Programmatic Data

The purpose of the social work collection is to support teaching and research in the applied field of social work and the area of social welfare. The department of social work offers an accredited bachelor in social work and an accredited master in social work which emphasizes practical or applied skills required in becoming a social worker. The department has recently added a PhD in social welfare. Collections in sociology and psychology are also a major support for the social work program. Instruction emphasizes counseling in the areas of family and child welfare.

Collection Description

Call Numbers: Principal Library of Congress classification numbers for Social Work are: HN, HQ, and HV.

Language: English is strongly preferred.

Chronological Period: As the emphasis in research and teaching is application, current materials are a must. Only very select historical material should be acquired.

Geographical Area: Library material should reflect U.S national issues and regional problems in the south, and very selectivity, regional issues from other parts of the U.S. Comparative materials concerning social welfare in other countries should also be selectively acquired.

Format: Trade and professional journals and monographs will fulfill most of the library research needs of the Social Work Department. Federal and state documents also meet an important part of their research needs. Journals and increasingly books are being purchased as online products. This is particularly important as social work is taught at the branch campuses.