Collection Development Policy Statement for Latin American Studies

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I. Purpose

The Latin American Studies collections of the University of Maryland libraries support the educational mission of the Latin American Studies Center and affiliated faculty and students, which is under the umbrella of the College of Arts and Humanities. The collections supplement the University’s curriculum and the research needs of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty focusing on Latin America in a variety of departments.

Coordination and Cooperative Information: Latin American Studies collections are primarily developed through an Approval Plan with the Latin American Bookstore. There is no dedicated fund for firm orders, as materials typically fall into another discipline, such as History, Government and Politics, Engineering, etc. Therefore, the LAS selector must coordinate with other selectors to order individual titles using their funds. The selector leverages both the USMAI and CIC collections for periodic research and teaching needs, and strives to focus purchases on unique items and those needed for ongoing coursework or research.

Diversity: Recognizing that the study of Latin American Studies incorporates individuals of all ages who represent a multiplicity of racial and ethnic backgrounds, economic and educational levels and physical and mental abilities, the subject specialist builds collections that mirror and support this diversity. The Latin American Studies collections include materials and resources that reflect a variety of political, economic, religious, social, minority and sexual issues and support intellectual freedom by providing free access to all expressions of ideas through which any and all sides of a question, cause or movement may be explored. (Text adapted from: http://www.carnegielibrary.org/usingthelibrary/policies/colldevpolicy.html.)

II. Summary of Collection Scope at Current Collecting Levels

Latin American Studies materials fall into nearly ever discipline supported at the University of Maryland. Therefore, users may find relevant resources and any of our 8 campus libraries, and in any number of call number ranges.

The Libraries currently subscribe to several electronic databases that directly support Latin American Studies, along with countless others within each discipline:

- Chicano Database
- Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)
- Historic Latin American Newspapers
- JSTOR
- World Scholar: Latin America and the Caribbean

As mentioned, the primary source for LAS materials is an approval plan with the Latin American Book Store. The profile for that plan is included as Appendix A.
III. Developing the Latin American Studies Collection

1. **Language(s):** Literary works are preferred in the vernacular and acquired in English translation only when in direct support of the curriculum. The purchase of works translated from the vernacular into another foreign language is generally avoided unless an English translation does not exist or they are to be used in coursework. Secondary literature is purchased in the vernacular, English, or another foreign language depending on availability and topic.

2. **Geographical areas:** The major focus of items in the collection is material published in Latin America and the Caribbean, although secondary literature is collected from around the world.

3. **Chronological periods/Imprint dates:** Selection will emphasize current publications, with the exception of reprints and classic works when necessary.

4. **Materials selected**
   1. **Included materials:** Books (print and electronic), periodicals, newspapers, databases, microforms, and other materials
   2. **Excluded materials:** Maps, musical scores, and audio/visual materials; the selector will consult with other subject specialists to fill any needs in these formats.
   3. **Levels of Collection Intensity:** [http://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/cpc.html](http://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/cpc.html)
      
      Not specified by individual call number ranges due to large breadth of collection, and intensity varies by discipline within Latin American Studies.

IV. Additional Collection Information


**Implementation and Revision Schedule:** This policy has been reviewed by the Collection Development Council ([lib-cdc@umd.edu](mailto:lib-cdc@umd.edu)) and is considered effective on the date indicated below. It will be reexamined regularly by the subject specialist and will be revised as needed to reflect new collection needs and identify new areas of study, as well as those areas that may be excluded.

**Date:** 4/6/15 KCR

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APPENDIX A

Profile for Approval Plan with Latin American Book Store

Current Core Latin American Approval Plan University of Maryland 2014-2015
Literature: 50%; Social Science: 37.5%; History: 12.5%

LITERATURE, LITERARY CRITICISM, HISTORY AND THEORY 50%

Literary criticism for all literary periods
Contemporary authors. Novels and poetry distinguished by literary awards.
Latin American feminist literature from 18th. c. onward.
19th. century Latin American literature with essays and intellectual history of the 19th. century.
Drama and theater studies.
Social and popular theater.
Cultural studies particularly if published by university presses.

HISTORY: 12.5%

Time period: 19th. century to first half of 20th. Century
Most important works.

European immigration
Jewish studies. Nazi era
Social and cultural history
Women's history

SOCIAL SCIENCE: 37.5%

Focus on:
Government, Public Affairs and Economics.
Analysis of contemporary governments
Contemporary political parties
Democratization, Transition
Human Rights
Migration
Women's studies