Collection Development Policy

Library of Congress Classification: J-JZ

Fund 34200 Political Science and International Relations

Overview

The Lee Library supports the undergraduate teaching and research, as well as faculty research needs in political science or international relations by cultivating a sound and/or contemporaneous monograph collection and a Tier 1 periodicals collections as budgets permit.

Degree Programs:

A Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in political science or one of its subfields:

Political Philosophy

American Politics

Comparative Politics

International Relations

There are also 5 professional tracks which equate to specified majors:

International Strategy and Diplomacy

Legal Studies

Political Strategy

Research and Analysis (political statistics)

Global Development

Formats collected

Books

The most frequent publication of status in political science is the monograph, especially one published by a major university press.

Periodicals

The most desired serial format is periodical, especially Tier 1 periodicals, which we should have in electronic format and with extensive InterLibrary Loan (ILL)

capability.

Reference

Reference materials are less in demand and therefore is a shrinking collection, but certain handbooks or encyclopedias should still be collected with restricted circulation.

Languages

English is the primary collection language, though works in other languages may be ordered is there is a possibility of regular circulation.

Collection Development or Approvals

Collection building relies on university press catalogs as well as selected trade books channeled by YBP. The collection has uneven use, the JZ collection is the most utilized, though circulation in the Js slowly declines annually.

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