

## WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Collection Development Policy Statement

**SUBJECT:** Psychology

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### UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The Department of Psychology offers programs of graduate study leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in the areas of Human Factors and Industrial/Organizational psychology. Major research interests of the department include: human-computer interaction, mental workload/attention, perceptual-motor skill, psychoacoustics, visual motion processing and smooth pursuit eye movements, color displays, home design for the elderly, aviation, personality assessment, motivation and training, and organizational cognition and teams. Aerospace applications of psychological research are common at Wright State University because of its proximity to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, a major center of Human Factors research and development.

Graduate study in psychology started in 1979 with the M.A. degree in Human Factors which was offered through the multidisciplinary Applied Behavioral Sciences Program. More recently, an M.A. degree in Industrial/Organizational was added. In 1992, the programs were converted to M.S. programs administered by the Department of Psychology and authorization was given to award a Doctor of Philosophy degree in these areas.

### CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

#### National Library of Medicine classification (NLM)

According to the National Library of Medicine policy on subject analysis and classification, Library of Congress (LC) Classification is used to classify subjects peripheral to medicine. This includes psychology and a number of other subjects.

NLM Policy on Subject Analysis and Classification:  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/cataloging/subjclasspolicy.html>

#### Library of Congress classification (LC)

BF	Psychology
HF 5548.8	Industrial Psychology
HF 5549	Personnel Management
HM 251-291	Social Psychology
QL 750-782	Animal Behavior and Ethology
QP 360	Neuropsychology

RA 790	Community Psychology
RC 435-489	Abnormal Psychology
RC 466.8-467.95	Clinical Psychology
TA 166-167	Human Engineering

### Superintendent of Documents classification

D	Department of Defense (for Human Factors and Organizational Psychology)
ED	Department of Education
HE	Department of Health and Human Services (includes the National Institute of Mental Health)
L	Department of Labor (includes the Occupational Safety and Health Administration)
NAS	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (for Human Factors)
TD	Department of Transportation (for Human Factors)
Y3 and Y4	Congressional Committees (for Human Factors)

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION

#### Dates covered: intellectual content

The emphasis of the collection is on recent developments in the field. Materials on the history of psychology are collected selectively.

#### Dates covered: publication dates

Most of the items collected are current imprints. Retrospective purchases (e.g., backfiles of a journal) may be made on occasion.

#### Geographic coverage

No restrictions.

#### 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 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 psychology is available at

<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/quicklinks/databases/subjects.php?id=38>.

#### Format

Materials collected are in print and electric format. Relevant videotapes and DVDs are also collected. Selected websites are included in the online catalog and on the online Psychology Research Guide (<http://libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/psy/>).

#### Exclusions

Workbooks are generally not collected. Individual psychological tests are not collected but materials about psychological tests & measurements are collected.

## **LOCATION OF MATERIALS**

The Paul Laurence Dunbar Library is the major location for the psychology collection. The Fordham Health Sciences Library holds materials on psychology relevant to the health sciences (e.g., clinical psychology, abnormal psychology, professional psychology, and psychological tests and measurements). Older and/or seldom used materials are located in the Southwest Ohio Regional Depository.

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS**

Selection of materials in Psychology may overlap with the areas of Biomedical and Human Factors Engineering, Education, Human Services, Management, Philosophy, Professional Psychology, Psychiatry, and Social Work.

## **LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES**

### **Local and regional collections**

Several OhioLINK Libraries have strong collections in psychology. The Libraries at Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati, and Miami University all support Ph.D. programs in psychology.

### **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.