

**University of California, Merced Library  
Collection Development Policy**

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS**

The UC Merced Library actively supports all aspects of the university's mission of teaching, research and public service. The library's mission is to provide access to and delivery of information resources to UC Merced students, faculty and staff. Although the Library will acquire information resources in any format as appropriate, resources in electronic format will be preferred. Because of the continued reliance of many humanities disciplines on print monographs, this principle will be modified for the humanities. Primary collection development policies have been created at the school level. These are supplemented as necessary by policies formulated for specific subject areas and disciplines.

**COLLECTION AREA**

Undergraduate majors: anthropology, cognitive science, critical race and ethnic studies, economics, environmental humanities, global arts studies, history, literatures in English, management and business economics, philosophy, political science, psychology, public health, sociology, Spanish, writing studies

Graduate programs: cognitive and information sciences, economics, interdisciplinary humanities, management of complex systems, management of innovation, sustainability and technology, political science, psychological sciences, public health, sociology

**GENERAL PURPOSE**

The primary goal of the Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts collection development program is to support the current research and instructional needs of the students and faculty in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts. Development of the collection also aims to cover areas of emerging interest that may be included in future research and instruction programs. The collection development program also serves the faculty and students in the various interdisciplinary research institutes. Both current and historical literature is acquired. Retrospective acquisition of important works in the humanities will be conducted to the extent practicable.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED PROGRAM**

Currently the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts offers undergraduate degrees in anthropology, cognitive science, critical race and ethnic studies, economics, environmental humanities, global arts studies, history, literatures in English, management and business economics, philosophy, political science, psychology, public health, sociology, Spanish and writing studies. In addition, graduate degrees in cognitive and information sciences, economics, interdisciplinary humanities, management of complex systems, management of innovation, sustainability and technology, political science, psychological

sciences, public health and sociology are offered.

## **GENERAL SUBJECT BOUNDARIES**

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of much of the research and instruction in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, relevant materials are found in a wide variety of Library of Congress classes. Materials on economics and management class in HB-HJ, while works on quantitative methods class in HA29-HA32 (statistics) as well as in QA (mathematics). Psychology classes in BF1-BF839, anthropology in GF and GN, sociology in HM-HT and political science in J-JK and JS. Materials on health policy are found in RA410-RA410.9 and in RA960-RA1000.5.

Collections supporting world cultures and history cover a particularly wide variety of LC classes. Materials in world history class in D-DX and United States history in E11-E889. The history of California, the Great Basin and the Sierra Nevada is found in F721-F900. An important area of study and research is international migration and immigration. Materials in this area are found in JV.

Spanish literature is classed in (PQ6001-PQ8929) and Portuguese literature in (PQ9000-PQ9129). British literature is classed in PR and American literature in PS.

Materials supporting music and performance studies are found in ML (literature on music), N-NX (fine arts), PN2000-3307 (theatrical production) and TT (costume design and history)

## **LANGUAGES**

English is the principal collection language though no material is excluded because of language.

## **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS**

No geographic areas are specifically excluded, although materials with a geographic focus on California, the Great Basin and the Sierra Nevada Mountains are emphasized. In general, the nature of the publication rather than its geographical origin determines its selection.

## **TYPES OF MATERIALS SELECTED**

The collection includes monographs, serials, full text and A&I databases and audio and video media. Streaming media is primarily provided through licensed packages with commercial vendors. Textbooks are not collected.

## **FORMATS OF MATERIALS SELECTED**

Both print and electronic monographs are collected although many disciplines in the humanities and arts, particularly literature and art history, continue to rely heavily on print. Acquisition of print books that duplicate e-books already in the collection will be accommodated upon request. Most journals are electronic; no print journal subscriptions are maintained, unless the journal is only available in print. Local subscriptions to journals are initiated in response to faculty request; most journals are supplied through CDL-licensed packages. Microforms and flat maps are not collected, but individual items will be obtained as necessary. Other non-print formats, such as CD-ROM, DVD and Compact Disc are selected as appropriate. Material on VHS tape is reformatted to DVD.

## **COLLECTING INTENSITY**

Collecting intensity needs to be understood in the context of being an integral part of the largest university research library in the world. Information resources include locally available print and electronic books as well as electronic books, electronic journals, databases and digital collections licensed by the California Digital Library on behalf of the University of California Libraries. Monographs in current and proposed fields of humanities and social sciences in the LC classes listed below published by university and trade publishers are acquired at faculty request. Works of literature regardless of publisher are acquired at faculty request. Electronic books t equivalent levels are acquired through CDL-licensed packages and locally at faculty request. The collection is developed and maintained as a component of the collective electronic and print collections of the UC Libraries.

## **OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

The UC Merced Library provides access to many electronic resources in support of teaching and research in social sciences, humanities and arts. Information and links may be found on the Databases A-Z list on the library web site. The library also has access through Interlibrary Loan to the 38 million print volumes in the collective collection of the UC Libraries housed at the other nine UC campuses and at the two Regional Storage Facilities. Interlibrary Loan through OCLC is used to provide access to print materials not in the University of California collection. The CRL print collection is also accessible through Interlibrary Loan.

## **LC CLASS**

BF, D, E, F721-F900, GF, GN, HA29-HA32, HB-HT, J-JK, JS, JV, ML, N-NX, PN2000-PN3307, PQ6001-PQ9129, PR, PS, QA, RA410-RA410.9, RA960-RA1000.5, TT

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