

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Collection Development Policy Statement

SUBJECT: Sociology

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and the Master of Arts degree in criminal justice and social problems. The MA degree is offered through the Applied Behavioral Science (ABS) program.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library of Congress classification

The classes for sociology proper are:

HM	Sociology (general)
HM	Social history and conditions; social problems and reform
BD	Family, marriage, and women
HQ 503-1064	Communities, classes, and races
HV 6001-9960	Criminology and criminal justice administration

Superintendent of Documents classification

HE	Health and Human Services
LC	Library of Congress

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

Dates covered: intellectual content

Materials written about sociology 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 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 art and art history is available on the [sociology subject list of databases](#).

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 [Sociology Research Guide](#).

Exclusions

Workbooks are generally not collected. 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 academic study of sociology sometimes overlaps with other areas such as social work, political science, women's studies, 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 and the University of Cincinnati Libraries collect for MA and PhD programs in sociology. Miami University Libraries collect for a master's program in gerontological studies.

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.