

## Collection Policy: Political Science

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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 Linda Cracknell, the Collections Librarian, in cooperation with and endorsed by the Department Faculty Library Liaison and the Department Chair.

### Collection Focus

This update of an earlier collections policy reflects the changes in course emphasis in Political Science and changes in the Library of Congress classification. The policy aims to reflect the cross disciplinary aspects of the program at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

When purchasing, preference is given to materials that support the undergraduate program and the three fields at the MA level: Canadian Political Studies, Comparative Politics/International Relations, and Public Opinion and Electoral Studies.

### Collection Scope

- **Language:** works written or translated into English are preferred
- **Place of Publication:** priority is given to materials published in North America and the UK
- **Dates of Publication:** emphasis is placed on recently published works
- **Chronological Period:** emphasis is placed on the contemporary period (late 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries)
- **Geographical Areas:** priority is given to works with a North American International focus, although materials relating to both western and non-western international policy processes are purchased
- **Publishers:** scholarly trade and university publishers are given priority with selected emphasis given to Government and NGO organizations; popular trade publishers are considered for academic-level material

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

- Materials with advanced academic-level readership are selected
- Web-based formats for reference sources, journals and indexing sources are preferred. Print is 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.
- Types of materials not purchased include: 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). Non-scholarly publications are usually avoided.
- Government documents, proceedings of conferences, symposia, international congresses will be considered when they support the current program

### **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

<b>Subjects Collected</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Collecting Priority</b>
Environmental Policy	GE 170-190	A
Environmentalism. Green Movement	GE 195-199	A
Aboriginal Politics	E75-99, GN, KE, JF	A
Free Trade. Protectionism	HF 1701-2701	B
Political Ideologies	HX 1-970	C
Social and Public Welfare (Human rights):		
Refugee problems	HV 640-645	A
By Race or Ethnic Group	HV 3176-3199	A
Immigrants	HV 4005-4013	A
Law in Canada	KE 1-9450	A
General Legislative and Executive Papers	J 1-981	C
Political Science (General)	JA 1-70	C
Theories of the State:		

Modern	JC 131-273	B
Nationalism. Nation State	JC 311-314	B
Political Geography	JC 319-323	B
Sovereignty	JC327	B
Consent of the governed	JC 328.2	B
Patriotism	JC 329	C
Symbolism	JC 345-347	C
Forms of the State	JC 348-497	B
Purpose, functions, and relations of the state	JC 571-605	B
Political institutions and public administration:		
Functions of Government	JF 20-2112	B
Comparative Government	JF 20-1177	A
Political Institutions and public administration:		
United States	JK1-9993	B
Canada,	JL1-500	B
Latin America, Mexico, Central & South America	JL 599-3899	C
Europe	JN 1-9689	C
Asia, Africa, Australia, Pacific Area	JQ 21-6651	C
Local Government. Municipal Government	JS 39-8500	C
Canada	JS1701-1800	B
Colonies and Colonization	JV 1-9480	C
International migration	JV 6001-9480	B
Emigration	JV 6091-6124	B
Immigration	JV 6201-6347	B
United States, Canada	JV 6403-7539	B
International Relations:		
General	JZ 5-2060	B
State and Territory	JZ 3674-3875	B
International organizations and associations	JZ 4835-5160	B
Promotion of Peace	JZ 5511-JS 6060	A
Global Political military issues	JZ 6360-JZ6530	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.