

Collection Development Policy Statement for Germanic Studies (GERM)

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I. Purpose

The Germanic Studies collection of the University of Maryland Libraries supports the educational mission of the Germanic Studies Department in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, which is under the umbrella of the College of Arts and Humanities. The collection supplements the Department's curriculum, as well as serves the research needs of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty.

Coordination and Cooperative Information: While this policy includes the purchase of secondary literature in film studies, the subject specialist also consults with the film studies librarian who is responsible for media purchases. The subject specialist leverages both the USMAI and Big Ten Academic Alliance 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 Germanic 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 Germanic 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: <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/about/policies/collection-development-and-management/>)

II. Summary of Collection Scope at Current Collecting Levels

The University libraries consist of 8 libraries both at College Park and at satellite campuses. Each library's collections reflect different strengths of the University's holdings at-large. The two libraries most relevant to the Germanic Studies Department are McKeldin and Hornbake, both located at the College Park campus. McKeldin's general collection hosts many of the literary and cultural works of relevance to the Germanic Studies Department. Hornbake Library houses the university's special collections and Library Media Services. The Rare Books collection boasts an impressive number of German items, including a very strong Expressionist collection featuring rare works by Brecht and others. Library Media Services contains films (both physical copies and those available online for streaming) that support the Germanic Studies Department.

The Library of Congress (LOC) call number ranges for German language resources are PF3001-5999. The LOC call number ranges for German literatures are PT1-4897. LOC call number ranges for other Germanic literatures are PT5001-9999.

After examining the Libraries' online catalog in these call number ranges in 2018, it was determined that the UM Libraries' in College Park own the following:

	German Language	German Literature	Other Germanic Literature
<i>Number of Items</i>	2,631	29,274	2,906

The following is a list of electronic databases the Libraries currently subscribe to that are relevant to Germanic Studies:

- MLA International Bibliography
- Kritisches Lexikon zur deutschsprachigen Gegenwartsliteratur (KLG)
- Digitale Bibliothek Deutscher Klassiker
- Schillers Werke
- LLBA: Linguistics and Behavior Abstracts
- Literature Criticism Online
- Dissertations & Theses Global
- International Bibliography of Theater and Dance
- International Medieval Bibliography
- JSTOR

III. Developing the Germanic 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 German-speaking regions, 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 subject specialist 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>)

PF3001-5999 (German Language): Research

PT1-9999 (German Literature): Research

PT5001-9999 (Other Germanic Literature): Instructional Support

IV. Additional Collection Information

The Germanic Studies 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) 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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