

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Collection Development Policy Statement

SUBJECT: MODERN LANGUAGES

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Students in the Department of Modern Languages focus on achieving oral and written proficiency in a foreign language, understanding the literary and cultural heritage associated with that language, and learning how to teach the language. At the undergraduate level, students may major in French, German, Spanish, or in Modern Languages, a track that allows the study of several languages. The department offers basic courses in Chinese, Danish, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, comparative literature, literature in translation, and linguistics as well. With additional coursework in the College of Education, students in this program may also be certified to teach French, German, or Spanish at the high school or junior high school levels. (Undergraduate programs: http://www.wright.edu/majors/lang_more.html)

While there are no degree programs at the graduate level, graduate level courses in French, German, and Spanish language, literature, and culture are available. Students in the interdisciplinary Master of Humanities program may include significant coursework in Modern Languages in their programs.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library of Congress classification

LB1578-1580	Theory and practice of education – The teaching of language other than the mother tongue
LB1633	Theory and practice of education – Modern languages
P118	Philology. Linguistics – Language acquisition
P	Philology and linguistics (General)
PN	Literature (General)
PB1-43	Modern languages.
PC1001-1977	Romance philology and languages – Italian
PC2001-3761	Romance philology and languages – French
PC2065	Romance philology and languages – French – Study and teaching. Research
PC4001-4977	Romance philology and languages – Spanish
PC4065	Romance philology and languages – Spanish – Study and teaching. Research
PC5001-5498	Romance philology and languages – Portuguese
PF3001-5999	West Germanic philology and languages – German

PF3065	West Germanic philology and languages – German – Study and teaching. Research
PG	Slavic languages – Baltic languages – Albanian languages
PQ1-3999	French literature
PQ51-61	French literature – Study and teaching
PQ4001-5999	Italian literature
PQ6001-8929	Spanish literature
PQ6013-6019	Spanish literature – Study and teaching
PQ9000-9999	Portuguese literature
PT1-4897	German literature
PT51-65	German literature – Study and teaching

Superintendent of Documents classification

LC 2	Library of Congress, Humanities Division
LC 24.2	Library of Congress, Hispanic History and Literature Division
LC 26	Library of Congress, History and Literature Division
LC 35.2	Library of Congress, European Division
NF	National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

Dates covered: intellectual content

There are no chronological restrictions in the collection of materials in modern languages, literatures, and cultures. 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 portion of the collection devoted to language study emphasizes the languages of France, Germany, Austria, Spain, and Central and South America, but representative materials on forms of these languages in other parts of the world (e.g., Canada, North Africa) are collected as well.

The portion of the collection devoted to literature emphasizes France, several German-speaking countries (including Austria, present-day Germany, the former East and West Germany, and Switzerland), Spain, and Latin America. Representative works from other world literatures in French, German, or Spanish (e.g., Moroccan, Filipino) are collected as well.

Translations of representative works from other parts of the world are also acquired (e.g. the poetry of the Russian poet Pushkin).

Language

When possible, primary materials in French, German, and Spanish literature are acquired in both the original language and in English translation. Critical works on French, German, and Spanish literatures are collected in their original languages and, if possible, in English translation.

Translations of representative works from other languages are also acquired (e.g. the poetry of Russian poet Pushkin, and the Japanese novel, *The Tale of Genji*).

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 Modern Languages Research Guide (<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/lan/>).

Exclusions

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

LOCATION OF MATERIALS

All journals and monographs on 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

Because the study of a modern language includes the study of the associated culture, and because the study of culture is inherently interdisciplinary, there is a great deal of overlap between modern languages and other programs including art, business, economics, geography, history, music, political science, religion, and sociology.

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

The Language Learning Resource Center has software for students learning languages.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Local and regional collections

In Ohio graduate level collections in French, German, and Spanish exist at the Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati, and their resources are available through OhioLINK. For French there is another graduate level collection at Case Western Reserve University. In the larger region Washington University in St. Louis and Indiana University – Bloomington have extensive collections in French and German and those materials are available through interlibrary loan. Indiana University – Bloomington also has an extensive collection in Spanish.

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 Modern Languages.

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.