



**Georgia State University Library
Collection Development Policy
Department of Physics and Astronomy**

Purpose of the Collection: To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Science in Physics (available with concentrations in applied physics, astronomy, pre-medicine, biophysics, geology, computer science, and education); Bachelor of Science in Physics with the Master of Arts in Teaching in Science Education; Master of Science (available in either the standard program or a concentration in astronomy); Ph.D. in Physics (available with concentrations in atomic physics, biophysics, molecular physics, nuclear physics, condensed matter physics, astrophysics, and applied physics); and Ph.D. in Astronomy.

General Collection Guidelines:

- a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current research is the primary emphasis.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** No restrictions.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Current scholarship is the primary focus. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Periodicals are of primary importance. Selection also includes monographs, and proceedings/transactions of conference/congresses/symposia.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** Research and graduate level materials are of primary importance, but consideration is also given to maintaining a strong undergraduate collection.

Related Collection Development Policies:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Geology
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Middle and Secondary Education

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