

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, the DPA, and the legal assistant studies degree courses. 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, legal assistant program students, graduate students in public administration, and faculty members in all of those programs.

C. Changes in User Population for most recent five years

The following changes have been noted in the user population during the last five years. A Doctoral Program of study in Political Science has been added to the curriculum. An online City Manager Track has been added to the curriculum, and a Political Science Honors Track has also been added to the curriculum.

D. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

The Model Senate, Model UN, and Mock Trial Teams will require additional research resources; the DPA has received final approval from the Board of Regents. The VSU Faculty Senate has approved the DPA curriculum and course proposals.

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. Additional specialized allocations are Legal Assistant Studies and Masters in Public Administration.

II. GENERAL SELECTION GUIDELINES

A. Treatment of Subject Depth

To support the Political Science Department, the library will collect materials in the following subject areas at the Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level (3C).

Political Science

| SUBJECT SUBDIVISION | COLLECTING LEVEL |
|---|------------------|
| American Government | 3C |
| American Government-Executives | 3C |
| American Government-Legislatures | 3C |
| American Government-Public Administration | 3C |
| American Government-State and local | 3C |
| Comparative/International | 3C |
| Methodology | 3C |
| Political Science | 3C |
| Political Theory | 3C |
| Public Law | 3C |

To support the Masters of Public Administration Program, the library will collect in the following subject areas primarily at the Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level (3C) and the Research Level (4).

Masters of Public Administration Program

| SUBJECT SUBDIVISION | COLLECTING LEVEL |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Budgeting | 4 |
| Computer Application | 3C |
| Economics | 3C |
| National Security | 4 |
| Organizational Behavior | 4 |
| Personnel | 4 |
| Policy Analysis | 4 |
| Public Administration | 4 |
| Public Policy | 3C |

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| Quantitative Methods | 4 |
| Nonprofit Organizations | 3C |
| Municipal Government | 3C |
| Metropolitan Government | 3C |
| Proposal Writing for Grants | 3C |

To support the Legal Assistants Program, the library will collect in the following subject areas primarily at the Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level (3C) and the Minimal Information Level, Uneven Coverage (1A).

Legal Assistants Program

| SUBJECT SUBDIVISION | COLLECTING LEVEL |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Digests | 3C |
| Law Dictionaries | 3C |
| Legal Encyclopedias | 3C |
| O.C.G.A. | 3C |
| Reporters | 3C |
| Shepard's | 3C |
| State Bar Journals | 1A |
| Texts on Legal Assistants | 1A |
| Texts, Practice Manuals | 2A |

B. Specific Delimitations

Formats collected:

Political Science: Annuals, electronic, maps, periodicals and reference tools, extensively; Audiovisual, dissertations, microformat collections and monographs, selectively; Textbooks are excluded.

Masters of Public Administration: Maps, monographs, periodicals, reference tools and textbooks extensively; Annuals, audiovisual, dissertations, electronic, and microformat collections, selectively.

Legal Assistant Program: Electronic, periodicals, reference tools and textbooks, extensively; Audiovisual, dissertations and microformat collections, selectively; Annuals, maps, and monographs are excluded.

Imprint Dates Collected: Current, extensively; The Legal Assistant Program excludes all pre-20th century materials.

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, extensively. The Legal Assistant Program excludes all pre-20th century materials.

Languages Collected: English, extensively.

Places of Publication: United States, extensively; United Kingdom, selectively.