



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

**Purpose of the Collection:** To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Sociology. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor Arts, Master of Arts, and Ph.D. Research and teaching in the Department covers all major areas in sociology, including the following specialized areas: gender, health, life course and aging, sexuality, urban studies, and race and ethnic relations.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection. Works published in French, Italian, and German may be purchased when requested by the Department.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current materials are the main focus, but some historical works may be added.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** The United States is the primary focus, but materials on Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia may also be acquired.
- 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 form the basis of the collection. Proceedings of symposia and international congresses and annual reports of private or quasi-public agencies, including foundations, are also purchased. Statistical materials of all types are obtained in quantity, as are relevant documents at the local, state, national, and international levels.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** The collection provides research level support for all areas in sociology, especially the concentrations covered by the Department. Biographies of major and/or influential sociologists and social science leaders are selectively collected; history of sociology and works on methodology are collected broadly. Textbooks and works written on a popular level are selected when requested by the Department.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- African-American Studies
- Criminology

- Early Childhood Education
- Global Studies
- Middle and Secondary Education
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Social Work
- Urban Studies

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