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## Collection Development Policy, Judaic Studies

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## JUDAIC STUDIES COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

**Subject Librarian: Richard H. Harrison II**

**Date: April 2015**

### **Collection Purpose**

The primary purpose of the Judaic Studies collection is to serve the learning, instructional, and research needs of the students and faculty in the Judaic Studies Program. It is an interdisciplinary program offered in the College of Arts and Sciences with the cooperation of the departments of English, Foreign Languages, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology; the Liberal Studies, Women's Studies, and Area Studies programs; and Religious Studies, Humanities, and Middle East minors. The program offers courses in elementary, intermediate, and advanced Hebrew language and literature, both modern and classical, and courses in Jewish history, philosophy, culture and identity, and the Jewish woman.

The program does not offer a major; however, it does grant the following:

#### ***Undergraduate Programs***

Minor, Certificate: Judaic Studies

In 2004, the UCF Judaic Studies Program observed its 20th anniversary and at that time received its first endowed chair.

### **Collection Description**

#### ***Monographs***

Included in the call number ranges listed below are books dealing with Hebrew literature, both classical and modern; and Jewish history, including the Holocaust. Judaic Studies, as an interdisciplinary field, follows the characteristics of the related subject fields it crosses, most notably history, sociology, philosophy, literature, and classical languages. Aspects of Judaic Studies which deal with historical and literary studies require monographic and primary source materials for research. Judaic Studies also has a need for research materials in Hebrew and Yiddish.

#### ***Journals, Databases, and Indexes***

The UCF Libraries subscribe to a number of periodicals relevant to Judaic Studies either in print or through a number of online databases. Among the periodicals available are *Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism*, *American Jewish History*, *Forward*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *Jewish History*, *The Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *Modern Judaism*, *Moment*, and *Tikkun*.

The major databases that support Judaic Studies are *America: History and Life*, *ATLA Religion, Historical Abstracts*, *Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance*, *JSTOR*, *Philosopher's Index*, *PhilPapers*, *Project MUSE*, *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*, *MLA International Bibliography*, *The Philosopher's Index*, and *Sociological Abstracts*.

The major print index available is *Index to Jewish Periodicals*.

## Collection Guidelines

### ***Chronology: Emphases/Restrictions***

All periods: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, Modern, and Contemporary.

### ***Languages: Emphases/Restrictions***

Most materials are in English. Some critical works may be in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, German, Russian, or Polish. Non-English works usually are acquired at the request of the Judaic Studies faculty.

### ***Formats: Emphases/Restrictions***

Books, monographic series, e-books, e-book packages (e.g., Oxford Scholarship Online), and databases account for most of the material acquired. Multimedia formats (e.g., DVD, streaming video) generally are purchased pursuant to requests from faculty.

### ***Geography: Emphases/Restrictions***

Primary emphasis is on North America, Europe, Israel, and the Middle East.

### ***Publication Dates***

No restrictions, but emphasis is on current material. Older material is purchased selectively to fill gaps in the collection. Judaic Studies is a relatively young program at UCF that requires an ongoing focus on retrospective purchases to build the collection to an acceptable level. Recognizing that many titles will be out of print and unobtainable, the use of interlibrary loan and document delivery is an important service of support for providing materials to Judaic Studies.

### ***Subjects Collected and Collecting Levels***

Key to Levels: 0= Libraries do not collect; 1= Minimal level; 2=Basic information level; 3=Instructional support level; 4=Research level; 5=Comprehensive

<b>Library of Congress Classification and Subject</b>	<b>Existing Level</b>	<b>Desired Level</b>
BJ 1-1800: Ethics [includes Jewish ethics]	3	3
BM 1-990: Judaism	3	3
BS 1-2970: Bible	3	3
D 1-899: History (General) [includes general Jewish history]	3	4
PJ 3001-4091: Semitic Philology, Assyrian, Sumerian	1	1
PJ 4101-5809: Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac	2	2

### ***Subjects Excluded***

None.

### ***Cooperative Arrangements and Related Collections***

The UCF Libraries have resource sharing agreements with several state, regional, and national consortia: the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC), the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). The primary resource sharing service is Interlibrary Loan.

## **Collection Management Issues**

### ***Replacement***

Any book lost or stolen will be considered for replacement. The title may be ordered directly from the Collection Development replacement budget fund at the discretion of the Head of Acquisitions and Collection Management if the title is essential to the collection. Outdated or superseded editions will not be reordered unless there is a specific need.

### ***Retention/Deselection***

The decision to dispose of certain items takes into account such factors as past circulation, date of publication, nature of the material, and the judgment of interested faculty members as to the continued usefulness of the material to their subject areas. Outdated, unused and no longer reliable materials are removed from the collection. Deteriorated materials can be repaired, replaced or discarded. Periodicals or electronic resources will be weeded when the Libraries have only fragments of a title, which do not justify the cost of completing the run with an alternative format; a title has not been subscribed to for more than ten years and its value is not apparent; a title has not been currently subscribed to for at least five years and the related programs have been discontinued; or a title has been replaced by electronic access and its retention is no longer necessary or advisable.

### ***Out-of-Print Acquisition***

As with other acquisitions, out-of-print titles will be acquired if there is a clear need to have the specific item in the collection and the price is reasonable.

### ***Preservation***

The Subject Librarian will consult with Technical Services on all matters relating to the care, repair, and safekeeping of all circulating library materials regardless of format type. Preservation issues of importance include maintaining existing materials (e.g., rehousing, rebinding, repair, conservation, media transfer); deacidification of selected titles, whole collections, or partial collections; reformatting materials to microfilm or digital images; and questions related to gifts-in-kind that may require preservation attention before materials are added to the collection.