Legal Studies Collection Development Policy

Purpose of the Collection
The Legal Studies collection primarily supports research and instructional activities within the Legal Studies major. Attention is also given to the research and instructional activities of affiliated departments, programs, and faculty.

Academic Department/Program Description
Offering majors in criminal justice and paralegal studies, the Department of Legal Studies provides students with a critical understanding of the total system of justice and the society in which it functions. At the same time, as part of the School of Applied Sciences, the faculty members are committed to preparing students to move successfully into legal studies careers or graduate work as educated and intellectually mature men and women. Undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Subject Parameters
Collection priorities include works related to all areas of legal studies including law, corrections, and policing. The relationship between legal studies and larger society are emphasized, as well as specific populations and their intersectionality.

Scope
Geographical Coverage
The primary focus of interest is the United States and comparative legal systems.

Language
English is the primary language of the collection. English translations will also be acquired. Foreign language materials are collected by the Modern Languages library liaison.

Chronological Limits/Period Coverage
Emphasis is on current research and developments. No strict time limit is imposed on any materials. Retrospective materials will also be purchased.

Types of Materials Collected
University press research monographs are widely acquired. Scholarly research from trade, small and alternative presses are selectively acquired. Selected scholarly databases, journals, and media are also acquired.

Formats
Print and eBooks selection is made on a case-by-case basis; online access to academic journals is strongly preferred.

Appendices
- Library Bill of Rights: [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill)
- Freedom to Read Statement: [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/freedomreadstatement](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/freedomreadstatement)
- People's Right to Libraries: [http://www.njla.org/content/peoples-rights-libraries](http://www.njla.org/content/peoples-rights-libraries)

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• The First Amendment:
  http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/censorshipfirstamendmentissues/firstamendment