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Collection Development Policy, Philosophy

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PHILOSOPHY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

Subject Librarian: Richard H. Harrison II

Date: April 2015

Collection Purpose

The primary purpose of the Philosophy collection is to serve the learning, instructional, and research needs of the students and faculty in the Department of Philosophy, as well as all UCF students and faculty, especially those in the humanities and social sciences, such as English, Film, Digital Media, History, Modern Languages and Literatures, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre, and Women's Studies.

The Department of Philosophy offers the following degrees and minors:

Graduate Programs

M.A.: Interdisciplinary Studies (concentrations in Humanities, Ethics, or Cognitive Sciences)

Undergraduate Programs

B.A., Minor: Humanities

B.A., Minor: Humanities: Philosophy, Religion, and Popular Culture

B.A., Minor: Philosophy

B.A., Minor: Religion and Cultural Studies

Minor: Cognitive Sciences

Collection Description

Monographs

Included in the call number ranges listed below are books dealing with general humanities, general works in philosophy, logic, speculative philosophy, cognitive sciences, aesthetics, ethics, religions.

Journals and Databases

The UCF Libraries subscribe to many scholarly journals either in print or through a number of online databases. Core Philosophy journals held include *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Bioethics*, *Brain Research*, *Cognition*, *Ethics*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *The Monist*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies: An International Journal for Philosophy in the Analytic Tradition*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Phronesis: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy*, *Synthese: An International Journal for Epistemology, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, and *Trends in Cognitive Science*.

The major databases that support Philosophy are *ATLA Religion*, *JSTOR*, *Philosopher's Index*, *PhilPapers*, *Project MUSE*, and *PsycINFO*. Other pertinent databases include *Academic Search Premier*, *Art Full Text*, *ERIC*, *Essay and General Literature Index*, *Humanities Full Text*, *Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance*, *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*, *MEDLINE*, *Music Index*, *SAGE Research Methods*, and *Sociological Abstracts*.

Collection Guidelines

Chronology: Emphases/Restrictions

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

Languages: Emphases/Restrictions

Most materials are in English. Some critical works in the classical languages (i.e., Greek and Latin) and in the major European languages also are acquired.

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. Dissertations are collected generally only by request.

Geography: Emphases/Restrictions

Primary emphasis is on Europe and North America.

Publication Dates

No restrictions, but emphasis is on current material. Older material is purchased selectively to fill gaps in the collection.

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

Library of Congress Classification and Subject	Existing Level	Desired Level
AZ: History of the Sciences in General, Scholarship, Learning	2	2
B 1-68: Philosophy: Periodicals, Societies, Congresses	4	4
B 69-789: History and Systems, Ancient through Renaissance	4	4
B 790-5739: History and Systems, Post Renaissance	4	4
BC 1-199: Logic	4	4
BD 10-701: Speculative Philosophy	3	3
BD 418: Philosophy of Mind	3	4
BF 201: Cognitive Psychology	3	4
BF 309-499: Cognition	4	4

BH 1-301: Aesthetics	2	3
BJ 1-1800: Ethics	3	3
BL 1-2790: Religions, Mythology, Rationalism	2	2
BM 1-990: Judaism	3	3
BP 1-610: Islam, Baha'ism, Theosophy	3	3
BQ 1-9800: Buddhism	2	2
BR 1-1725: Christianity (General)	3	3
BS 1-2970: Bible	3	3
BT 10-1480: Doctrinal Theology	3	3
BV 1-799: Practical Theology	1	1
BX 1-799: Eastern Christian Churches	1	2
BX 800-4795: Roman Catholic Church	3	3
BX 4800-9999: Protestantism	3	3
QP 360.5: Cognitive Neuroscience	3	4
RC 321-574: Neurosciences	3	4

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 (or a different form of 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.