

## WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

### Collection Development Policy Statement

**SUBJECT:** Women's Studies

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#### UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The Women's Studies Program offers a Bachelor of Arts in women's studies; additionally, there is a global gender studies track in the international studies major which enables students to study women and gender issues from an international and cross-cultural perspective. A certificate in women's studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is also offered. An emphasis on women's studies is also possible in the Master of Humanities program.

Many courses that count toward a degree in women's studies are taught by faculty members in various departments from virtually all the colleges. This is because women's studies is a program, not a department, as well as the fact that women's studies is a very interdisciplinary area of study.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

##### Library of Congress classification

The main class for women's studies materials is:

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| HQ | The family, marriage; women |
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It is very important to note that because of women's studies' interdisciplinary nature, a large part of the collection relating to women and gender issues is interspersed within the general collection under the subject area of the work. For example, works on British woman authors are found in PR 111-116. The HQ area generally houses only the theory and comprehensive women- and gender-related monographs.

##### Superintendent of Documents classification

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| LC | Library of Congress       |
| HE | Health and Human Services |
| SI | Smithsonian               |

#### SCOPE OF COLLECTION

**Dates covered:** intellectual content

Materials on women's and gender studies 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, such as classic works or journal backfiles, are made as the need arises.

**Geographic coverage**

The geographic scope of the collection is global, although the collecting levels concerning different geographic areas will vary in order to properly support the curriculum.

**Language**

Material collected will be primarily 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 those with full text. A list of databases relevant to women's studies is available on the [women's studies 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 [Women's Studies 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**

As mentioned above, women's studies is an across the curriculum area of collection development. It overlaps with all of the other areas and as such is developed within every aspect of the collection. The primary discipline focus of the publication will determine selector responsibility, while those areas focusing on theory are developed within the women's studies budget. Selectors meet together as a team on a regular basis to share information and purchasing selections.

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES**

**Local and regional collections**

Wright State has a Women's Center that houses resources and provides support for the women on campus and in the surrounding area. Resources include an informational clearinghouse of women's and gender issues, publication lists, local and national information on women's services, books videos, journals, and gender-related teaching materials for faculty and staff.

Nearby universities collect materials that complement Wright State's collection. The University of Cincinnati Libraries collect for a master's program in women's studies, a joint JD/MA program in women's studies and law, and a graduate certificate program in women's studies. The Ohio State University Libraries collect material to support a master's degree program in women's 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.