

Collection Development Policy Statement for Law

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this collection is to support the informational, research, and teaching needs associated with the study of law at the University of Maryland-College Park. The University of Maryland-College Park does not have a dedicated law school. Starting in 2014, undergraduate students can earn a minor in law. Undergraduate students participating in the College Park Scholars program, an academic residential community for select freshmen and sophomores, also allows students to participate in the Justice and Legal Thought Program (CPJT). The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law is collaborating with:

- University of Maryland-College Park to offer a 30-credit Master of Science in Law program
- University of Maryland's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a joint degree program with the that leads to a Master of Arts and Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Coordination and Cooperative Information: To ensure users have comprehensive access to information, the Law subject specialist will work with departmental, regional, and national partners.

Library Partners: Legal education is an interdisciplinary field. Therefore the subject specialist will collaborate with other librarians to ensure the Law collection supports institutional information, research, and teaching needs. The following subject areas have been identified as related fields based on the Law and Society and Masters in the Science of Law programs' curriculum:

- Business
- Communication
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Family Science
- Government Documents
- Government and Politics
- Health Services Administration
- History
- Journalism
- Maryland State Publications
- Patents and Trademarks
- Philosophy
- Public Policy
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Women's Studies

External Partners: The University of Maryland Libraries' national and regional partnerships make it possible for users to borrow materials from other institutions using interlibrary loan. The University of Maryland Libraries also has reciprocal borrowing agreements, which grants users access and in-person borrowing privileges with participating institutions. Key partners include [University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions \(USMAI\)](#), [Big Ten Academic Alliance \(BTAA\)](#) institutions, [Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance \(CIRLA\)](#), and [Center for Research Libraries](#).

Diversity: The Law collection is comprised of materials and resources that mirror and support the intellectual pursuits of a community comprised of individuals of all ages from a multiplicity of racial and ethnic backgrounds, economic and educational levels, and physical and mental abilities. The Law

collection is an inclusive collection designed to provide equitable access to all expressions of ideas on a variety of political, economic, religious, social, minority and sexual issues 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>.

II. Summary of Collection Scope at Current Collecting Levels

The Law collection's print materials are primarily housed in McKeldin Library, but may also be housed in Hornbake Special Collections or in off-site storage. Materials acquired and retained in this collection support the study or instruction needs of general users, undergraduate and early graduate education. Content is evaluated on the following criteria: authority, comprehensiveness, validity, language, date of publication, and geographical areas.

III. Developing the Law Collection

1. Language(s): English language materials constitute the majority of the Law collection. Major works covering the subject in other languages may be selected, but translations will be preferred over non-English materials.
2. Geographical areas: The major focus of items in the collection is on Law in the United States; however curricular and research interests are not geographically restricted. Therefore materials about Law in other parts of the world may be selected.
3. Chronological periods/Imprint dates: Selection will focus on current, up-to-date information published in last two years. Exceptions may be made to purchase replacement copies for lost materials, faculty members' requests, or books highly recommended in a review source.
4. Materials selected
 - A. Included materials: The following formats or types of materials are collected for this collection: books, periodicals, newspapers, databases, microforms, or other materials.
 - B. Excluded materials: The following formats or types of materials are not collected for this collection: textbooks, dissertations, pamphlets, children's/juvenile literature, reprints, exam-preparation books, and self-published work. Materials from predatory publishers will also be excluded from this collection (See [Beall's List](#) to learn more about predatory publishing and publishers).
 - C. Levels of Collection Intensity: Materials for this collection will be support study or research needs of undergraduate students up to graduate students starting their degree programs. Because the University of Maryland does not have a law school or dedicated department, the collection will not be comprehensive or research level. Therefore the collection is comprised of: an extensive collection of general and reference monographs and periodicals, and limited collection of appropriate foreign language materials.¹ Interlibrary loan and

¹ Biblarz, Dora, Marie-Joelle Tarin, Jim Vickery, and Trix Bakker. *Guidelines for a collection development policy using the Conspectus model*. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Section on Acquisition and Collection Development, 2001.

reciprocal borrowing agreements will be used to provide access to materials the University of Maryland does not own or subscribe to.

IV. Additional Collection Information

The Law 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:** The library will purchase and retain one (1) copy of a publication. Duplicate copies in other formats will not be collected. Print copies will be withdrawn from the collection when there is an e-version that provides an "equivalent information-gathering experience".²
2. **Gifts:** Gift items are added to the Law collection in accordance with the [University of Maryland Libraries Gifts-In-Kind Policy](#). Materials should be supplement the existing collection, be in good condition, and be of scholarly interest. The subject specialist for Law is ultimately responsible for deciding whether or not a gift is added to the collection.
3. **Deselection/Withdrawal:** The relevance of materials in the Law 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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² (Biblarz, Tarin, Vickery, & Bakker, 2001)