

Collection Development Policy Statement for the Department of Government and Politics

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I. Purpose

The Government and Politics (GVPT) collection of the University of Maryland Libraries supports the educational mission of the Department of Government and Politics. The collections support the Department's curriculum as well as serve the research needs of faculty, graduate students (Ph.D. and MA) and undergraduates (BA - with an opportunity to minor in International Development and Conflict Management) in all areas of government and politics. GVPT focuses on the following areas: American Politics; Comparative Politics; Formal Theory; International Relations; Methodology; Political Economy and Political Philosophy. GVPT affiliated Research Centers covered by this policy include: Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC); Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) also houses The Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development; Committee on Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy (CP4); Center for International Security Studies; International Communication and Negotiation Simulations (ICONS) Project and National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START). Emerging research topics include: food (security / global / environmental); environment; globalization; immigration; Latino issues (especially voters) and political risk of countries.

Coordination and Cooperative Information: Government and Politics topics are studied in other subject areas including: American Studies; Business, Economics; Environmental Studies; Geography; History; Law and Public Policy. Statistical data on all topics are needed. The Libraries Government Documents collection is heavily used as well as our statistical databases, especially census data and economic and social indicators for countries. Researchers also gather data sources produced by foreign governments, associations and organizations and business enterprises and use CRL, Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), CIRLA and ICPSR.

Diversity: Recognizing that GVPT 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 GVPT 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 primary call number area for Government and Politics is J (Political Science). Because of the interdisciplinary nature of Government and Politics research, titles also fall in the H's (Business, Statistics, Economics, Finance, Socialism...) and other subject areas as described in "Coordination and Cooperative Information".

III. Developing the Government & Politics Collection

1. Language(s): The emphasis is on English language materials in the collection. Major works covering the subject outside the U.S. in the vernacular may be selected, although translations will be preferred. Materials in the vernacular are generally the purview of the librarians responsible for that particular language.
2. Geographical areas: All geographical areas.
3. Chronological periods/Imprint dates: Selection will emphasize current publications, with the exception of statistical compilations, reprints and classic works when required for replacement purposes.
4. Materials selected
 1. Included materials: Books (both print and electronic) with faculty input as to which format they prefer; periodicals; databases; films (titles requested are referred to Media Services)
 2. Excluded materials: textbooks (unless requested specifically by faculty), reprints or dissertations.

IV. Additional Collection Information

The Government & Politics 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>.

1. Duplication: Duplication is not a regular practice, but duplication will occur in those instances where faculty request both print and electronic copies of individual titles.
2. Gifts: Gift items added to the Government & Politics collection are done so in conjunction with the *University of Maryland Libraries Gifts-In-Kind Policy*, particularly so that they "supplement existing collections in support of the University's teaching and research programs as well as to provide the University Libraries with special materials in which there is a scholarly interest" (<http://www.lib.umd.edu/collections/gifts/for-donors>). The subject specialist for Government & Politics is ultimately responsible for deciding whether or not a gift is added to the collection.
3. Deselection/Withdrawal: The relevance of materials in the Government & Politics collection can and will change over time. Periodic weeding of the collection is done to identify items which no longer fit the criteria for inclusion in the collection.
4. Preservation: The subject specialist will work with the Preservation unit at the University of Maryland Libraries when individual titles are brought to their attention that need rebinding, repair or replacement.

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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