LAURIER Library

Collection Policy: Social Work Program
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Purpose

The Collection Development policy is used as a guide to shape relevant collections and to ensure consistency in collection development. The decision to purchase library materials is primarily the responsibility of the Collections Librarian in consultation with faculty in the Department.

This policy has been developed by Gina Matesic, the Collections Librarian, in cooperation with and endorsed by Martha Kuwee Kumsa, the Department Faculty Library Liaison and the Department Chair.

Collection Focus

- To support teaching, study and research up to the doctoral level, as well as to support faculty research

Collection Scope

- **Language:** primary English language materials are collected; however, attention will also be given to relevant Canadian publications originating in French

- **Place of Publication:** no area is excluded; internationally relevant and comparative materials are encouraged but the emphasis is place on Canadian and American publications, with U.K. and international publication in the second or third order of priority

- **Dates of Publication:** emphasis is placed on recently published works

- **Chronological Period:** both contemporary and historical works are to be acquired

- **Geographical Areas:** no area is excluded; internationally relevant and comparative material is to be encouraged, whilst ensuring acquisition of relevant material on Canada

- **Publishers:** works from scholarly and academic publishers is emphasized

Types, Formats, and Readership of Materials Collected

- Materials with academic-level readership are selected

- Web-based formats for reference sources, journals and indexing sources are preferred. Print and microform are considered for reason of cost, availability,

expected use or long term access.

- Single copies of books in print formats are generally selected. Web-based formats are selected on a title by title basis, especially if the title is of interest to users at multiple Laurier campuses. Duplication of print across Laurier campuses is generally avoided.

- Excluded types include textbooks, abridgements, study aids, limited editions, works by vanity presses, juvenile literature, reprints and partial contents (eg. single issues of journals, electronic versions of single chapters of books).

Subjects Collected and Collecting Priorities

Collecting priorities are categorized into 3 levels:

- A=highest emphasis. The collection includes major published materials required to support the core teaching and research at the highest degree level offered by the Department.

- B=secondary emphasis. The collection includes a selection of materials to complement the discipline as a whole, although it may not be a primary focus for courses. This level is also used to identify other departments that may have identified aspects of this area as something of highest emphasis

- C=selective emphasis. Materials, including reference materials and basic journals and indexes are collected to introduce and define an area

Subjects Collected	Classification	Collecting Priority
Aboriginal Issues		
Policy, History, Self-government	E91-E95; E78	A
Aging		
Aging Process	QP86	C
Demographic Projections	HB849.53; HQ759.98; HB849.49	D
Home Care Provisions	RA645.3-RA645.37; HV1451	D
Institutionalization	HV1453	B
Policy	HQ1064	B
Elder Abuse	HV6626.3	B
Child Welfare		
Alternate Care (Foster Care, Adoption, Group Homes, Institutions)	HV875-HV887; HV862-HV866	B
Child Protection, Prevention, Abuse & Policies	HV701-HV804	A
Child Development (Physical, Mental, Social)	HQ767.8-HQ792.2	D
Community Practice		
Community Economic Development	HN90; HN49.C6	A

Social Economy	HB171	A
Civil Society	JC337	C
Community Capacity, Building & Mobilization	HN49	A
Community Policing	HV7936.C83	B
Social Movements & Planning	HT108; HN65	A
Social Citizenship	HN107; HN90	B
Practice Approaches	HV40	B
Family		
Family Forms/Variations	HQ536	C
Children	HQ767.8-HQ767.9	C
Developmental Issues (Life Span/Cycle)	BF712 - BF724.92; HQ767.9; RJ506	C
Family Violence	HV6626-HV6626.23	B
Human Sexuality	HQ19-HQ21	B
Divorce & Single Parent Families	HQ811-HQ960; HQ759.915	B
Working Mothers	HQ759.48; HD6055	B
Income Maintenance/Social Assistance		
Social Assistance, Welfare, Guaranteed Income Maintenance	HD7088-HD7096;	A
Employment & Labor Market	HD5724	B
Mental Health and Mental Illness		
Incidence and Types of Mental Health Problems	RA790-RA790.05	D
Psychological Trauma	RC552	C
Psycho-social Treatments of Mental Health Issues	RC439; RC480	B
Individual and Community Approaches to Mental Illness	HV689-HV690	A
Consumer Rights	TX335	B
Social Work and Health (Physical) Related Issues	HV687	A
Social Administration		
Management of Social Service Organizations	HV108	B
Public and Social Policy/Development/Analysis/Implementation/Process	H97; H61	A
Nature of Social Service Organizations	HV40	A
Job Satisfaction (Burnout, Turnover)	HD5717;HV43	B
Social Change		
Community Economic Development	HN49.C6;HT321	A
Socio-political Change	HM881	B
Anti-oppression; Racialization	HT1521;HM821	A
Constitutional Challenges	JF98	B
Social Issues		
Substance Abuse	HV4997-HV5840	B

Crime	HV6251-HV6773.55	C
Disaster Relief	HV553-HV639	D
Housing	HF7291-HD7391	B
Delinquency	HV9069	C
Poverty	HC79;	A
Social Exclusion/Inclusion	HM1131-HM1136; HV40	B
Racism	HT1511-HT1595	A
Free Trade	HF1701; HV105	C
Development/Underdevelopment	HN980	C
Third World	HV525	D
Corrections and Imprisonment	HV8705	B
Sexual and Gender Diversity	HQ71-HQ270.9	B
Urban Planning	HT166	B
Urban-rural Migration	HB1956;HT381	B
Social Policy		
Income Protection; Social Insurance	HD7088-HD7252	A
Immigration	HV4005-HV4013	B
Labor Market	HN65	C
Disability	HV1568	A
Housing	HD7287.3	A
Corrections	HV9950-HV9960	B
Taxation	HJ2240-HJ3192.7	B
Globalization	JZ1318; HN18	B
Nation State	JC507	B
Social Psychology		
Attitudes, Opinions	BF327;HM1181	C
Culture	GN502	B
Group Interaction	HM716; HM711; -HM753	C
Leadership	HM1261-HM1263	D
Role Behaviour	BF697	D
Social Perception	HM251; HM131	D
Social Stratification	HM821	C
Social Work Clinical Practice and Research		
Evidence Based Practice	HV40	B
Anti-oppression Approaches (i.e. Anti-racist; Feminist)	HQ1190; HV41;HT1521	A
Theoretical and Clinical Approaches to Social Work Practice	HV689;HV43	A

Individual, Family, Group Practice	HV697; HV40-HM40.35	A
Social Work Education and Training		
History of the Profession	HV91	B
Teaching Practices; Placement/Practicum Issues	HV11-HV11.8; HV40-HV41	A
International Practice	HV544.5	B

Related Programs and Support

Consortial purchases with the TriUniversity Group of Libraries (Guelph, Waterloo, Laurier university libraries), with the Ontario Council of University Libraries, and on a national level, are pursued.