Collection Development Policy: History

Programmatic Information: The history collection supports the research needs of the department of History, which includes an undergraduate major and minor in History and graduate programs leading to Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in United States, European, African, and Latin American history. The collection supports undergraduate and graduate courses in East Asian and Middle Eastern history, as well as research done in African American, gender, Southern, and twentieth-century world history. The history collection also supports faculty research in these areas. Additionally, the collection supports to a lesser extent the interdisciplinary major in International Studies offered by the Croft Institute for International Studies.

Call Numbers: History is found principally in C, D, E, and F of the Library of Congress Classification scheme.

Languages: English is strongly preferred. Select scholarly monographs and journals may be in French, German, Spanish, and Chinese.

Chronological Period: The history collection covers the time period from the beginning of the European Middle Ages to the present with the bulk of research being done from the seventeenth century forward. Only very select materials are acquired for time periods earlier than the fifth century.

Geographical areas: The United States, particularly the southeastern region, and Europe, particularly England, France, Germany, and the Soviet Union, are the primary geographical areas of interest. Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and East Asia are also geographical areas of interest and areas in which there is significant opportunity for growth.

Format: University and trade monographs and journals (in electronic form if available) form the core of the history collection. The Federal Regional Depository and the State Documents Depository are also important sources of information as are the holdings of the university's Archives and Special Collections. Select collections of primary sources, e.g., newspapers, manuscript collections, and early imprint collections of English and American books, are also key to supporting historical research. These have traditionally been in microform but will be acquired in an electronic format if available.

Gift Policy: Gift materials will be added to the collection if they are relevant to the collection and are not duplicates, textbooks, or collections of readings.

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