

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Collection Development Policy Statement

SUBJECT: Political Science

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The Political Science Department offers a program leading to the Bachelor of Arts. Program focuses are: American government, public law, international relations and comparative politics, and political theory and analysis. The Model United Nations seminar is an important activity in the undergraduate program.

(Undergraduate Catalog: Political Science
<http://www.wright.edu/academics/catalog/colleges/cola/pls.html>)

The department also offers the degree of Master of Arts in International and Comparative Politics. Students may select to focus on one of three areas: Peace and Security Studies, International Organizations, or Area Studies. (Graduate Catalog: International and Comparative Politics:
<http://www.wright.edu/cgi-bin/catalog/grad2006.cgi?id=73>)

CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library of Congress classification:

Political science proper:

J-JA	Official documents; collections and general works
JC-JF	Political theory; constitutional history and administration
JK-JQ	Country-specific material
JS	Local government
JV	Colonies and colonization. Emigration and Immigration
JX	International law
JZ	International relations

Other relevant classifications:

D	History other than the Americas
E	U.S. history
F	Local U.S. history and history of the Americas outside U.S.
HX	Socialism, communism, anarchism
K	Law

Superintendent of Documents classification:

J	Justice Department
JU	Judiciary
PR	President
PREX	Executive Office of the President

PRVP	Vice President
S	State Department
X-Y	Congress

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

Dates covered: intellectual content

The emphasis is on twentieth and twenty-first century, but works on the history of political thought are also collected.

Dates covered: publication dates

Most purchases are current imprints. Retrospective purchases (e.g., back files of a journal) may be made on occasion.

Geographic coverage

No restrictions, but emphasis is on United States, western Europe, especially France; Russia and eastern Europe; Latin America; Africa; the Middle East; Japan; and developing nations in general.

Language

Publications collected are mainly in English.

Types of materials

Monographic titles and serials are collected. Subscriptions to databases include those with citations to articles and books and those with full text. A list of databases relevant to political science is available at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/quicklinks/databases/subjects.php?id=37>

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 Political Science Research Guide (<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/pol/>).

Exclusions

Workbooks and introductory textbooks are excluded. Advanced textbooks are collected very selectively.

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 selection of materials in Political Science may overlap with History, Urban Affairs, Women's Studies, and the African and African American Studies.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY RESOURCES

The Libraries' membership in the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) provides access to data sets relevant to research in the social sciences.

The Libraries, in conjunction with Department of Urban Affairs and Geography, provide access to GIS software from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI).

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

The Center for Urban and Public Affairs is a research center associated with the Urban Affairs and Geography Department. It provides services such as survey research and data analysis to local governments and other community organizations.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Local and regional collections

The University of Dayton collects to support a Master's level program in Public Administration, and three universities in the region collect to support doctoral programs in Political Science: Miami University, the University of Cincinnati, and the Ohio State University.

Cooperative loan arrangements

OhioLINK provides students with access to materials collected by most other 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.