

COLLECTIONS POLICY

SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY

General Purpose

The general purpose is to collect materials in the subject of Geography to support undergraduate and graduate teaching, and research to the Ph.D. level. Particular emphasis is placed on the study of environmental management and governance, biophysical systems and processes and socio-economic spaces and change.

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.

Geographic Areas

Materials from any part of the world may be collected to support teaching and research programs, subject to the language limitation.

Chronological Limitation

Material with a recent imprint date is preferred.

Types of Material Collected

Monographs, periodicals, government documents, and research reports are emphasized in electronic or print format, but other types of materials may be considered, e.g., maps, theses, or audio visual.

Types of Material Excluded

Normally manuscripts, rare books, patents and computer software are not acquired. In the case of maps, exceptions occur when strong justification is made.

Access and Related Resources

Many external resources can be identified through the Library's catalogue. A broad spectrum of additional information and collection resources may be made available through cooperative arrangements and be accessed via library servers, the Internet, document delivery, and interlibrary loan.

Subjects and Collection Levels

Subject Area	Existing Collection Strength	Current Collecting Intensity Objective
Applied Geography	3E	3E
Biogeography	3E	3E
- desert ecology		
- plant geography		
Biophysical Systems and Processes	4E	4E
Climate change	3E	4E
Economic Geography	3E	3E
Environmental management and governance	4E	4E
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3E	3E
Geography (general)	3E	3E
Geomorphology	4E	3E
Historical Geography	3E	2E
Human/Social Geography	3E	4E
- societal transformations		
- food systems		
- labour, immigration, gender		
- international development		
Hydrology	4E	4E
Industrial Geography	3E	3E
Landforms and Quaternary Geography	3E	2E
- palaeogeography		
Landscape ecology and analysis	3E	3E
Mathematical Geography	3E	3E
Medical Geography	2E	2E
Meteorology and Climatology	3E	2E
Military Geography	2E	2E
Oceanography	3E	3E
Pedology	3E	2E
Political Geography	3E	3E
Recreation and Tourism	3E	2E
Regional and Community Planning	3E	3E
Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry and Cartography	3E	3E
Rural Geography and Planning	4E	4E
- rural communication		
- agricultural systems		
- land use and evaluation		
Sedimentary processes in aeolian, coastal and fluvial environments	4E	2E
Spatial Statistics	2E	3E
Transport Geography	3E	3E
Urban Geography and Planning	3E	3E

For related resources see collections policies for Agricultural Economics and Business, Botany, Economics, Environmental Biology, Family Studies, History, Hydrology, Land Resource Science, Landscape Architecture, Political Studies, Rural Extension Studies, Rural Planning and Development, Sociology, and Zoology.


The attached Appendix indicates collection levels.

Archival and Special Collections


The Department of Geography was founded in 1966 and has developed major resources for teaching and research in biophysical processes, resource assessment and rural studies. The Library has an extensive reference map collection including a number of rare and historic maps, particularly of Ontario and Scotland. There are also excellent collections of works on travel, landscaping and rural life. 4E

Helen C. Abell Collection
W.H. Bartlett Collection
Canadian Guide Collection
Ermack (Ice-Breaking Vessel) Album
John Galt and Canada Company Collections
Guelph Regional Project Map Collection
Imperial Traction Company Album
John McLean Papers
Robert Neilson Journals
Ontario Railway Bridge Picture Album
Walter Shanly, A. Marlet and Robert Wells surveyors' notebooks
Toronto and Guelph Railway Company Album

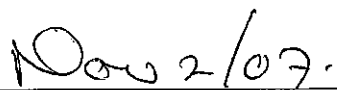
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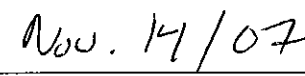
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