

Collection Development Policy Statement for Jewish Studies

Subject name: Jewish Studies, including Israel Studies – currently a subprogram in the Jewish Studies Program.

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Purpose:

The Jewish Studies collections of the University of Maryland libraries support the educational mission of the Jewish Studies Program, which is an interdisciplinary area-studies program on campus. The collection supports the Program's and campus curriculum, and serve the research and teaching needs of students and faculty at the university, visiting scholars and the local Jewish community. We also have an obligation to the local Jewish community: over the last decade many local small community teaching Jewish libraries have been closing, and we have been recipients of their materials when appropriate, becoming the de-factor source and repository of Jewish knowledge for the local Jewish community.

We are the largest Judaica collection in the state of MD and surrounding states. This was achieved through the generous continues support from the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, the home of the Jewish Studies Program. The JWST Program financially supported not only the purchase of materials but also the cost of its processing and preservation. Thus it is expected that JWST have a great deal of input and say in management and development of our Judaica collections at all levels.

We collect in Jewish Studies at the comprehensive level.

Coordination and Cooperative Information:

The Jewish Studies program is an interdisciplinary program where in addition to several faculty who have their appointments directly with JWST, there are a number of regular faculty who have joint appoints with other departments on campus, mainly History, English, Philosophy, Education, and SLLC. The Program also includes a dedicated affiliated faculty from Government and Politics, Anthropology, Art History, Geography, History, Film, Phycology, SLLC, etc. Jewish Studies brings in many visiting appointments to supplement offerings in various subject areas. The subject specializations vary from year to year, and have included such areas as sociology, psychology, education, military studies, languages, etc.

Scope:

1. **Language(s):** Primary languages are English, Hebrew, and Yiddish. Ladino is also collected. However because the Jewish community was so dispersed over the centuries, all languages where the Jewish community existed are important, particularly from Europe, Americas and the Middle East. This includes German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Polish, Czech, Greek, Arabic, Turkish, etc.
2. **Geographical areas:** Global, with main concentration in Israel and Middle East, Europe (both Western and Eastern), and the Americas.
3. **Chronological periods/Imprint dates:** any

4. **Subjects covered:** History, literature, philosophy, languages and linguistics, religious studies, government and politics, anthropology, archeology, film studies, media, journalism, women's studies, education, sociology, conflicts, etc.

Types of Materials/Formats

1. **Included:** print, electronic, microform, video, audio, rare, hard to find, esoteric, etc.
2. **Excluded:** textbooks, translation of primary language works into languages other than English

Additional Collection Information

The Jewish 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>.

1. **Duplication:** There are instances where faculty request both print and electronic copies of individual titles.
2. **Gifts:** Gift items added to the Jewish Studies 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 Jewish Studies is ultimately responsible for deciding whether or not a gift is added to the collection.
3. **Deselection/Withdrawal:** The relevance of materials in the Jewish Studies 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 or collections 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.

Diversity: Recognizing that Jewish 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 specialists build collections that mirror and support this diversity. Jewish 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. For more information, see Collection Development Diversity Statement -

<https://www.lib.umd.edu/collections/policies/collection-development-diversity-statement>.

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