



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

**Purpose of the Collection:** To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Psychology. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science with concentrations in community psychology or pre-medicine; and Ph.D with concentrations in clinical psychology (clinical, clinical-neuropsychology, or clinical-community), cognitive sciences (community, clinical-community, or community-public health dual degree), developmental psychology, and neuropsychology and cognitive neuroscience (clinical-neuropsychology or cognitive and affective neuroscience). Additional areas of specialization at the Ph.D. level include the interdisciplinary Language and Literacy Initiative and the interdisciplinary Neuroethics program, intended for students enrolled in a Department of Psychology program area but with supplemental interests in neuroscience and philosophy.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection. Works in languages other than English are collected at the request of the faculty.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** The primary emphasis is on current materials.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** The major focus is on material related to the United States; however, this focus does include cross-cultural psychology. Great interest is placed on scholarly materials that are international and multi-cultural in scope.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Emphasis is on current research. Retrospective purchasing is very selective.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Most materials acquired are in the form of monographs and periodicals, with periodicals of great importance. Reference works, such as encyclopedias and dictionaries of psychology, handbooks, abstracts, indexes, and directories of psychologists and testing centers are also collected. Proceedings, reports of conferences, symposia, international congresses, etc., are selectively acquired. Collection of media formats such as DVDs, streaming videos, and computer software, etc. is selective.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** The history of psychology is broadly collected. There is a strong emphasis on techniques and research methods involving the use of statistics, mathematical models, and computer applications. Biographies of psychologists are

selectively collected. Works on the medical or biological aspects of psychology, including psychiatry, are selectively acquired. Textbooks and works written on a popular level are restricted.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Educational Psychology
- Gerontology
- Global Studies
- Public Health
- Neuroscience
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Social Work

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