

## Collection Policy: Sociology 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 Gina Matesic, the Collections Librarian, in cooperation with and endorsed by Dana Sawchuk, the Department Faculty Library Liaison and the Department Chair.

### Collection Focus

- To support teaching, study and research up to the honors degree level, as well as to support faculty research

### Collection Scope

- **Language:** primarily English languages materials are collected; however important works by contemporary French-speaking sociologists which are unavailable in English are also encouraged. Material in other languages is not necessarily excluded.
- **Place of Publication:** no area is excluded; international relevant and comparative materials are encouraged but the emphasis is placed on Canadian and American publications
- **Dates of Publication:** emphasis is placed on recently published works
- **Chronological Period:** both contemporary and historical work is to be acquired
- **Geographical Areas:** no area is excluded; international relevant and comparative material is to be encouraged, whilst ensuing acquisition of sociologically relevant material on Canada
- **Publishers:** works from academic and scholarly publishers are emphasized

### Types, Formats, and Readership of Materials Collected

- Materials with academic-level readership are selected
- 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, works by vanity presses, juvenile literature, pamphlets, 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	Collecting Priority
<b>Theory</b>		
History of Sociological Thought	HM19	C
Philosophy of Social Science	H61	A
Conflict Theory/Marxism	HM497; HM471; HM1121	A
Phenomenology	HM26	D
Ethnomethodology	HM481	B
Symbolic Interactionsim	HM499	C
Feminist Theory	HQ1190	A
General Theory	HM24	B
Postmodernism	HM449	B
Critical Theory	HM24	B
<b>Methods</b>		
Quantitative Methods	HM529	C
Qualitative Methods	HM48	B
<b>Substantive Areas</b>		
Aging	HQ1060-HQ1064	B
Criminology	HV6018	B
Culture/Cultural Studies/Semiotics	HM101; HM621;P99	B
Deviance	HM811	B

Demography and Population	HB885; HB848-	D
Disability	HV1568	B
Education	LC191	A
Environmental Society	HM206; GE170	C
Family	HQ503-HQ743	A
Gender	HQ1075-HQ1075.5	A
Globalization	GE105; HM467	A
Historical Sociology	HM104	C
Human Rights	K258;JC571;JX1977;HM15	A
Language/Sociolinguistics	P41	D
Law/Legal Studies	K366-K380	D
Mass Media/Communications	HM258;P87-P96; HF5439	B
Medicine/Medical Sociology	RA 418-RA418.5;RC108	A
Men and Masculinity	HQ1088-HQ1090.7	B
Mental Illness	RC455; BF57	B
Poverty	HC79; HV91	A
Race and Ethnic Relations	HT1501	A
Religion	BL60	B
Sexuality	HQ60; HQ21	A
Social Change	HM831	B
Social Development of Canada	HN101-HN110	C
Social Movements	HM881	A
Social Problems	HN57-HN59.2	B
Sociology of State Formation	JC336-JC337	C
Stratification	HM821	B
Urban Studies	HT101-HT395	C
Women/Sex Roles	HQ1075; HQ1101-1111; HQ1206	A
Work and Occupations	HD6955	B
Youth	HQ793-HQ799	B

### **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.