

Collection Development Policy Statement for Spanish and Portuguese (SPAN)

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I. Purpose

The Spanish and Portuguese collections of the University of Maryland libraries support the educational mission of the Spanish and Portuguese Department in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, which is under the umbrella of the College of Arts and Humanities. The collections supplement the Department's curriculum and the research needs of undergraduate students (Spanish and Portuguese), graduate students (Spanish), and faculty (Spanish and Portuguese).

Coordination and Cooperative Information: While Spanish and Portuguese literatures touch on interdisciplinary themes, it is important to note that these collections focus on literary and cultural studies as a discipline, whereas the Latin American and Latino/a Studies areas include material from any and all disciplines as long as it relates to the region or its migrants in the US. Collection decisions are made separately, and Latin American and Latino/a Studies materials are typically purchased by the subject librarian for the applicable discipline (not region or language). While this policy includes the purchase of secondary literature in film studies, the selector also consults with the film studies librarian who is responsible for media purchases. The selector leverages both the USMAI and CIC 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 the study of Spanish and Portuguese 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 Spanish and Portuguese 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: <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/usingthelibrary/policies/colldevpolicy.html>.)

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 Spanish and Portuguese departments 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 Spanish and Portuguese departments. Hornbake Library houses the university's special collections and Library Media Services. Library Media Services contains films (both physical copies and those available online for streaming) that support the Spanish and Portuguese departments. The Katherine Anne Porter Library Hornbake's special collections feature first editions of literary works by Spanish language authors, collected while Porter lived in Mexico.

The Library of Congress (LOC) call number ranges for Spanish and Portuguese language resources are PC4001-4977 (Spanish) and PC 5001-5498 (Portuguese). The LOC call number ranges for Spanish and Portuguese literatures are PQ6001-8929 (Spanish) and PQ9000-9999 (Portuguese). After examining the Libraries' online catalog in these call number ranges in 2013, it was determined that the UM Libraries' in College Park own the following:

	Spanish Language	Portuguese Language	Spanish Literature	Portuguese Literature
<i>Number of Items</i>	1,967	259	30,739	4,106

The following is a list of electronic databases the Libraries currently subscribe to that are relevant to the study of Spanish and Portuguese language and literature:

- MLA International Bibliography
- Chicano Database
- Latino Literature: Poetry, Drama, and Fiction
- Dissertations & Theses: Full Text
- GenderWatch
- Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)
- International Bibliography of Theater and Dance
- International Medieval Bibliography
- JSTOR
- LGBTQ Life with Full Text
- Literature Criticism Online
- LLBA: Linguistics and Behavior Abstracts

Based on sampling and comparisons with other institutions conducted in 2013, the UMD Libraries' appear to have a good physical collection that supports research in traditional Spanish literary areas, such as the Golden Age in Spain and picaresque novels. Many of the faculty and graduate students of the Spanish and Portuguese department research in more niche areas, such as gender theory and presentation in South American literature. In light of this, future acquisitions should include contemporary literary works and criticism from Latin American countries in evolving focus areas, using the research interests indicated by the faculty and graduate students as a guide.

III. Developing the Spanish and Portuguese 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 Spanish- and Portuguese-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 selector 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>)

PC4001-4977 (Spanish Language): Research
PC 5001-5498 (Portuguese Language): Instructional Support
PQ6001-8929 (Spanish Literature): Research
PQ9000-9999 (Portuguese Literature): Instructional Support

IV. Additional Collection Information

The Spanish and Portuguese 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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