

Collection Development Policy English

Subject Librarian: Julie Elliott

Purpose of Policy: The collection development policy for English guides the development and management of the English collection.

Program Description from their website: “Our programs are designed to expand students' understanding and skills in English language and composition, written communication, and literature. These programs prepare students for a broad range of careers, especially those requiring analytical thinking and expression and the ability to read carefully and write clearly. In addition to education and media-related careers, the writing and analytical skills gained in English courses will enhance careers in business, law, and medicine”

In addition to the undergraduate degree, the department offers a Master of Arts degree, a certificate in professional writing, as well as minors in English, creative writing, and film studies.

Areas of Established Specialization:

- Professional writing
- Creative Writing
- Film Studies
- Rhetoric and Composition Studies
- Literary Studies
- Department also teaches many of the General Education Common Core courses (ENG-T 190, ENG-T 390, ENG-A 190, ENG-A 399, ENG-T 191 (for Education majors); as well as W131, First Year Writing

Changes in User Population for the Most Recent Five Years:

- Graduate program numbers are declining, although recruiting has increased.

New and Expanding Areas of Interest:

- Increased interest in Professional Writing, Publishing, and Digital Humanities
- American literature now required for major

Degrees Offered:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Master of Arts
- Professional Writing Certificate
- English minor
- Creative Writing minor
- Film Studies minor

Clientele: The primary clientele are the undergraduate students, faculty, and staff of the English department. Members of the Michiana community may also use the collection.

Scope and Collection Guidelines

The English collection consists of works written for the basic through advanced undergraduate level and for basic faculty research. Graduate- and research-level publications are collected selectively.

Formats Collected: Scholarly monographs, serials, collections of essays, conference proceedings, films (DVD and streaming), and electronic resources are extensively collected.

Formats Excluded: Pamphlets, newsletters, article reprints.

Language: The collection is primarily in English.

Geographic Coverage: All geographic areas are covered. For titles with a geographic focus, preference is given to materials relating to the region (Michiana, northern Indiana, and Midwest) as well as those that support area studies programs offered on campus.

Chronological Periods Collected: Priority is given to current publications. Older imprints are collected selectively, usually as replacements for classic works, or upon request.

Subject Emphases: Literary theory, criticism, and history, from Medieval and Early Modern to the present in all genres.

Current Collecting Priorities: In addition to the topics listed above, works will also be purchased related to publishing, creative writing, film studies, and professional writing.

Subjects Collected Selectively: Current fiction is purchased by faculty request.

Reference: Reference materials for English are selected by the English subject librarian following the general subject parameters of the collection policy.

Interdisciplinary Considerations: Due to the highly interdisciplinary nature of English, materials are also selected in the areas of women's studies, gender studies, African American studies, history, Latin American studies, education, sociology, political science, and public affairs.

Location: English materials are housed in the Schurz Library.

In particular, holdings are heavily concentrated in:

PE	English Philology and Language
PN80-99	Literary Criticism
PN101-249	Authorship
PN441-1009	Literary History
PN1993-1999	Motion Pictures
PR1-6076	English Literature
PR8309-9899	English Literature, Provincial; Colonial
PS1-PS3576	American Literature