



**Purpose of the Collection:** To support teaching and research through the Master's level in the traditional study of the history of philosophy and in the area of applied philosophy. Departmental emphases are Social-Political Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Law, as well as the History of Philosophy. Ethics is a special area of concern for this department and materials on ethics in law, medicine, science, business, and women's studies will be collected extensively. There are three distinct tracks leading to the M.A. in philosophy: the traditional track, the brains & behavior track, and the J.D./M.A. track.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. Languages: Primary works will be collected in the original language and in English, but most scholarly, critical works will be in English. Critical editions in the original language as well as English will be collected for the major philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Wittgenstein, and Kant.
- b. Chronological Guidelines: No limitations. Materials relevant to the study of the progression of philosophic thought from its ancient beginnings to the present will be collected.
- c. Geographical Guidelines: The greatest emphasis will be on Western philosophers, but material will also be collected selectively in non-Western philosophy to support curricular needs.
- d. Treatment of Subject: History of Philosophy, including the history of philosophic concepts and historical studies of the various subdivisions of the field itself, will be collected extensively. Lower division textbooks and works about philosophy written on a popular level will rarely be purchased.
- e. Date of Publication: Both current and retrospective material will be acquired. No preference will be given to original printings or editions over reprints.

**Subject Areas:**

**Collecting Level**

History & Systems, Ancient to Renaissance

3CF

History & Systems, Modern 1450-Present  
(includes existentialism)

3CF

Logic

3CE

Speculative Philosophy 3CE  
(Metaphysics, Epistemology, etc.)

Aesthetics 3CE

Ethics 3CE

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