ANCIENT STUDIES, ANCIENT SCRIPTURE / RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY

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***Overview***

The HBLL supports the teaching and research needs in the areas of ancient studies, ancient scripture / religion, and philosophy. These three areas, especially ancient studies and ancient scripture / religion, encompass a wide range of topics and serve faculty interdepartmentally. Patrons who use the philosophy collection primarily include campus faculty and students who teach, research, and study philosophy in an undergraduate, degree-seeking capacity. Ancient studies and ancient scripture have a much broader and larger patron-based community. Not only do undergraduate students and their faculty, both Ancient Near Eastern Studies and GE required religious education, use the collection, but so do many students and faculty in other departments, since religion is interdisciplinary. In addition, local residents who are interested in popular titles regarding the Bible and Book of Mormon also frequent the Religion & Family History area of the library.

***Departments, degree programs, and collecting levels***

The ancient studies, ancient scripture / religion, and philosophy collections serve the following departments and their courses and degree programs at the “teaching level”:

College of Humanities

Department of Asian and Near Easter Languages

* Hebrew (Biblical & Modern courses)- Minor

Department of Philosophy

* Philosophy- B.A.
* Philosophy- Minor
* Logic- Minor
* Theoretical and Applied Ethics- Minor

Kennedy Center for International Studies

* Ancient Near Eastern Studies- B.A.
* Ancient Near Eastern Studies- Minor

Religious Education

Department of Ancient Scripture

* Chaplin- M.A.
* Religious Education- M.A.
* Ancient Scripture- G.E. required and undergraduate elective courses

Department of Church History & Doctrine

* Chaplin- M.A.
* Religious Education- M.A.
* World Religion- undergraduate elective courses

***Research interests and languages collected***

In addition to the basic resources required for these undergraduate and M.A. degrees, mechanisms are in place through YBP profiles, based on faculty research agendas and expertise, to build and maintain collections in the following areas:

Philosophy

* Ethics
* Phenomenology
* Heidegger
* Philosophy of Psychology
* Contemporary European
* Philosophy of religion
* Early Modern
* History of philosophy
* Metaphysics

Ancient Studies and Biblical Studies

* Near Eastern History (Bronze age and Iron age)
* Egyptology
* Assyriology
* Israelite and Canaanite cultures
* Hebrew Bible (texts, literature, etc.)
* Dead Sea Scrolls
* Early Jewish literature (apocrypha, pseudepigrapha, rabbinic)
* New Testament and early Christian literature
* Languages associated with the ancient Near East: Hebrew, Aramaic, Egyptian, Akkadian, Ugaritic
* Ancient Studies Room: our philosophy for this collection is to focus primarily on ancient texts in their original languages. Secondarily, we seek to acquire translation / critical commentary works on significant texts (e.g., Josephus, Dead Sea Scrolls, etc.). We are considering adding two sections to the ASR: Mesoamerica and significant archaeological reports (e.g. Temple Mount, Masada, New Testament related sites, or sites that our faculty are involved with)

American religion

* American religious history
* Sociology of religion in the U.S.
* Psychology of religion in the U.S.
* Theology and religious ethics in American context

World Religions

* Major western religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
* Major eastern religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, Shintoism, and Confucianism