and experimental particle physics.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Political Science Collection Development Policy

The Political Science collection at NUL supports teaching and research of the Political Science Department, one of the larger WCAS departments, with 60 faculty, 90 graduate students through the PhD level, and 550 undergraduate students.

Faculty focus as well as teaching and training include the subfields of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and methods. In addition, cross-subfield and interdisciplinary areas of focus in research and teaching include, among other areas, comparative historical analysis, critical theory, experimental methods, feminist and gender studies, international organizations and law, race, and regional expertise in Africa, Europe, Russia, the Middle East, and Latin America. Faculty and students are active participants in campus institutes and centers, including the [Buffett Institute for Global Affairs](#), the [Institute for Policy Research](#), and the [Kaplan Humanities Institute](#).

NUL aspires to collect Political Science materials at a core research level 4.

Scholars in Political Science have an equal need for monographs and journals and these materials are collected across fields and subfields listed above. Purchasing spans from historical to contemporary studies, from theoretical to comparative scholarship.

The collection is primarily made up of books, with a growing number being electronic, journal subscriptions being primarily electronic, and indexing and full text databases for articles and reference materials.

Materials are primarily collected in English with smaller numbers in Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Russian.

Through membership and cooperation in the BTAA, collections in political science are strengthened. The CRL also holds microforms and area studies materials that support this area. The University of Chicago Library's area studies collections in Eastern Europe and other areas are accessible through reciprocal borrowing.

Completion/Revision Date: June 2020

Psychology Collection Development Policy

Overview of the Collection

The psychology collection at Northwestern University Libraries primarily supports the [Department of Psychology](#) within the [Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences](#), but also supports interdisciplinary research in Counseling, Cognitive Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Neuroscience, Philosophy, and Education, Linguistics, Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, and other fields/disciplines.

The psychology department offers an undergraduate major and a minor. The psychology graduate program is divided into five program areas: [Clinical Psychology](#), [Cognitive Psychology](#), [Brain, Behavior and Cognition](#), [Personality, Development and Health](#), and [Social Psychology](#). The study of the psychology also happens across an array of related programs outside of this department:

- [Cognitive Science](#)
- [Cognitive Neuroscience](#)
- [Diversity Studies](#)
- [Family Institute](#)
- [Institute for Policy Research](#)
- [NU Feinberg School of Medicine Clinical Psychology - Chicago campus](#)
- [NU Feinberg School of Medicine](#)
- [NU Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program \(NUIN\)](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence at Northwestern](#)

Description of Materials Collected

The psychology selector aims to maintain a research level collection that includes major published works needed to support dissertations and independent research, including materials containing research reporting, new findings, scientific experimental results, and other information useful to researchers. The collection includes important reference works and a wide selection of specialized monographs, as well as an extensive collection of journals and major indexing and abstracting services. The psychology selector will often consult with other subject specialists when acquiring relevant materials.

Language(s) covered:

The library primarily collects materials for psychology in English. Other languages may be collected as requested by faculty.

Geographical scope:

Geographical scope of the collection is worldwide.

Formats collected/excluded:

Psychology materials are collected in all formats. Journals are collected in electronic form. E-books are collected on a selective basis depending on audience need. Audiovisual materials are collected in consultation with the head of the Mitchell Multimedia Center. Popular and juvenile level materials are not collected. Textbooks, regardless of academic level, typically are not collected, with some exceptions for methodological works. In general, the psychology selector will avoid purchasing materials that fall within the realm

of psychiatry, leaving such content to be acquired by the Galter Library.

Related Collections and Consortial Activities

Since cognitive science, counseling, and psychology are so closely related, the psychology fund may on occasion share costs with these funds. As part of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), and other consortia, Northwestern takes part in cooperative purchase agreements which cover these behavioral sciences, along with neuroscience and artificial intelligence.

Completion/Revision Date: April 2023

Radio Television Film Collection Development Policy

The Radio/TV/Film collection supports faculty and PhD students in screen cultures; and faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students in stage and screen writing, sounds arts, and media production, including documentary media.

This area collects at core research level in the film, radio, and television from their inceptions, including production, theory, history and criticism. While much of the collection focus on western film, international film is within scope. Foreign language materials are often collected by their respective area studies collections. Popular press titles are generally out-of-scope for the collection. Many of these programs include practical components therefore guidebooks in film or television production may be collected at the minimal level. Recordings in a variety of formats are essential to the program, see the Collection Development Policy for Multi-Media. Other departments supported by the collection include Communications, English, Performance Studies and Theatre.

Monographs, historic newspapers, and journals are all important to this department. For journals, newspapers, and multi-author monographs, electronic access is preferred. For single author monographs, print is preferred. Streaming Media is also important. As it becomes more difficult to own or provide institutional access to new films and television shows, it will be difficult to meet the needs of these users.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Reference Collection Development Policy

The reference collection supports disciplines in the social sciences and humanities excluding materials related to Art, Music, Transportation, and Africana which all have separate libraries within the university. Chronologically this collection covers almost all time periods. This collection provides authoritative introductory material on a wide variety of topics, foreign language support, and biographical and statistical information not readily available elsewhere.

Much of the collecting is done at the basic undergraduate level, however, there are resources that support professional graduate level and core research levels. That said, it is more likely that core level resources are acquired by subject liaisons and housed in the Main stacks.

Material is collected in a wide variety of languages, particularly the major Western European and Slavic languages. In recent years an increased university emphasis on Asian Languages and Cultures has resulted in greater emphasis on Chinese, Hindi, Urdu, Japanese, and Korean within the reference collection.

Electronic is the preferred format for reference materials, when such formats are available and cost effective. That said, some large multi-volume foreign language dictionaries may not be available in electronic format or be cumbersome and difficult to use electronically warranting the occasional purchase of a large multi-volume sets.

In recent years multi-volume foreign language dictionaries that are not online have taken on an increased importance in this collection relative to other physical materials. Other physical materials include subject specific encyclopedias, subject specific dictionaries, some Chicago related material including history and census statistics, statistical volumes from various countries including the United States Statistical Abstract. Since 2010 almost all new indexing, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and handbooks have been acquired as electronic resources if possible.

As stated above, this collection supports the social sciences and humanities with increased focus on foreign language material, material about areas outside of the United States, and some statistical areas.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Religious Studies Collection Development Policy

The Religious Studies collection supports both general research needs for undergraduates as well as more focused areas for doctoral level graduate students.

To meet the needs of both undergraduates and doctoral students religious studies collecting operates on a continuum of different levels. In a few areas this will entail simply *Basic Informational Level*, such as “New Religions” and new religious movements. However, *Undergraduate Level Support* characterizes a major portion of collection in religious students with a focus on English-language material with coverage of eastern and western religions. Additionally, certain areas receive a greater emphasis as they support doctoral level research. Among these areas are Buddhism, specifically Theravada, Mahayana, Tibetan Buddhism, Philosophy of Islam and American Catholicism. A newer area of emphasis that likely will support doctoral research soon is in Hinduism. There are also some areas of doctoral research that overlap with support from other library areas including African American studies, Latin American studies, and Islam in Africa.

- a. **Prioritization of material type:** In terms of collecting Religious Studies relies heavily on books. That said there are a significant number of journal subscriptions and there are often requests for DVDs or streaming video but the main emphasis of collecting is on the single volume monograph.
- b. **Prioritization of languages collected in:** The majority of material collected is English language, however, some research materials such as works related to Buddhism, theory and philosophy of Islam, Hinduism can be in other languages.
- c. **Prioritization of format:** Print copies of monographs are preferred, electronic access is fine for journals.
- d. **Areas of traditional strength:** Northwestern has traditionally had an emphasis on Buddhist Studies which, in the past decade, has started to encompass Tibetan Buddhism, an area of growing focus.
- e. **Areas of focus:** Religion and religions, the various denominations and their sacred canons, practices, and histories.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2020

Schaffner Library Collection Development Policy

The Joseph Schaffner Library, located on the second floor of Northwestern University's Wieboldt Hall at 339 E. Chicago Avenue in downtown Chicago, was permanently closed in March 2020, after a decision by University Library administration to move to a remote service model. Schaffner had served Northwestern students continuously at the Wieboldt location from 1927 until 2020. In September 2021, the Schaffner Library space was officially transferred by the NUL dean to joint management by Kellogg and SPS, with oversight by the Provost's Office.

Most recently, the approximately 10,000 item Schaffner collection had supported programs in the Kellogg Graduate School of Management's part-time program on the Chicago campus as well as the School of Professional Studies' (SPS) undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs. The size of the collection and the academic disciplines served had changed over Schaffner's 90 year-plus history, to meet the needs of the University at the given time.

As the only University Library managed unit on the downtown campus, Schaffner's physical collection had served in recent years as the social sciences and humanities branch of the main Library (the Math Library and the Mudd Science and Engineering library on the main campus were the other branches). The bulk of Schaffner's holdings consisted of items in the social sciences, management, literature, and history areas. When Schaffner Library closed in 2020, the collection was assessed, and selected items were retained and moved to the main library or were sent to offsite storage at Oak Grove Library Center. The remaining items (copies, worn, damaged, or dated materials) were removed by a private reseller, Bennett Books, in March 2022.

Since March 2020, ongoing support of students in the Kellogg and SPS programs on the Chicago campus has been provided through the main library, including access to electronic and physical items, with the latter being shipped directly to students' homes. It is thought that no separate selector activity will be necessary for this group given that they can now be served, and resources can be purchased through selectors at the main library (i.e. the SPS librarian and the business librarian).

Completion/Revision Date: March 2023

Slavic Languages and Literatures Collection Development Policy

The Slavic collection at NUL supports teaching and research of faculty, PhD students, and a smaller number of undergraduate students. Teaching and research focuses around language instruction, literature, and culture. Languages taught include Russian, Polish and Czech.

NUL aspires to collect Slavic materials at the research level of 3.

Undergraduate instruction and majors focus on either Russian language, literature, and culture or Russian and East European area studies, including coursework outside the department in theater, history, political science and other areas. Students pursuing a REES area studies major will take Polish, Czech or Russian language.

At the graduate level, the focus is Russian prose, poetry, and literary theory, with training in language pedagogy. Students also take coursework in adjacent fields including film, theater, art history, comparative literature and philosophy.

Monographs collected are primarily in Russian and English, with a smaller number in Polish and Czech. Some literary award winners are also collected in other Slavic languages. Literature, language, film, art, and to a smaller extent, social sciences, are represented in approval plans. Core scholarly journals in Russian and English are included.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials and electronic for journal and database materials.

The Slavic collection's strength is in Russian literature, prose and literary studies.

Reliance on BTAA, CRL, ILL and reciprocal borrowing from the University of Chicago Library through their Slavic and East European Collection allows students and faculty to take advantage of the strength of these outside collections.

Completion/Revision Date: June 2020

Social Justice Collections Development Policy

Northwestern University Libraries has designated a collection development fund—333 (Patterson)—in support of books and other resources related to social justice. This fund will support the activities of the Northwestern Prison Education Program and researchers focusing on issues related to police and prison education, reform, and abolition. This fund also supplements the purchasing needs of all subject librarians who wish to increase our holdings in social justice as it relates to various fields, disciplines, interdisciplinary studies, and emerging trends in scholarship that may not have a disciplinary home. Some topics might include, but are certainly not limited to, racism and racial capitalism; immigration and border politics; approaches to reparative and transformative justice; environmental justice; LGBTQIA2S works and studies; transnational activism; critical pedagogy and educational justice; alternatives to capitalism, punishment, and white supremacy; and diversity, equity, and inclusion. This fund can also be used to enhance our collections in collaboration with various social justice events, activism, and reading groups hosted by units across Northwestern and student organizations.

Completion/Revision Date: March 2023

Social Sciences Data Services Collection Development Policy

Overview of the Collection

The collection for Social Science Data Services consists of existing data sets and data files of micro or raw data used by faculty, students and staff for secondary analysis. As part of the mission of the Social Science Data Services (SSDS), the collection development process is guided by the need for data for secondary analysis from the faculty, students, and staff in the academic programs in social sciences at Northwestern University. The collection consists of US government provided data received through the Federal Depository Library Program as well as data collected as needed, such as the China Census, the Area Resource File, the GSOEP and other regional or topical data sets and files. In addition to adding specific data files to the collection, SSDS maintains membership in the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and the Roper Center for Public Opinion. ICPSR is the world's largest archive of social science data for secondary analysis and the Roper Center has been collecting public opinion data since the 1940s. These are two primary resources for data files. China Data Online and Indiatat are among additional data subscription services made available.

Description of Materials Collected

Collecting Level: Undergraduate level support (General Collections)

Support for specialized, limited data licensing to support graduate/faculty research

Acquired data sets and data files support identifiable research and curriculum needs on campus and the data files are largely housed in the Government Information Collection in the University Library, lower level (Room B190). All data acquisitions not in the ICPSR or Roper archives includes consideration of: current and potential user demand; confidentiality restrictions on the use of the data; adequacy of documentation for use of the data file; quality and accessibility of the data to be analyzed; reliability and authority of the source of the data; availability of the software needed to access and analyze the data; and adequacy of means to preserve data files in usable format over time.

Related Collections

Data for secondary analysis are used by students and faculty in all of the social sciences with a high use by sociology, psychology, public policy and education. Political science and economic students also are frequent users of data for secondary analysis and some faculty in these departments maintain their own restricted data files. In addition to SSDS, the Kellogg School of Business maintains a research lab with data files which can be used by business students and faculty.

Other Collection Information

Specific Data File Requirements:

1. Item Format: The format of all non-Internet data files added to the physical collection must be compatible with the computer hardware available at NU as most data will be accessed electronically. The current format of choice is either electronic download or DVD / CD. Data files on diskette are not added to the collection.
2. Software: SSDS will confirm that data files being considered for acquisition are formatted in a way that makes them readily accessible to NU users using reasonably available software. Data files in older or legacy formats which meet the other conditions for inclusion in the collection but which are not software compatible will be considered only if it is possible to migrate the data to a format which preserves the integrity of the data and makes it accessible to the data

user. If access to a data set is not technically feasible or is cost prohibitive, it will not be added to the collection.

3. **Restricted Use:** Some data files have restrictions on their use such that the data may not be removed from the department because it contains confidential information or may only be used by approved researchers. This is not unusual and will not necessarily prohibit adding a data file to the collection. However, equitable access to information is an important consideration to acquisition and if access is too restrictive, the SSDS will not add the data files to the collection.
4. **Source:** Every effort will be made to collect materials from national and international sources as determined by need. International data are more difficult to obtain through free or public sources and while there will be an emphasis on developing and maintaining an adequate variety of international data in the collection, this is not always fiscally possible.
5. **Unique Data Files:** The SSDS does not accept deposit of unique data files for the purpose of archiving. Researchers who want to archive their data will be directed to an appropriate domain specific, regional or national repository that has the infrastructure to support the archiving of numerical data.
6. **Request for Purchase:** Researchers may suggest data for acquisition. The Data Services Librarian will evaluate, on a case by case basis, requests for special purchases.
7. **Gifts:** Occasionally a department will purchase a data file that they want SSDS to maintain and manage. SSDS will accept gifts of data that meet the same requirements as stated above.
8. **Circulation policy:** Data CDs or DVDs in the federal depository collection can be obtained following the circulation policy which governs Federal documents. If a Federal Depository data set does not circulate, generally the CD or DVD may be copied to the patron's own portable memory device or shared electronically with the user. Electronic data available through ICPSR or Roper can be downloaded and used by students, faculty and staff of Northwestern with an authenticated email address. ICPSR does contain some restricted data files and the procedure for acquiring those data is provided by ICPSR. The Data Librarians will assist students with the process if needed. Occasionally, SSDS will acquire data files where access is restricted to only approved researchers. These data are owned by SSDS but are distributed only under the conditions that access is restricted to specific researchers who have submitted a proposal for research and have been approved by the source of the data. These data files tend to include confidential data and therefore, are not generally accessible to the larger Northwestern University research community. Some data licenses ask users to agree to data use limitations as specified in a Data Use Agreement. Those users who submit a signed Data Use Agreement form will be provided access to this data. There will be no exceptions to policy with regard to restricted data files.

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Sociology Collection Development Policy

The Sociology collection at NUL supports teaching and research of faculty, PhD students, as well as undergraduate students. Faculty teaching and research concentrates heavily on inequalities and the social relations, systems, institutions, and culture that influence and perpetuate these inequalities. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of Sociology, related fields play a large part in the teaching and research of the Sociology Department. This requires selection and cooperation with selectors in related subject areas (Political Science, Economics, African Studies, Education, etc.), as well as a broader coverage of the social sciences as it relates to Sociology.

The Sociology Department focuses on the scholarly conversation with current, as well as historical research. There is a need to maintain core journals in the field, acquiring new journal subscriptions as current research evolves or changes.

Areas of focus are wide-ranging, interrelated, and overlapping [in the Sociology Department](#) and include, but are not limited to: Culture, Inequality and stratification, Historical Sociology, Social Theory, Urban Sociology, and the Sociology of Race, Sex, Gender, and Class. There is also a large focus on the Sociology of Politics, Economics, Law, Medicine/Health, and Organizations and work.

Sociology also maintains a focus on teaching the following methods: quantitative methods, historical and comparative methods, ethnographic methods, and cultural analysis.

NUL aspires to collect at a core research level.

The Sociology collection is primarily made up of journal subscriptions, article databases, and books.

Preference is given to print for monographic materials and electronic for journals and databases.

Prioritization is given for materials in English.

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Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures Collection Development Policy

I. Overview of the Collection

- a. Activities the collection supports: This collection supports the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. The Department offers an undergraduate major and minor, which emphasizes the teaching of Spanish and Portuguese in the context of Latin American languages and cultures, and a PhD graduate program that emphasizes research in Latin American, Iberian, and U.S. Latino literary and cultural traditions.

Graduate students are encouraged to engage in research extending beyond departmental and disciplinary borders, in Anthropology, History, Performance Studies, and in the programs of African Studies, Comparative Literary Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Latino Studies, and the interdisciplinary PhD in Theatre and Drama and the PhD in Screen Cultures.

- b. Collecting level: Core research collection
- c. Prioritization of material type:
 - i. Monographs
 - ii. Films purchased on demand
 - iii. Access to primary source databases
- d. Prioritization of languages collected:
 - i. Spanish
 - ii. Portuguese
 - iii. English
- e. Prioritization of format:
 - i. Print
 - ii. Electronic editions purchased on demand
- f. Areas of traditional strength:
 - i. Brazilian literature, with specific emphasis on Afro-Brazilian literature
 - ii. Literature of the Southern Cone, particularly Borges and his contemporaries
 - iii. Literature of the Andes, with an emphasis on the Vanguard tradition and indigenous authors

- g. Areas of focus:
 - i. Literature, art, media, and popular culture
 - ii. Literature written by indigenous authors
 - iii. Brazilian literature, particularly by LGBTQ authors
 - iv. Latino literature

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Theatre and Performance Studies Collections Development Policy

The Theatre and Performance Studies collection strives to support the teaching, learning, research, performance, leisure, and other activities of the faculty, students, staff, and the communities and relations of the Northwestern University Theatre and Performance Studies departments. Supporting the broad range of activity of Theatre and Performance Studies scholars and students, the collection has historical strengths in academic monographs in theatre, performance studies, dance, opera, and new and innovative forms, including production, theory, history and criticism; the theatre and performance production; plays, scripts, recordings, and databases of performances; and, increasingly, social networking resources for playwrights, dramaturgs, actors, and more. Academic monographs are still preferred in print; edited volumes, scholarly journals are preferred digitally; and access to plays and scripts is hybrid. An emphasis is placed on supporting theatre and performance studies works and productions by BIPOC authors and artists. Areas of collection focus will be guided by strong collaborations between the library and the faculty and students of the Theatre and Performance Studies departments in order to tend to emerging trends, issues of equity, and future directions.

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Transportation Library Collection Development Policy

The objective of the Transportation Library interdisciplinary collections is to support the research and teaching needs of Northwestern University faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff. It also actively supports the research needs of local, regional, national and international transportation researchers. The collection emphasizes a large, multi-disciplinary and ever evolving selection of transportation subjects such as management, operations, finance, logistics, planning, environmental, regulatory, safety, technology, urban growth, etc. Historical, rare and archival materials are also included. All transportation modes - air, rail, highway, water - are represented.

Library aspires to collect materials mostly at the core research level.

As a national collection of record in transportation, we aspire to comprehensively collect US published monographs in hard copy and to a minor extent electronically. Serials are acquired in either hard copy or electronically. Historical/rare materials are selectively acquired. Except for very rare exceptions, all materials in the collections are kept indefinitely.

The focus of the collections is mostly in US transportation; however, a substantial percentage of acquisitions are international in scope. Materials are acquired primarily in English. Although major western European languages are well represented.

Monographs published within the last 2 years are emphasized. New published journals are acquired on a continuing basis. Historical materials are mostly acquired through gifts or through a very selective purchase.

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