

**Collection Development Policy
Department of Political Science**

Subject Librarian: Scott Opasik

Purpose of policy: The collection development policy for Sociology & Anthropology guides the development and management of the Sociology collection.

Program Description: Courses offered by the department introduce students to the study of government and politics, including an understanding of public affairs, different political systems, and political ideas. This program intends to educate citizens who can think critically about politics and its place in their lives and in society; to provide a general liberal arts education for students continuing on to a wide variety of careers, including public service; and to help prepare those students who choose to continue on to graduate school or law school.

Through their coursework, students also come to understand some of the ways in which political scientists study politics; and learn to express themselves cogently in writing and orally. The department seeks to achieve these goals through its instructional program: a master's degree, three graduate certificates, a major, a minor, and the political science courses taken by students majoring in other disciplines as part of the general education requirement

Areas of established specialization

- American Politics
- International relations
- Urban Affairs
- State and Local Politics
- Comparative Politics
- History of Political Thought
- Political Theory
- Public Affairs
- Public Management
- Political Geography and Geopolitics

Changes in user population for most recent five years:

- We teach more online courses and thus have more students in online courses
- For both these and face-to-face courses more students look for or require variations on eTexts . They also require more instruction on how to gather reliable information from the internet and judge sources.

New and expanding areas of interest:

- Civic Engagement
- Corporate Citizenship
- Digital technology and politics

Degrees Offered:

- **B.A. in Political science**
- **Pre-law**
- **Paralegal studies certificate**
- **Master of Public Affairs**
- **Public Affairs Graduate Certificate**

Clientele: The primary clientele are the undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff of the Department of Political Science. Members of the Michiana community may also use the collection.

Number of faculty: 2018 6 FTE

Number of majors: 2018 60 PoliSci, 15 pre-law

Number of graduate students: 35

Scope and Collection Guidelines

The Political Science collection consists of works written for the basic through advanced undergraduate level and graduate level and for basic faculty research.

Formats collected: Scholarly monographs, serials, collections of essays, conference proceedings, videos, and electronic resources are extensively collected.

Formats excluded: Pamphlets, newsletters, article reprints, and required textbooks. Popular and/or journalistic monographs about social issues are selectively collected.

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).

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: See areas of established specialization.

Current Collecting Priorities: See new and expanding areas of interest.

Subjects Collected Selectively: None

Reference: Reference material for Political Science are selected by the Political Science subject librarian following the general subject parameters of the collection policy.

Interdisciplinary Considerations: Due to the highly interdisciplinary nature of Political Science and Public Affairs materials are also occasionally selected in the areas of education, criminal justice, social work, history, philosophy, economics and statistics.

Location: Political Science materials are housed in the Schurz Library. Works specifically about the discipline of Political Science are classified in the J schedule of Library of Congress system; Law is classified in the K schedule, while nonprofit management (an option track for the graduate program), is

most often located in HD. Indeed, many political science materials have significant overlap with social sciences, which is located in the H range.

Political science call #areas:

J - Political Science

- J Legislative & Executive Papers
- JA Political Science (General)
- JC Political Theory, Theory of the State
- JF Constitutional History & Administration
- JK United States
- JL America (except U.S.)
- JN European
- JQ Asia, Africa, Australia, Oceania
- JS Local Governments
- JV Colonies & Colonization, Emigration & Immigration
- JX International Relations & Law

Law call # areas:

K - Law

- K Law (General)
- KD United Kingdom & Ireland
- KDZ U.S. & Americas
- KE Canada
- KF United States
- KFW Washington State
- KG Central America, Caribbean
- KH South America
- KJ Europe
- KM- Asia
- KPZ

Social Sciences call # areas with overlap:

H - Social Sciences

- H Social Sciences (General)
- HA Statistics
- HB Economic Theory,
Demography
- HB-HJ Business Issues
- HC-HD Economic History & Conditions
- HE Transportation &
Communications
- HF Commerce, Careers
- HG Finance
- HJ Public Finance

- HV Social Service, Welfare,
Criminology
- HX Socialism, Communism,
Utopias, Anarchism