Collection Development Policy for French

The collection development policy for French guides the development and management of the library’s French materials collection. This policy is for the use of the French 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 French 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 French, which include the study of French language and culture at the beginner and intermediate levels. Materials also support classes in interdisciplinary courses such as humanities, history, philosophy, sociology, mathematics, physics, etc.

The French 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 French department in providing thorough introductory coursework in French grammar and culture.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

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

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

3. **Geographical areas covered by the collections in terms of intellectual content, publication sources, or both, and specific areas excluded, as appropriate:** collection focuses primarily on France and other Francophone countries, territories, and cultures

4. **Chronological periods covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, movements or schools, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate:** French language materials from the 20th centuries and on

5. **Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates:** French language materials from the 20th centuries and on

GENERAL SUBJECT BOUNDARIES

The subject scope of this collection is determined by the Library of Congress classifications:
TYPES OF MATERIALS

Books
Current trade, university press, and institutional publications acquired. Book subjects include French grammar, French required in particular professions such as nursing, and French children’s books.

Serials/Series
Subscriptions primarily to English-language journals and monthly magazines. Some French-language journals and magazines available for purchase.

Reference Materials
Up-to-date French-language encyclopedias and dictionaries

Electronic Resources
Selected specialized indexing, abstracting, and full text to support the college’s French 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 general art collection. Preferred medium is now DVD (if available) over videocassette.

Exclusions
No exclusions