Collection Development Policy Statement for Hearing and Speech Sciences (HESP)

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Purpose: The Hearing and Speech Sciences collection of the University of Maryland Libraries supports the educational mission of the Hearing and Speech Sciences (HESP) Department in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

The Hearing and Speech Sciences Department offers four degrees. The BA program provides groundwork for students to pursue graduate studies and professional opportunities in the fields of Speech Language Pathology or Audiology. Interested and capable undergraduates have the opportunity to participate in the HESP Honors Program, a three-semester sequence that provides students an opportunity to engage in independent study.

In addition to the BA degree, the department offers two clinical graduate degree programs, an MA in Speech-Language Pathology and an AuD in Clinical Audiology, as well as a PhD program in Hearing and Speech Sciences. HESP also offers two dual degree graduate programs, an AuD/PhD and an MA/PhD program, which combine the PhD with clinical training. MA-SLP students may also pursue additional training in the Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Emphasis Program (CLD-EP).

The collection supplements the Department’s curriculum, and serves the research and teaching needs of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty.

Coordination and Cooperative Information: Because of the interdisciplinary nature of studies in Hearing and Speech Sciences, the Hearing and Speech Sciences collection includes research resources, journals and databases in the area of medicine and public health. The subject liaison for Hearing and Speech Sciences works with the liaison for Public Health in selection and collection management decisions for resources for which there is overlap.

Faculty and graduate students have access and borrowing privileges at Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance libraries (CIRLA; http://www.lib.umd.edu/access/cirla) libraries. CIRLA libraries, including George Washington University Himmelfarb Library and Johns Hopkins University have collections in hearing and speech sciences. The National Library of Medicine also has collections in the area of hearing and speech sciences.

Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) institutions with hearing and speech collections include Iowa State University and the University of Illinois. All students and faculty have access to the UBorrow service (http://www.lib.umd.edu/access/uborrow) enabling access to materials from 15 university libraries in the BTAA and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL).

Diversity: Recognizing that Hearing and Speech Sciences incorporates individuals of all ages representing a multiplicity of racial and ethnic backgrounds, economic and educational levels and physical and mental abilities, the subject specialist/s build collections that mirror and support this diversity. The Hearing and Speech Sciences 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/)

Summary of Collection Scope at Current Collecting Levels: A majority of serial and monograph materials in the Hearing and Speech Sciences discipline are housed at McKeldin Library, with some older monograph titles housed in off-site storage. Dissertations and theses from students at the University of Maryland from fall 2003 forward are available via the Digital Repository at the University of Maryland (DRUM; http://drum.lib.umd.edu/handle/1903/2776). Theses and dissertations prior to fall 2003 are available in print at McKeldin Library or electronically via the ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Full Text database. Nonprint media supporting the discipline - including videos and DVD's - are housed at Library Media Services located in Hornbake Library. Electronic resources are available through the Library Website/Database Finder (http://www.lib.umd.edu/#find/databases) and WorldCat UMD (http://umaryland.worldcat.org/).

Developing the Hearing and Speech Sciences Collection

1. **Language(s):** The emphasis for the Hearing and Speech Sciences collection is on English language materials. Major works covering the subject outside the U.S. in the vernacular may be selected, although translations are preferred. Materials in the vernacular are generally the purview of the librarians responsible for that particular language.

2. **Geographical areas:** The major focus of items in the collection is on the United States, but curricular and research interests in the discipline make works on other countries a growing focus.

3. **Chronological periods/Imprint dates:** Selection emphasizes current publications, with the exception of reprints and classic works when required for replacement purposes.

4. **Materials selected**
   a) **Included materials:** Materials selected for the collection are predominantly in monograph and serial format. Monographs such as handbooks, manuals, directories, atlases, encyclopedias, dictionaries are selected in both print and electronic format - with electronic format preferred when possible. Media formats such as video, DVD, and other digital resources supporting the program are also selected.
   b) **Excluded materials:** Textbooks, reprints or dissertations from institutions other than the University of Maryland are generally not selected. Juvenile materials are also excluded. The collection includes indexes to tests and measurements but testing instruments themselves are not collected.
   c) **Levels of Collection Intensity:** The collection will strive to provide Research Level support in each of the Program’s four areas of specialization, meaning the collection will seek to contain the major published source materials required for doctoral study and independent research including (a) an extensive collection of general and specialized monographs and reference works, (b) an extensive collection of general and specialized periodicals, (c) an extensive collection of appropriate foreign language materials, (d) an extensive collection of the works of
well-known authors as well as lesser-known authors, and (e) defined access to an extensive collection of owned or remotely accessed electronic resources.


**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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