

Psychology Collection Development Policy

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I. Purpose

The bulk of the Psychology Collection is located in the Kelvin Smith Library and on the Library's web site. The primary purpose of the Collection is to support the teaching and research activities of the Department of Psychology. The Department of Psychology offers full-time programs leading to a Ph.D. in clinical or experimental psychology. The Collection also supports the teaching and research activities of other Case departments and centers. The retrospective collections contain long runs of historic journals and many classic works in the field.

II. General Collection Guidelines:

- A. **Languages:** English is emphasized but works in other languages are purchased as requested.
- B. **Chronological Guidelines:** All periods, but the 20th and 21st centuries are emphasized.
- C. **Geographical Guidelines:** International, but the United States is emphasized.
- D. **Treatment of the subject:** Juvenile materials and textbooks are not purchased. Textbooks will be purchased on request of faculty. Publications of the American Psychological Association are important and are purchased as funds permit. As funds permit, biographies of psychologists and materials on the history of psychology are purchased. Collection emphasis is on clinical and experimental psychology.
- E. **Types of materials:** The following are essential to psychology: periodicals, monographs, handbooks, bibliographies, conference proceedings, and edited works. Theses and dissertations will be purchased on request. Expensive microform collections will be purchased as funds become available. Videos, electronic materials, and audiotapes are purchased on request and as funds become available.
- F. **Dates of publication:** Current material is emphasized, but older material is purchased at the request of faculty and budget adequacy.
- G. **Deselection:** Since the collection is considered a research collection, deselection is done with great care. Special consideration is given to the relevance of older materials to the study of the history of science and/or the history of the subject. Older or fragile materials that cannot be deselected are considered for relocation to storage and become candidates for reformatting. Special attentions should be given to materials indexed in PsycInfo.



- H. Cooperative and Related Collections:** Case is a founding member of OhioLINK, the Ohio Library and Information Network. OhioLINK is a statewide consortium of public and private colleges and universities, the State Library of Ohio, and technical and community colleges supporting a combined central catalog of statewide holdings, selected online indexes, full-text databases, reference tools, e-books and image collections. OhioLINK's goal is to provide easy access to information and rapid delivery of library materials throughout the state. Collection development decisions regarding shared electronic resources are made through the OhioLINK Cooperative Information Resources Management (CIRM) Committee.
- I. Other General Considerations:** All works by current and retired faculty are collected. All rare books belonging to the library are kept in the Kelvin Smith Library's Special Collections department.
- J. Electronic Resources:** Major databases for psychology include:
- PsycINFO Historical and current
 - PsycArticles
 - Psychology and Behavioral Science Collection
 - Health and Psychosocial Instruments
 - Mental Measurements Yearbook

Additional electronic resources may be made available in the future via OHIOLINK. Purchases of additional electronic resources are limited by University Library's budget.

III. Observations and Qualifications by subject and LC Class

CDP Levels:

A. Minimal Level: Indicates that only highly selective purchases-- usually materials either for reference use, general interest, or for the support of a very specific research need--will be made.

B. Instructional Level: Indicates that standard works and selected current works will be required to support undergraduate and most graduate instruction or sustained independent study. This will include reference and fundamental bibliographic tools pertaining to the subject and a selection of representative journals. Retrospective purchasing is usually limited to standard works.

C. General Research Level: Indicates that the library will acquire most of the materials required to support research through the doctoral degree level and the general research needs of the faculty. Typically allows for retrospective purchasing depending upon the characteristics and needs of the individual disciplines and their state of development in the collection.

D. Comprehensive Level: Indicates that all currently-published relevant material will be acquired. Involves extensive programs of retrospective purchasing and searching for lacunae.

E. Intensive Level: Indicates the library will strive to acquire all appropriate current and retrospective written or recorded materials in all languages, editions, translations, and formats;



manuscripts and other archival materials are acquired extensively. This level is appropriate for the creation or maintenance of a collection serving as a national bibliographic resource.

Subject	LC Class	Location	CDP Collecting Level	Collection Manager	Collection Notes (if necessary)
Psychology-general	BF 1-172	KSL	B	Gravius	
Psychoanalysis	BF 173-175	KSL	B	Gravius	
Psychological tests & testing	BF 176	KSL	B	Gravius	
Experimental psychology	BF 180-210	KSL	B	Gravius	
Sensation/aesthesiology	BF 231-299	KSL	B	Gravius	
Consciousness/cognitive psychology	BF 309-499	KSL	B	Gravius	
Motivation	BF501-505	KSL	B	Gravius	
Emotion	BF511-593	KSL	B	Gravius	
Will/choice	BF 608-635	KSL	B	Gravius	
Applied psychology	BF 636-637	KSL	B	Gravius	
New thought/multicultural	BF 638-648	KSL	B	Gravius	
Comparative psychology	BF 660-685	KSL	B	Gravius	
Sexual behavior	BF 692	KSL	B	Gravius	
Differential psychology	BF 697	KSL	B	Gravius	
Personality	BF 698	KSL	B	Gravius	
Genetic psychology	BF 699-711	KSL	B	Gravius	
Developmental psych	BF 712-724	KSL	B	Gravius	
Class psychology	BF 725-755	KSL	B	Gravius	
Temperament/character	BF 795-839.7	KSL	B	Gravius	



Physiognomy/phrenology	BF 839.8-885	KSL	B	Gravius	
Graphology & palmistry	BF 889-940	KSL	B	Gravius	
Curiosa	BF 990	KSL	B	Gravius	
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT AREAS BELOW					
H 1-99 Social sciences-general		KSL	B	Gravius	
HV 1-5840 Social pathology		KSL	B	Gravius	
L 7-991 Education-general		KSL	B	Gravius	
QP 1-981 Physiology		KSL	B	Gravius	
RC 31-1245 Internal medicine		KSL	B	Gravius	
RJ 1-570 Pediatrics		KSL	B	Gravius	

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