

## Collection Policy: Spanish 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 John McCallum, the Collections Librarian, in cooperation with and endorsed by Marta Marin, the Department Faculty Library Liaison, and the Department Chair.

### Collection Focus

- To support teaching, study and research up to the Honours level, as well as to support faculty research
- In 2007, a proposal for a Master's program in Languages, Discourses and Cultures will probably raise the level of emphasis in certain areas.

### Collection Scope

- **Language:** Generally, Spanish and Spanish dialects (Peninsula, the Americas). Important works in English or Spanish language, literature and culture may be purchased. English translation of works by Spanish and Latin American writers will be charged to the Spanish Section's fund if said writers are studied in translation in a course offered by the department. Otherwise, translation will be charged to the library's General Fund.
- **Chronological Period:** no limitations
- **Geographical Areas:** The principal areas are: Spain and all Spanish speaking countries, South of France – if books are published either in Spanish or Catalan or Galician. However, important works of Spanish language, literature and culture produced anywhere in the world may also be collected.

### 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, partial contents (eg. single issues of journals, electronic versions of single chapters of books).
- Reprints and facsimiles. Cost/benefit considerations must be weighed carefully. Where cost is judge to be excessive (say, more than 50% above the average cost of a new publication), the item will not be purchased if already available at U. of W. or U. of Guelph or, this not being the case, purchased only if it is deemed indispensable.

### 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
Literature, Literary History and Criticism (all periods)	PQ6001-PQ8929	A
Language (modern)	PC4001-PC4977	A
General linguistics (if in Spanish)	P1-P410	B
Comparative Literature (emphasis on Peninsular and Latin America)	PN851-PN879	B
Spanish Culture and Civilization (including in foreign countries) (all periods)	DP48-DP48.9	A
Basque	DP302.B46	
Catalonia	DP302.C6	
Galicia	DP302.G12	
Latin American Culture and Civilization	F1408.3-F1409.3	A
Art (Spain)	N7101-N7133.3	
Art (Latin America)	N6502	
Architecture (Spain)	NA1301-NA1313.3	
Architecture (Latin America)	NA702	
Cinema (Spain)	PN1993.5.S7	
Cinema (Latin America)	PN1993.5.L3	

## **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.