

PHILOSOPHY

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Library Collection Development Objective

The library seeks to support curricular and research needs in history of philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology, ethics, religious studies, aesthetics, logic, philosophy of science, political theory, educational philosophy, and environment.

B. Description of User Groups Supported

It supports the need of undergraduate, graduate students, and faculty. The following changes in the user population were observed during the most recent five years: New faculty in religious studies and applied ethics.

C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

Applied ethics, medicine, law, journalism, public policy administration, education, environment, and technology.

D. Areas of Established Specialization

History of philosophy, philosophy of science, comparative religion, logic, ethical theory, existentialism, and pragmatism.

II. TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Subject Depth

To support the Philosophy Program of Study at Valdosta State University, the library will collect materials in the following subject areas, primarily at the Basic Study or Instructional Support Level (3A), but also at the Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level (3C), Basic Information Level, Introductory (2A), and the Research Level (4).

Subject Subdivision	Collecting Level
Aesthetics	3A
American Philosophy	3A
Applied Ethics	3A
Comparative Religion	3A
Comparative Religion	3A
Ethics	3A
Existentialism	3A
History of Philosophy	3C
Logic	2A
Philosophy of Education	4
Philosophy of Science	3A
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Religious Studies	3A

B. Specific Delimitations

Formats collected: Annuals, audiovisual, electronic, monographs, periodicals, and reference tools, extensively; Textbooks and microformat collections, selectively; Dissertations and maps are excluded.

Imprint dates collected: Current and 20th century publications, extensively; 19th Century and earlier materials, selectively.

Chronological focus: Topics from all time periods are collected extensively.

Languages collected: English language publications are collected extensively.

Places of publication: American, Canadian, and British materials, extensively; French, German, and Asia materials, selectively.