Psychology Collection Development

The purpose of the psychology collection is to support teaching and research in the fields of clinical and experimental psychology. The Department of Psychology offers a Bachelor of Arts and a Ph.D. in Psychology. Doctoral students choose to concentrate on clinical or experimental psychology. The Clinical Psychology program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association.

The undergraduate program in psychology is a general one and includes courses on developmental, cognitive, abnormal, social, environmental, and physiological psychology as well as on the topics of statistical methods, personality, behavior analysis, testing, problem solving, research design, and brain science. Students in other degree programs are often required to elect psychology courses. Current research interests among the faculty include applied and general social psychology, developmental psychology, emotions, memory, cognition and perception, psychopharmacology, neuroscience, mental health, and behavioral clinical psychology.

Collection development responsibilities are shared with Pharmacy in the area of psychopharmacology. Responsibility is shared with Communicative Disorders for collecting in the areas of language acquisition and psycholinguistics. Responsibility for the areas of psychological testing, child development, and persons with disabilities is shared with the School of Education and the School of Applied Sciences. Library holdings in psychology are of research interest to students and faculty in a number of disciplines, including business, education, pharmacy, communicative disorders, social work, sociology, and political science. Collecting emphasis is on scholarly resources rather than popular or self help books.

**Call Numbers:** Principal call numbers for psychology include BF, HM 131-134, HM 251-299, HQ 755.7, HQ 767.8-784, QH 371, QH 457, QP 901, RC320-507, RJ499-505, RM 315-333.

**Chronological Period:** Emphasis is on current research. Backfiles of major journals and classical works are also desirable.

**Format:** The collection contains print, electronic, and audiovisual formats. Electronic serials are preferred over monographic and audiovisual materials.