

Collection Policy: History Program

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Purpose

The Collection Development policy is used as a guide to shape relevant collections and to ensure consistency in collection development. The decision to purchase library materials is primarily the responsibility of the Collections Librarian in consultation with faculty in the Department.

This policy has been developed by John McCallum, the Collections Librarian, in cooperation with and endorsed by Eva Plach, the Department Faculty Library Liaison and the Department Chair.

Collection Focus

- To support teaching, study and research up to the Honours B.A. level, and, as part of a joint program with Waterloo and Guelph, to the M.A. and Ph.D. levels. As program offerings generally reflect faculty areas of competence, the collection also supports faculty research interests.

Collection Scope

- **Language:** Generally all modern languages studied at Laurier, with emphasis on English for secondary literature
- **Place of Publication:** No limitations.
- **Dates of Publication:** Emphasis of ongoing purchases is on current publications.
- **Chronological Periods:** Coverage is from the Middle Ages onwards.
- **Geographical Areas:** Generally worldwide, with emphasis on Canadian, European, American, and Military history, and the history of International Relations. The histories of Africa, China and the Middle East have been recently introduced.
- **Publishers:** works from scholarly and academic publishers are emphasized

Types and Formats of Material Collected:

- Materials with academic-level readership are selected, as well as primary source materials, at least in facsimile, are purchased
- Web-based formats for reference sources, journals and indexing sources are preferred. Print and microform are considered for reason of cost, availability,

expected use or long term access.

- Single copies of books in print formats are generally selected. Web-based formats are selected on a title by title basis, especially if the title is of interest to users at multiple Laurier campuses. Duplication of print across Laurier campuses is generally avoided.
- Excluded types include textbooks, abridgements, study aids, limited editions, juvenile works, works by vanity presses, reprints and partial contents (eg. single issues of journals, electronic versions of single chapters of books).

Subjects Collected and Collecting Priorities

Collecting priorities are categorized into 3 levels:

- A=highest emphasis. The collection includes major published materials required to support the core teaching and research at the highest degree level offered by the Department.
- B=secondary emphasis. The collection includes a selection of materials to complement the discipline as a whole, although it may not be a primary focus for courses. This level is also used to identify other departments that may have identified aspects of this area as something of highest emphasis
- C=selective emphasis. Materials, including reference materials and basic journals and indexes are collected to introduce and define an area

Subjects collected	Classification	Priority
Intellectual and Social History (Canada, USA, Europe)	AZ502-AZ516; AZ600- AZ607	A
Religion: Period to 1914; post-1914	BL98-BL99	A
Social and Cultural History	CB	A
Diplomatics. Archives	CD	C
History (General). World Wars. Europe (gen)	D1-D34; D95-D2009	A
Historiography . Research . Methodology/Aids.		A
Philosophy of Hist		B
Political History, including Diplomatics		A
Fascism . Holocaust	(D726.5; D804.3; D810.J4)	A
Great Britain (England & Wales)	DA1-745	A

Scotland	DA750-890	C
Ireland	DA900-945	B
Liechtenstein	DB891-894	C
Hungary	DB921-926; DB931-958.6	A
Bohemia, Czechoslovakia, Slovakia	DB2000-3150	A
France (1450 to present)	DC35-DC559	A
Germany (1450 to present)	DD84-89; DD175-454	A
Greece, Modern	DF701-951	C
Italy, Modern	DG401-825	A
Belgium	DH503-692	B
Russia (Russian Empire (1450-1914))	DK70-264.8	A
Soviet period	DK265-293	A
Poland	DK4010-4800	A
Sweden	DL701-829	B
Spain	DP56-66; DP160.9-272.4	B
Portugal	DP535-557; DP620-682	B
Switzerland	DQ51-210	C
Romania	DR215-269.6	A
Yugoslavia	DR1231-1258 DR1266-1313.8	A
Middle East (generally, post-1914)	DS62.8-62.9	A
Afghanistan	DS354.9-357.6 DS359-371.3	A
India	DS401-486.8	A
Burma	DS527-530.9	A
Indochina	DS541-553.7 DS554-555 DS556.487-559.916	A
Malay Peninsula	DS595.8-595.9	C

East Indies	DS634-644	A
China	DS701-DS799.9	A
Japan	DS801-897	A
Korea	DS901-937	A
Africa . Egypt	DT17-154	A
Southern Africa	DT1001-3415	A
West Africa	DT470-671	A
Australia. New Zealand. Oceania	DU	C
United States	E11-905	A
United States - State, Regional History	F1-975	C
Latin America (general)	F1409.6-1419	B
West Indies	F1601-1623	A
Canada	FC	A
Economic History, Modern	HC51-60.5	A
Social History. Social Movements	HN13-19	A
Social Movements – 20 th Century	HM881	A
Political Extremism – 20 th Century	HN49.R33-981	A
Social History – Great Britain – 1760-1945	HN385; HT653.G7	A
Gender History	HQ1121-1123 HQ1150-1155	A
Terrorism	HV6430-6433	A
Socialism – Europe	HX236-375.7	A
Fascism	JC481	A
International Relations	JX1315- 1395 JZ; KZ	A
Science and Technology, 19 th and 20 th centuries	Q125-143	A
Wars, Military History	U1-102	A
Naval Science History	V1-103	A

Related Programs and Support

Consortial purchases with the TriUniversity Group of Libraries (Guelph, Waterloo, Laurier university libraries), with the Ontario Council of University Libraries, and on a national level, are pursued.

Wilfrid Laurier University has fostered a special relationship with the United Nations, as witness its hosting of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (AUCUNS). Recently, the library filled in the pre-1981 collection of the Readex collection of U.N. documents on microfiche, an important primary resource for studies in international relations. Newsbank's online index, *Readex AccessUN*, provides access to this comprehensive collection from the beginning (1945-).

The library's Archives and Special Collections section houses various fonds and collections, including some items relating to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King. The library is also the caretaker of the archives of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

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