



**Georgia State University Library  
Collection Development Policy  
Department of Political Science**

**Purpose of the Collection:** To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Political Science. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts (general program, pre-law, or a concentration in international affairs), Master of Arts, and Ph.D. Areas of focus at all three levels include: American government and politics, comparative politics, judicial politics/public law, political science and international business, political theory, and professional governmental and political practices. Beginning in the fall of 2017 the department will offer an additional 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.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection. Some publications in Spanish, French, German, Russian, and Arabic may be acquired.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current issues and research are the primary focus, but some sub-fields (e.g. American Constitutional development, western political theory) may require materials from earlier periods.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** There is a strong emphasis on American government and politics from the national to the local level. Internationally, materials about Asia, Latin America, and Europe is emphasized, with additional coverage of the Middle East, Africa, and Russia.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Current imprints are the primary interest. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.
- e. **Types of Material:** Periodicals and monographs are the primary focus. Society publications, symposia proceedings, and annual reports of private or quasi-public agencies are purchased extensively. Statistical materials of all types are obtained, as well as relevant documents at the international, national, state, and local levels. Appropriate electronic media, databases, and indices are purchased as needed.

f. **Treatment of the Subject:** Research in the areas of focus, including biographies and first person accounts, are essential. Works by contemporary political journalists are selectively collected.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Global Studies
- History
- International Business
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Public Management and Policy
- Public Health
- Sociology

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