

Collection Policy: Economics 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 Afra Bolefski, the Collections Librarian, in cooperation with and endorsed by Logan McLeod, the Department Faculty Library Liaison.

Collection Focus

- To support teaching, study and research up to the graduate level, as well as to support faculty research.

Collection Scope

- **Language:** primarily English materials are collected with the exception of relevant Canadian publications issued only in French. Materials published in languages other than English are excluded except when requested for specific teaching or research purposes.
- **Place of Publication:** priority is placed on Canadian, American, UK (British), and European publications.
- **Dates of Publication:** emphasis is placed on recently published works.
- **Chronological Period:** works with a focus on the twenty-first century are emphasized. However, material having to do with any period of Canadian economic history will be collected.
- **Geographical Areas:** all significant works in economics regardless of geographic areas will be acquired. Special emphasis is to be given to publications dealing with the Canadian economy.
- **Publishers:** works from scholarly and academic 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 (exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Librarian), abridgements, study aids, limited editions, 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 in the primary areas of economics: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and Econometrics 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 for the major sub-disciplines within Economics (e.g., health, international organizations, international, labour, public, etc.). 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	Collecting Priority
A. General Economics and Teaching	
A1 General Economics	C
A2 Economic Education and Teaching of Economics	B
A3 Collective Works	C
B. History of Economic Thought, Methodology, and Heterodox Approaches	
B1 History of Economic Thought through 1925	B
B2 History of Economic Thought since 1925	B
B3 History of Economic Thought: Individuals	B
B4 Economic Methodology	B
B5 Current Heterodox Approaches	C
C. Mathematical and Quantitative Methods	

C1 Econometric and Statistical Methods and Methodology: General	A
C2 Single Equation Models – Single Variables	A
C3 Multiple or Simultaneous Equation Models – Multiple Variables	A
C4 Econometric and Statistical Methods: Special Topics	A
C5 Econometric Modeling	A
C6 Mathematical Methods – Programming Models – Mathematical and Simulation Modeling	B
C7 Game Theory and Bargaining Theory	B
C8 Data Collection and Data Estimation Methodology - Computer Programs	C
C9 Design of Experiments	B
D. Microeconomics	
D1 Household Behavior and Family Economics	A
D2 Production and Organizations	A
D3 Distribution	A
D4 Market Structure and Pricing	A
D5 General Equilibrium and Disequilibrium	A
D6 Welfare Economics	A
D7 Analysis of Collective Decision-Making	A
D8 Information, Knowledge, and Uncertainty	A
D9 Intertemporal Choice	A
E. Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics	
E1 General Aggregative Models	A
E2 Consumption, Saving, Production, Investment, Labor Markets, and Informal Economy	A
E3 Prices, Business Fluctuations, and Cycles	A
E4 Money and Interest Rates	A
E5 Monetary Policy, Central Banking, and the Supply of Money and Credit	A
E6 Macroeconomic Policy, Macroeconomic Aspects of Public Finance, and General Outlook	A
F. International Economics	
F1 Trade	B
F2 International Factor Movements and International Business	B
F3 International Finance	B
F4 Macroeconomic Aspects of International Trade and Finance	B

F5 International Relations, National Security, and International Political Economy	B
F6 Economic Impacts of Globalization	B
G. Financial Economics	
G1 General Financial Markets	B
G2 Financial Institutions and Services	B
G3 Corporate Finance and Governance	B
H. Public Economics	
H1 Structure and Scope of Government	B
H2 Taxation, Subsidies, and Revenue	B
H3 Fiscal Policies and Behavior of Economic Agents	B
H4 Publicly Provided Goods	B
H5 National Government Expenditures and Related Policies	B
H6 National Budget, Deficit, and Debt	B
H7 State and Local Government - Intergovernmental Relations	B
I. Health, Education, and Welfare	
I1 Health	B
I2 Education and Research Institutions	B
I3 Welfare, Well-Being, and Poverty	B
J. Labor and Demographic Economics	
J1 Demographic Economics	B
J2 Demand and Supply of Labor	B
J3 Wages, Compensation, and Labor Costs	B
J4 Particular Labor Markets	B
J5 Labor-Management Relations, Trade Unions, and Collective Bargaining	B
J6 Mobility, Unemployment, Vacancies, and Immigrant Workers	B
J7 Labor Discrimination	B
J8 Labor Standards: National and International	B
K. Law and Economics	
K1 Basic Areas of Law	B
K2 Regulation and Business Law	B
K3 Other Substantive Areas of Law	B
K4 Legal Procedure, the Legal System, and Illegal Behavior	B
L. Industrial Organization	
L1 Market Structure, Firm Strategy, and Market Performance	B
L2 Firm Objectives, Organization, and Behavior	B
L3 Nonprofit Organizations and Public Enterprise	B

L4 Competition Issues and Policies	B
L5 Regulation and Industrial Policy	B
L6 Industry Studies: Manufacturing	B
L7 Industry Studies: Primary Products and Construction	B
L8 Industry Studies: Services	B
L9 Industry Studies: Transportation and Utilities	B
M. Business Administration and Business Economics - Marketing - Accounting	
M1 Business Administration	B
M2 Business Economics	B
M3 Marketing and Advertising	B
M4 Accounting and Auditing	B
M5 Personnel Economics	B
N. Economic History	
N1 Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics - Industrial Structure - Growth - Fluctuations	B
N2 Financial Markets and Institutions	B
N3 Labor and Consumers, Demography, Education, Health, Welfare, Income, Wealth, Religion, and Philanthropy	B
N4 Government, War, Law, International Relations, and Regulation	B
N5 Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment, and Extractive Industries	B
N6 Manufacturing and Construction	B
N7 Transport, Trade, Energy, Technology, and Other Services	
N8 Micro-Business History	C
N9 Regional and Urban History	C
O. Economic Development, Technological Change, and Growth	
O1 Economic Development	B
O2 Development Planning and Policy	C
O3 Technological Change - Research and Development - Intellectual Property Rights	B
O4 Economic Growth and Aggregate Productivity	B
O5 Economy-wide Country Studies	B
P. Economic Systems	
P1 Capitalist Systems	C
P2 Socialist Systems and Transitional Economies	C
P3 Socialist Institutions and Their Transitions	C
P4 Other Economic Systems	C

P5 Comparative Economic Systems	C
Q. Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics - Environmental and Ecological Economics	
Q1 Agriculture	B
Q2 Renewable Resources and Conservation	B
Q3 Nonrenewable Resources and Conservation	B
Q4 Energy	B
Q5 Environmental Economics	B
R. Urban, Rural, Regional, Real Estate, and Transportation Economics	
R1 General Regional Economics	B
R2 Household Analysis	B
R3 Real Estate Markets, Spatial Production Analysis, and Firm Location	B
R4 Transportation Economics	B
R5 Regional Government Analysis	B
Z. Other Special Topics	
Z1 Cultural Economics - Economic Sociology - Economic Anthropology	C

(Classification system adapted from that used by the *Journal of Economic Literature* (JEL 2013))

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.

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