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**

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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 3E

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
Wilson Woodside Collection