

**Georgia State University Library
Collection Development Policy
Department of World Languages and Cultures**

Purpose of the Collection: To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of World Languages and Cultures, specifically in French, German, and Spanish. Language instruction is offered also in Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, and Portuguese. Both language and literature are emphasized. Degrees offered at the undergraduate level include Bachelor of Arts programs in French, German, and Spanish; Bachelor of Arts in International Economics and Modern Languages; a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in either Asian, Italian, or Middle East Studies; and teacher certification in French, German, Classics (Latin), and Spanish. At the Graduate Level, a Master of Arts is offered in French and Spanish. The Department is involved in the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, the Center for Middle East Studies, and the Center for Asian Studies. The Department assists the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies by providing course support for the Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies. A Graduate Certificate in Translation and Interpretation is also available.

General Collection Guidelines:

- a. **Languages:** Primary sources are acquired in the original language and in translation when available; secondary sources are acquired chiefly in modern European languages and in English.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current language materials are collected. Literature collections vary by language.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** Limited to the languages taught.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Both current and non-current works are purchased, but in the case of non-current publications there is ordinarily no preference given to original printings or editions, as opposed to reprints.
- e. **Types of Material:** Monographs and periodicals form the basis of the collection. Dictionaries, and encyclopedias are also collected. Festschriften are selectively purchased.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** Scholarly works on language and literary history and criticism are acquired, as are biographies of authors. Textbooks and anthologies are selectively acquired.

Related Collection Development Policies:

- Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language
- Economics
- Global Studies
- International Business

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