

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Collection Development Policy Statement

SUBJECT: Anthropology

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology. The BA degree program focuses on three areas: cultural anthropology, archaeology, and physical anthropology. In addition, there are a number of graduate courses offered in anthropology that support Master of Arts programs in other disciplines such as the MA in Humanities.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library of Congress classification

The classes for anthropology proper are:

CB	History of civilization
CC	Archaeology
GN	Anthropology
GR	Folklore
GT	Manners and customs
E 51-99	American Indians; pre-Columbian America

Superintendent of Documents classification

SI	Smithsonian Institute
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SCOPE OF COLLECTION

Dates covered: intellectual content

Materials written about anthropology from all time periods are collected. The majority of purchases reflect recent developments in the field.

Dates covered: publication dates

Collecting efforts are focused on current imprints, though significant retrospective purchases (such as journal backfiles or classic works) are made as the need arises.

Geographic coverage

The geographic scope of the collection is global, although the collecting levels of materials concerning different geographic areas will vary in order to properly support the curriculum.

Language

Materials are collected in English, including translations into English. Other languages may be included in the case of joint language publications where one of the languages is in English.

Types of materials

Monographic titles and serials are collected. Subscriptions to databases include those with citations to articles and those with full text. A list of databases relevant to anthropology is available on the anthropology subject list of databases

<<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/quicklinks/databases/subjects.php?id=3>>

Format

Materials are collected in print and electronic format. Relevant videotapes and DVDs are also collected. Selected websites are included in the online catalog and on the online

<<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/ant/>>.

Exclusions

Workbooks and most textbooks are generally not collected.

LOCATION OF MATERIALS

Most materials are housed in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. Older and infrequently-used materials are located in the Southwest Regional Depository.

INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

The academic study of anthropology sometimes overlaps with other areas such as history and religion. The primary discipline focus of the publication will determine selector responsibility. Selectors meet together as a team on a regular basis to share information and purchasing decisions.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Local and regional collections

The Ohio State Libraries collect for MA and PhD programs in anthropology. University of Cincinnati Libraries collect for a master's program in anthropology.

Cooperative loan arrangements

OhioLINK provides access to circulating materials collected by most academic libraries in Ohio.

OhioLINK membership also provides Wright State with membership in the Center for Research Libraries, which enables faculty, staff, and students to obtain Center materials through interlibrary loan.