

## Collection Development Policy Statement for East Asian Languages Collection

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### I. Purpose

The East Asian Languages Collection of the University of Maryland Libraries supports the educational mission of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. The collection supplements the Department's curriculum and serves the research needs of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty.

**Coordination and Cooperative Information:** The East Asian Languages Collection complements resources supporting academic needs of Department of History and Department of Art History and Archeology, which accommodate faculty members with East Asian specialties. Additionally, the collection supports research needs relevant to post-World War II Japan, specifically early years of occupation period (1945-1949), in partnership with the Gordon W. Prange Collection.

**Diversity:** Recognizing that Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures 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 collection that mirrors and supports this diversity. The East Asia Languages Collection includes 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.

### II. Summary of Collection Scope at Current Collecting Levels

The East Asian Languages Collection, established in 1965, is a library of over 154,000 cataloged books, reference materials, and periodicals written in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean languages. The collection is under the care of East Asian Studies Librarian, who is a specialist of East Asian scholarship.

The holdings are strong in the humanities and social sciences and particularly emphasize the history and literature of East Asia. Over 800 periodical titles and more than 300 different yearbooks and annual reports are currently received.

In addition, the collection also contains over 1,100 volumes of Western-language reference works, acquired primarily to support the university's teaching and research programs. These publications offer library users a wealth of materials unavailable elsewhere in the state of Maryland.

### Developing the East Asian Languages Collection

1. Language(s): The emphasis is on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language materials. In addition, East Asian subject materials in English language are coordinated with relevant subject specialists.
2. Geographical areas: The major items focus on the East Asian nations. In addition, the collection emphasizes regions with East Asian historical and current diaspora.

3. Chronological periods/Imprint dates: Selection will emphasize current publications with the exception of reprints and classic works when required for replacement purposes.
4. Materials selected
  1. Included materials: Printed materials include monographs, governmental research, white papers, directories, yearbooks, indexes, journals and newspapers. Also collected are maps, conference proceedings, manuscripts, and student papers. CD-ROMs and DVDs include directories, performing arts, and archival newspapers. Web-based online subscription databases include scholarly journal indexes, East Asian books, reference sources, newspapers and biographical information on notable East Asian individuals.
  2. Excluded materials: Standard textbooks, including language textbooks, are generally excluded.
  3. Levels of Collection Intensity: The East Asian Language Collection seeks to attain the levels of 4 (Research Level) or 5 (Comprehensive Level) in response to faculty's research needs.

### III. Additional Collection Information

The East Asian Languages Collection adheres to the University of Maryland Libraries' policies for duplication, gifts, deselection and preservation available at

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/collections/collection-development-policy>.

**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.

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