



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

**Purpose of the Collection:** To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Philosophy. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts. There are three distinct tracks leading to the Master of Arts: the traditional track, the neurophilosophy track, and the J.D./M.A. track. Beginning in the fall of 2017 the department will offer an undergraduate concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE), which will prepare students for careers in law, government, public service, or entrepreneurial endeavors, as well as Ph.D. programs in political science, philosophy, and economics. While the department provides instruction in all areas of traditional and applied philosophy, from ancient to modern, special emphases are placed on legal and political philosophy, neurophilosophy (philosophy of mind and cognitive science), and Kant and post-Kantian German philosophy. The Department is heavily involved in the Brains and Behavior Program of the Neuroscience Institute.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. **Languages:** Primary works are collected in the original language and in English, but most scholarly, critical works are in English. Critical editions in the original language as well as English are collected for the major philosophers.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** No limitations. Materials relevant to the study of the progression of philosophic thought from its ancient beginnings to the present are collected.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** The primary emphasis is on Western philosophers, but material is also collected selectively in non-Western philosophy to support curricular needs.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Both current and retrospective material are acquired. No preference is given to original printings or editions over reprints.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Emphasis is on current research. Historical overviews, biographies, anthologies, and critical editions are collected as necessary for student and faculty research. Lower division textbooks and works about philosophy written on a popular level are rarely purchased.

f. **Treatment of the Subject:** History of Philosophy, including the history of philosophic concepts and historical studies of the various subdivisions of the field itself, are collected extensively.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- Global Studies
- History
- Neuroscience
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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