

POLITICAL SCIENCE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Library Collection Development Objective

The library provides curricular and research support for political science courses which encourage critical thinking about national, state and local governments; for the Political Science Department, including the BA in Political Science, the MPA, AND the DPA. In addition, the political science department encourages both faculty and students to do scholarly research in their fields and contribute to the enlightened appreciation of the world around them.

B. Description of User Groups Supported

User groups supported include undergraduate political science students, graduate students in public administration, and faculty members in all of those programs.

C. Changes in User Population for most recent five years

D. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

The Model Senate, Model UN, and Mock Trial Teams will require additional research resources.

E. Areas of Established Specialization

American Government, Comparative/International, and Public Law; Resources in American government concentrate on the Executive, Congress and political parties. Resources on political theory, state and local government, interest groups and public opinion are not as extensive.

II. TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Depth

Political Science

SUBJECT SUBDIVISION	COLLECTING LEVEL
Administrative agencies—United States	4
African Americans—Politics and government	3
Citizenship	3
Comparative Politics	4
Constitutional law—United States	4
Elections	4
Europe—Politics and government	4
European Union	4
Executive power—United States	4
Georgia—Politics and government	4
Ideology	3
International relations	4
Latin America—Politics and government	4
Local government—United States	3
National security—United States	4
Political parties—United States	4
Political psychology	2
Political science—Methodology	3
Political Theory	3
Russia (Federation)—Politics and government	3
Security, International	4
State governments	4
Trial practice	3
United States. Congress.	4
United States. Supreme Court.	4

Public Administration

SUBJECT SUBDIVISION	COLLECTING LEVEL
Budget	3
Civil service ethics	3
Local government	4
Organizational behavior	4
Personnel management	4
Policy sciences	3
Political planning	3
Proposal writing for grants	3
Public Administration	4
Public Finance	4

Nonprofit organizations	3
Municipal government	4

B. Specific Delimitations

Formats Collected:

Political Science

Annuals, Journals, Maps, and Reference tools: extensively; Dissertations, Media, Microformat collections and Monographs: selectively; Textbooks are excluded.

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Imprint dates collected: Current: extensively. 20th century: selectively. 19th century and Earlier: excluded.

Chronological focus: Political Science collects current material extensively and all other areas selectively; Public administration collects across all chronological time periods with the focus on current material.

Languages collected: English.

Place of Publication: United States: extensively. United Kingdom: selectively.

Significant Publishers/Associations: