

COLLECTIONS POLICY

SUBJECT: ECONOMICS

General Purpose

The general purpose is to collect materials in the subject of Economics to support undergraduate and graduate teaching, and research to the Ph.D. level. The department offers an M.A. in Economics and participates in the M.A. program in Collaborative International Development Studies (with the Departments of Geography, Political Studies, Sociology and Anthropology). The Ph.D. program has three main fields of emphasis: Environmental and Resource Economics, Econometrics, and Labour Economics.

Collection development should be maintained at the level of current collecting intensity objectives by the effective use of funds available each year.

Languages

Primarily English, but publications in other languages may be collected as dictated by research needs. Selected Canadian materials in French are also collected.

Geographic Areas

Materials from any part of the world may be collected to support teaching and research programs, subject to the language limitation, with a focus on North America, especially Canada.

Chronological Limitation

Material with a recent imprint date is preferred.

Types of Material Collected

Monographs, periodicals, government documents, and research reports are emphasized in whatever format will maximize use. For example, journals are preferred in electronic form. Likewise, e-reference books are also preferred if cost effective. Other types of publications such as theses, data files (as data or as part of a Geographic Information System initiative) or audio visual works may be considered.

Types of Material Excluded

Normally manuscripts, rare books, patents and computer software are not acquired.

Weeding and Relocation to Storage

The Library is committed to effective space utilization in both the campus library and in the TUG Annex (shared storage facility). Providing there is local loading of electronic resources within an institution in Ontario to safeguard archival retention of information, there is no justifiable cost-benefit in retaining paper copies. If the Library has archived back-up of materials in electronic format, the print materials may be withdrawn from the collection. An exception to this is with rare books and archival materials.

Access and Related Resources

The web-based catalogue is the main point-of-access to the Library's scholarly collections and resources, including those accessed on a consortial basis. A broad spectrum of additional information is also available using document delivery and interlibrary loan services as well as the Internet.

Subjects and Collection Levels

Subject Area	Existing Collection Strength	Current Collecting Intensity (Objective)
General Economics, Theory and History, Systems, Microeconomics (including industrial organization), Welfare	4E	4E
Economic Growth and Development	4E	4E
Quantitative Methods - statistics - econometrics	4E	4E
Macroeconomics, Domestic Monetary and Fiscal Theory and Institutions	4E	4E
Financial Economics and Corporate Finance	4E	4E
International Economics and International Finance	3E	4E
Resource/ Environmental Economics	4E	4E
Labour Economics and Human Capital	4E	4E
Consumer Economics; Urban and Regional Economics, Demographics	3E	3E
Health Economics	4E	4E

For related resources see collections policies for: Food, Agriculture & Resource Economics, Geography, History, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Marketing & Consumer Studies, Political Studies, Rural Extension Studies and Rural Planning & Development.

The attached Appendix indicates collection levels.

Approval



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