



**Georgia State University Library
Collection Development Policy
Department of History**

Purpose of the Collection: To support the curricular and research needs of the students and faculty of the Department of History. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts (with concentrations in world history, pre-education, or pre-law); Master of Heritage Preservation (with concentrations in public history or historic preservation), Master of Arts (with concentrations in public history or historic preservation), and Ph.D. The doctoral program focuses primarily on United States and European history with additional fields in Asian, Latin American, African, and Middle-Eastern history. Of special interest to the Department is the study of world history.

General Collection Guidelines:

- a. **Languages:** English is the most commonly collected language, but research level materials may be collected in French, German, Spanish, and other languages where appropriate. Works published in languages other than those mentioned above are usually purchased in English translation.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** All periods of history are collected with special attention given to curricular and research interests.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** Local histories of the Southeastern region of the United States such as county or city histories and publications of local historical societies are collected, but more detailed family histories are collected only when they have broad implications for the history of the region. Local histories, for example, of Great Britain, are collected only for their usefulness in the teaching of historiography.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Current publications are of primary importance. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Monographs, periodicals, media material, and electronic resources are acquired where appropriate. Reference materials, such as historical encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, directories, and handbooks are collected extensively. Primary sources are collected, with preference given to analyzed sets. Electronic forms of primary sources are collected when available and appropriate to the research needs of the collection.

f. **Treatment of the Subject:** Scholarly research materials relating to the Department's areas of focus are of primary importance. Textbooks are collected selectively at the request of the Department.

Related Collection Development Policies:

- African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art and Design
- Global Studies
- English
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Religious Studies
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- World Languages and Cultures

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