

**Georgia State University Library
Collection Development Policy
School of Social Work**

Purpose of the Collection: To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the School of Social Work of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. The School offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Social Work. The primary focus of the bachelor's program is to prepare the graduate for generalist social work practice. Its theoretical basis is founded upon the principles of human behavior; the social, physical, and cultural environment; social welfare policy; and social research. The focus of the master's program is on community partnerships/community building in an urban environment based on the theory, research and practice of social work professionals and its various communities. MSW-level education incorporates several components, including:

1. Values and ethics
2. Cultural diversity, including consciousness-raising and training in multiculturalism
3. Economic and social justice

The first year of the master's degree is the foundation for generalist practice; the second, specialist year, focuses on community partnerships.

General Collection Guidelines:

a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection.

b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current and recent topics are of major interest, though historical materials may also be collected

c. **Geographical Guidelines:** The U.S. and Great Britain are the primary focus, with minor emphases on Eastern Europe and Asia.

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 and periodicals are the primary focus; handbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, statistical works, and other reference sources are also acquired. Media materials are of interest to the department and are acquired in consultation with faculty.

f. **Treatment of the Subject:** Primarily current scholarly, research-level materials; some historical studies, popular works, and a few textbooks may be included.

Related Collection Development Policies:

- Criminal Justice
- Gerontology
- Psychology
- Political Science
- Public Management and Policy
- Public Health
- Sociology

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