

Collection Policy: Health Studies 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 Pauline Dewan, the Collections Librarian for Health Studies.

Collection Focus

- To support undergraduate teaching, study and research in Laurier Brantford's Health Studies program. Currently Laurier Brantford offers an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Health Studies, an Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science in Health Studies, and an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Health Administration
- The collection also supports, on a selective basis, individual research interests in Health Studies and Health Administration

Collection Scope

- **Language:** English language materials are preferred
- **Place of Publication:** Priority is given to materials published in North America and Europe
- **Dates of Publication:** Emphasis is placed on recently published works
- **Chronological Period:** The contemporary period is emphasized
- **Geographical Areas:** Priority is given to works with a North American focus?
- **Publishers:** Academic trade, Scholarly, Open-Access Alternative publishers, and University publishers are emphasized. Of selected emphasis are Government and NGO organizations and popular trade

Types, Formats, and Readership of Materials Collected

- Materials with academic-level readership at the undergraduate level 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 either print or electronic format 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.
- DVDs are selected when not available for loan and/or reserve from another campus
- Books or other items that are either expensive or of limited use are usually only purchased if not available at the University of Guelph or Waterloo
- Theses, dissertations, symposia, and conference proceedings are collected with a high degree of selectivity
- Excluded types include VHS tapes, textbooks, 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 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.
- C=selective emphasis. Materials, including reference materials and basic journals and indexes are collected to introduce and define an area

Subjects collected	Priorit y
Physical determinants of health	A
Gender and health	A
The environment and health	A
Human anatomy	B
History of diseases	A
Diseases and society	A
Aging	A
Child and youth health	A

Health policy reform	A
Mental health and illness	A
Epidemiology	A
Sexuality and health	B
Midwifery and medicalization of pregnancy and childbirth	B
Nutrition and health	B
Infection and immunity	B
Disasters and public health	B
Indigenous health	B
Medical health	B
Chinese medicine	B
Disabilities	B

Related Programs and Support

Related materials on Health Studies are purchased in support of programs such as Biology, Chemistry, Contemporary Studies, Youth and Child Studies, Leadership, Business, and Human Rights and Human Diversity.

The University of Waterloo also has a Health Studies program. Their library is available to Laurier Brantford students and faculty through the shared Primo Library catalogue.

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.