Collection Development Policy for Spanish

The collection development policy for Spanish guides the development and management of the library’s Spanish materials collection. This policy is for the use of the Spanish 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 Spanish 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 Spanish, which include the study of Spanish 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 Spanish 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 Spanish department in providing thorough introductory coursework in Spanish grammar and Hispanic culture.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

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

2. **Languages collected (primary and selective) or excluded**: English, Spanish-English, basic publications in Spanish 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 Spain, Latin America, and other Hispanophone countries and territories

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

5. **Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates**: Spanish 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 Spanish grammar, Spanish required in particular professions such as nursing, and Spanish children’s books.

Serials/Series

Subscriptions primarily to English-language journals and monthly magazines. Some Spanish-language journals and magazines available for purchase.

Reference Materials

Up-to-date Spanish-language encyclopedias and dictionaries

Electronic Resources

Selected specialized indexing, abstracting, and full text to support the college’s Spanish 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