

COLLECTIONS POLICY

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SCIENCE

General Purpose

The general purpose is to collect material in the discipline of political science to support undergraduate and graduate teaching and research to the Masters level. In the M.A. program the primary areas of concentration are Comparative Politics (Industrial), Comparative Politics (third world) with an emphasis on International Development, and Public Policy and Governance (primarily through a joint program with McMaster University).

At the undergraduate level, main areas of focus include Political Theory and Analysis, Canada and the Americas, Comparative/ International Development, and Public Policy and Administration. The Department also collaborates in a number of other undergraduate programs, including Criminal Justice and Public Policy, International Development, and Public Management (B.Comm).

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

Language

Primary English, but publications in other languages may be collected as dictated by research needs; e.g., primary consideration is given to French language materials relating to the study of Canada.

Geographic Areas

Particular emphasis is placed on Canada, but materials from any part of the world (developed or developing nations), are collected to support teaching and research programs, subject to the language limitation.

Chronological Limitation

Material with a recent imprint is preferred.

Types of Material Collected

The following are types of material collected by the Library:

- Books, including monographs, series and pamphlets
- Serials, including journals, conference proceedings and newspapers
- Databases, both indexes and full text databases
- Government Documents
- Video and Multimedia materials

- Statistical and Numeric Data Files
- Atlases and Maps
- Selected Theses
- Archival materials such as manuscripts, photographs, and ephemera

The library acquires material in formats that will provide the widest access and greatest utility to our users. For journals, databases and data files, the library prefers online electronic formats to increase user access and convenience.

Types of Materials Excluded

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

Withdrawal and Relocation Policy (Weeding Policy)

See the University of Guelph Library Withdrawal and Relocation Policy. The library shall determine the best method for the disposal of withdrawn material. Normally, withdrawn material is not offered to members of the university or general public.

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
Canadian Government and Politics	4E	4W
Theory and practice		
Provincial politics and political culture		
Foreign policy		
Democratic process		
Constitutional issues		
Intergovernmental relations		
International Development	3S	3S
Comparative politics		
Canada and developing nations		
Development theory and administration		

International organizations and relations		
Foreign Aid		
Public Policy and Administration	3E	3E
Theory and practice		
Canadian public administration		
Intergovernmental relations		
Public policy-making and analysis		
Administrative law		
Organizational behaviour and communications		
Public/private sector relations		
Environmental Policy		
Comparative Politics and Government	3E	3E
Political Theory and Analysis	3E	3E
Political Process and Behaviour	3E	3E
International Relations and Law	3E	4E
Political Economy	3E	2E
Political Ideologies	3E	3E

For related resources see collection policies for History, Economics, Agricultural Economics and Business, Government Publications, Rural Planning and Development, Psychology, Philosophy, and Sociology and Anthropology.

The attached Appendix indicates collection levels.


Archival and Special Collections

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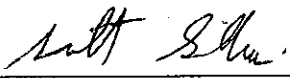
The Department was established in 1966 with John Melby as Chair. Most of the special collections in regional and early Canadian history are relevant as sources for the department's emphasis on Canadian political developments and as a selection of materials that reflects the University's involvement in international projects.

- Canadian World War II Poster Collection
- Courtice Family Papers
- McIntosh Family Collection
- John Melby Collection
- Robert Neilson Journals
- Ontario Farm Movements Collection
- Russian Poster Collection
- Toby Gordon Ryan Collection
- Willson Woodside Collection

Approval


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