Collection Development Policy: Political Science

Programmatic Information: The political science collection supports the research needs of the department of Political Science, which includes an undergraduate major and minor in Political Science and graduate programs leading to Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in Political Science, with concentrations in American politics, comparative politics, and international relations. Doctoral students can seek a minor in political methodology. The political science 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: Political Science is found principally in J of the Library of Congress Classification scheme, though relevant texts can also be found elsewhere, especially in H.

Languages: English is strongly preferred. Select scholarly monographs may be purchased in a foreign language if requested by a Political Science faculty member. The political science collection does not support serials in foreign languages.

Geographical areas: The United States, Europe, Latin America, and East Asia are the major geographical focus of current collection development. Secondary geographical areas of interest vary according to the research needs of the faculty.

Format: University and trade monographs and journals (in electronic form if available) form the core of the political science collection. The Federal Regional Depository and the State Documents Depository are also important sources of information.

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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