

## WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

### Collection Development Policy Statement

**SUBJECT:** Social Work

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#### UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The Department of Social Work program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis on preparation for direct practice work or administration in such areas as family and children's services, public schools, hospitals, mental health centers, or probation and parole boards. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) at the undergraduate level. This assures that the curriculum and faculty meet established national standards.

Social work classes began to be taught in the early 1970s as part of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work. By 1979, the Department of Social Work had become a separate entity. Wright State's 1998-2003 Strategic Plan identified Social Work as a professional program which should be enhanced as long as the regional need for social workers continues. In 2006, the department began an exploratory MSW program co-sponsored by the Ohio State University. This program will operate with OSU for a total of five years, after which its usefulness will be evaluated. MSW students have full library privileges at both Wright State and OSU.

In addition to courses leading toward a degree, the Department of Social Work offers continuing education workshops for practicing social workers. Each workshop earns six hours toward licensure. The Libraries support these workshops as well.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

##### Library of Congress classification

The class for social work proper is:

HV 10.5-11	Social work as a profession; study and teaching
HV 40-4630	Social service; social work
HV 7428	Social work with delinquents and criminals

Other materials of interest are classed in, but not limited to, the following:

KF 3720-3745	Laws of public welfare and public assistance
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##### Superintendent of Documents classification

HE 3	Social Security Administration
Y 3.AP 4/2	Appalachian Regional Commission
Y 3.EM 7/3	National Commission for Employment Policy
Y 3.H 75	Interagency Council on the Homeless
Y 3.N 21/29	Corporation for National and Community Service
Y 4.AG 4	Special Commission of Aging (Senate)

## SCOPE OF COLLECTION

### **Dates covered: intellectual content**

The emphasis of the collection is on the most recent developments in the field. Materials on the history of social work are collected very selectively.

### **Dates covered: publication dates**

Collecting efforts are focused on current imprints, with exceptions made for classic works. Significant retrospective purchases (such as journal backfiles) are made as the need arises.

### **Geographic coverage**

The emphasis is on materials dealing with social work issues in the United States. Materials on international issues, policies, and services are collected selectively.

### **Language**

Publications collected are almost exclusively 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 religion is available at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/quicklinks/databases/subjects.php?id=41>.

### **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 Religion Research Guide <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/socwk/>.

### **Exclusions**

Workbooks and introductory textbooks are excluded. Advanced textbooks are collected 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

Selection of materials in social work may overlap with human services and professional psychology. Selectors meet together on a regular basis to share information and coordinate collection development activities.

## **LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES**

### **Local and regional collections**

The Ohio State University libraries support a Ph.D. program in social work and the University of Cincinnati libraries support an MSW program. Many other universities in the state offer the BA in social work.

### **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.