

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Collection Development Policy Statement

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Students in the Department of English Language and Literatures focus on writing, analyzing literature, or learning to teach English. At the undergraduate level, students may earn a Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in creative writing, professional writing, teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), or literature (the general concentration). With additional coursework in the College of Education, students in this program may be certified to teach English language and literature at the high school or junior high school levels. (Undergraduate programs: http://www.wright.edu/majors/eng_more.html)

At the graduate level, students may earn a Master of Arts in English with a concentration in composition and rhetoric, teaching of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), or literature. Students in the interdisciplinary Master of Humanities program may include significant coursework in English Language and Literatures in their programs as well. (Graduate programs: <http://www.wright.edu/cgi-bin/catalog/grad2006.cgi?id=22>)

CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library of Congress classification

HF5717-5746	Commerce – Business communication
LB1576	Theory and practice of education – English
LB1631	Theory and practice of education – English and composition (as the mother tongue only)
P	Philology. Linguistics
P118	Philology. Linguistics – Language acquisition
PE65-69	English philology and language – Studying and teaching. Research
PE1128.A2	English philology and language – Theory, methods, etc. Manuals for teachers
PE1475	English philology and language – Scientific papers
PE1479.B87	English philology and language – Business
PN	Literature (General)
PR	English literature
PR8309-9680	English literature: provincial, local, etc.
PS	American literature
PS8001-8599	Canadian literature
PZ1-4	Fiction and juvenile belles lettres – Fiction in English
T11	Technology (General) – Language. Technical writing

Superintendent of Documents classification

LC 2	Library of Congress, Humanities Division
LC 26	Library of Congress, History and Literature Division
NF	National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

Dates covered: intellectual content

There are no chronological restrictions in the collecting of materials in English language and literatures. Curricular and research needs determine the level of representation of various periods.

Dates covered: publication dates

Monographs acquired will generally be current publications, but significant retrospective purchases are made as the need arises.

Geographic coverage

The part of the collection devoted to language emphasizes the study and teaching of American English, but representative materials on forms of English in other parts of the world are collected as well. The portion of the collection devoted to literature emphasizes American literature and British literature, but world literatures in English (e.g., African or Australian) are collected as well.

Language

Most materials collected are in English. Important foreign works of criticism are collected in their original languages as well.

Format

The majority of the materials collected are in print format. Relevant audiovisual and electronic resources are collected, and relevant websites are added to the Wright State University Libraries' Catalog. Frequently used materials are listed on the English Research Guide (<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/lit/>).

Exclusions

Generally, textbooks, tests, or study guides for tests are not collected. While popular fiction is generally not collected, scholarly monographs on important trends and figures in popular fiction may be collected at a basic level.

LOCATION OF MATERIALS

All journals and monographs on English language and literature are housed in the Dunbar Library. Older and/or little-used print materials are housed at the Southwest Ohio Regional Depository. Audiovisual and microformats are housed in the Dunbar Library

INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

There is overlapping interest between English Language and Literatures and other subjects, including business, theatre, education, communication, and modern languages.

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

The Educational Resource Center has materials for those preparing to teach English language and literature at the primary and secondary school levels.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Local and regional collections

In Ohio, graduate level collections in English exist at Miami University, the Ohio State University, Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati, and their resources are available through OhioLINK. In the broader region Indiana University – Bloomington has an extensive collection, and those materials are available through interlibrary loan.

Cooperative loan arrangements

OhioLINK provides students, faculty, and staff access to materials collected by most other academic libraries in Ohio. OhioLINK libraries support several bachelors, masters, and doctoral programs in English.

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

Cooperative acquisitions projects

An informal arrangement exists among the English language and literature librarians at Miami University, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, and Wright State University for the collection of post-colonial literatures in English. Participants have assumed responsibility for paying particular attention to literatures from different parts of the English-speaking world. The selector at Wright State University has made a non-binding commitment to pay particular attention to collecting in English-language literatures from Africa (excluding South Africa), Canada, and India.