Collection Development Policy for History

The collection development policy for History guides the development and management of the library's history materials collection. This policy is for the use of the History subject liaison and the library's users. The policy will be updated as needed. Faculty and students are encouraged to provide recommendations for library materials.

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION

The History Collection supports the educational needs of teaching faculty and students at the college. The primary purpose of the collection is to support the curricula in history, which include surveys of world civilization, history of Rome, United States history, Louisiana history, and Modern Europe or classes in interdisciplinary courses such as humanities, philosophy, sociology, etc.

The history collection is housed in the Magnolia Library and is incorporated into the circulating, reference, and periodical collections. The collection primarily reflects the interests of the history department in providing thorough introductory coursework in history.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

1. **Readership level:** advanced high school, undergraduate

2. **Languages collected (primary and selective) or excluded:** English, basic publications in Spanish and French as requested by the department and/or the Spanish and French departments

3. **Geographical areas covered by the collections in terms of intellectual content, publication sources, or both, and specific areas excluded, as appropriate:** No area of the world is excluded from consideration; however, the collection focuses primarily on the history of World Civilization according to current course offerings

4. **Chronological periods covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, movements or schools, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate:** The collection emphasizes current material, with the primary purpose of supporting coursework and student research; no one historical period is emphasized

5. **Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates:** All chronological areas are included.

GENERAL SUBJECT BOUNDARIES
The subject scope of this collection is determined by the Library of Congress classifications:

- **C** – Auxiliary Sciences of History (General)
- **CB** – History of Civilization
- **CC** – Archaeology
- **CD** – Diplomatics. Archives. Seals
- **CE** – Technical Chronology. Calendar
- **CJ** – Numismatics
- **CN** – Inscriptions. Epigraphy
- **CR** – Heraldry
- **CS** – Genealogy
- **CT** – Biography
- **D** – History (General)
- **DA** – Great Britian
- **DAW** – Central Europe
- **DB** – Austria – Liechtenstein – Hungary – Czechoslovakia
- **DC** – France – Andorra – Monaco
- **DD** – Germany
- **DE** – Greco-Roman World
- **DF** – Greece
- **DG** – Italy – Malta
- **DH** – Low Countries – Benelux Countries
- **DJ** – Netherlands (Holland)
- **DJK** – Eastern Europe (General)
- **DK** – Russia. Soviet Union. Former Soviet Republics – Poland
DL – Northern Europe. Scandinavia
DP – Spain – Portugal
DQ – Switzerland
DR – Balkan Peninsula
DS – Asia
DT – Africa
DU – Oceania
DX – Romanies

E
11-143 – America
151-904 – United States

F
1-975 – United States local history
1001-1145.2 – British America (including Canada)
Dutch America
1170 – French America
1201-3799 – Latin America. Spanish America

RELATED SUBJECTS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

The following topics fall within the purview of the following subject selectors:

Humanities: The Humanities subject liaison has primary responsibility for selecting materials relating to humanities coursework, although the History subject liaison will supplement this collection.

Religion: The Religion subject liaison has primary responsibility for selecting materials relating to religion and history, although the History subject liaison will supplement this collection.

TYPES OF MATERIALS

Books
Books, periodicals, and reference works, including encyclopedias, biographical and subject-specific dictionaries, handbooks, and almanacs.

**Serials/Series**

Subscriptions primarily to English-language journals and monthly magazines in history.

**Reference Materials**

Up-to-date English-language encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, and research guides

**Electronic Resources**

Selected specialized indexing, abstracting, full text, and primary resources in history primarily to support the college’s curriculum

**Videos/DVDs**

Acquisition is primarily curriculum-based as requested by faculty to support instruction. Some videos of wide interest (such as PBS programs) purchased to enhance the general history collection. Preferred medium is now DVD (if available) over videocassette.

**Exclusions**

Textbooks, foreign-language dissertations, single or discrete issues of periodicals, vanity press publications, microforms, microfilm, and 16mm or 35mm films.