

University of Waterloo Library

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Collection Development Policy for Germanic & Slavic Studies

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Persons Responsible for Collection

The decision to select library materials is the responsibility of the Liaison Librarian, in consultation with the Faculty Library Representative.

Department Description and Purpose

Materials are collected to support the teaching and research needs of students and faculty in the Germanic & Slavic Studies from the undergraduate to the PhD level. Teaching and research focus on:

- Applied linguistics
- German linguistics
- German film
- German literature
- German cultural studies
- Literary & cultural theory

The program also supports undergraduate language and culture courses for Croatian, Dutch, and Russian.

Scope of Coverage

Materials are collected in support of teaching and research in the above areas. Materials outside these areas may also be selectively acquired if related research is being conducted by individual faculty members or graduate students. A more specific breakdown is provided below in the section on subjects collected and collecting levels.

Languages in which materials are collected

Primarily German and English. English language translations of primary works are collected selectively.

Geographical areas (content)

German speaking areas of Europe are of principle interest, including Germany, Austria and Switzerland, as are works concerning Germans or German culture in other parts of the world.

Chronological Limits/Period Coverage (content)

Middle Ages to the present.

Places of publication

There are no specific limits.

Dates of publication

Emphasis is on current publications. Retrospective acquisitions are made when needed.

Types and Formats of Materials Collected

In general, the Library does not acquire materials in format for which access cannot be provided in the Library.

Types

Books
Periodicals
Reference works

Formats

Print
Electronic

Materials collected selectively: reprints and facsimiles, textbooks

Materials excluded: manuscripts and unpublished materials, pamphlets

Subjects Collected

(For further explanation about collecting levels see Appendix 1)

LC classification	Subject	Collection Level
P1-381	Applied and German linguistics	Research
DD60-68	German culture	Research
PF3001-5999	German language	Research
PN1993.5.G3, etc.	German film	Research
History of German Literature		
PT175-187	Medieval General - Middle High German General	Instructional
PT191-230	Middle High German (1050-1520)	Research
PT238-245	Early modern to 1700	Instructional
PT271-321	17th-18th centuries	Research
PT341-395	19th century	Research
PT401-405	20th century	Research
PT411-415	21 st century	Research
Folk Literature		
PT903	Chapbooks, Volksbücher	Instructional
PT915-941	Legends, fairy tales (Sagen, Heldensagen, Märchen)	Research
Individual authors or works		
PT1501-2728	Middle High German, ca. 1050-1450/1500 onwards	Research
Provincial, local, colonial, etc.		
PT3701-3971	GDR and diaspora	Research
PG1201-1749	Croatian language	Basic

DR1522, etc.	Croatian culture	Basic
PF1-979	Dutch language	Basic
DJ71, etc.	Dutch culture	Basic
PG2001-2826	Russian language	Basic
DK32-32.7, etc.	Russian culture	Basic

All collections are systematically reviewed for currency of information and to ensure that essential and important resources are retained. Superseded editions and titles containing outdated information are withdrawn as necessary. Classic retrospective materials are retained and preserved to serve the needs of historical research.

Other Resources Available

The Library explores opportunities for collaborative purchases with the Ontario Council of University Libraries and the Canadian Research Knowledge Network.

Other Collections

Materials acquired by other departments, especially Classical Studies (Medieval), English, Fine Arts (Film), History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Sociology continue to support the interdisciplinary aspects of Germanic & Slavic Studies subject areas.

UWaterloo's Special Collections Department houses a number of resources relevant to Germanic & Slavic Studies.

University of Waterloo Media Resources houses a collection of films relevant to Germanic & Slavic Studies searchable at <http://media.dymaxion.ca/htbin/wwform/082/wwk770>. In addition to that, the Germanic & Slavic Studies department houses its own film collection.

Special Co-operation with Laurier and Guelph University Libraries

Through the shared library catalogue, which contains all library materials in the Tri-University Group (TUG), students and faculty have access to the library resources of the University of Guelph and Wilfrid Laurier University, as well as the University of Waterloo, with the exception of online resources restricted by institution.

Online Documents

German Studies research guide, developed by the Liaison Librarian, is available at: <http://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/german>. Also includes links to course guides.

Applied Linguistics & Language Studies research guide, developed by the Liaison Librarian, is available at: <http://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/appliedlinguistics>. Also includes links to course guides.

The latest collection development policy may be accessed at: <https://uwaterloo.ca/library/about/policies-and-guidelines>

Appendix 1

Explanation of Levels of Collecting, adapted from RLG Guidelines

Levels of Collecting

Out of Scope

Materials to support research and curricula in this subject area are not covered in this Collection Policy Statement. Coverage of interdisciplinary subject areas and topics linked across departments can be identified with references to other Collection Policy Statements.

Basic Information/Reference Level

The collection serves to introduce and define the subject. Only the most important reference works, general surveys, the most significant works of major authors, and a limited selection of representative general periodicals are collected.

Instructional Support Level (Undergraduate)

The collection supports all courses of undergraduate study. Materials collected include a wide range of reference works, fundamental bibliographic tools, and an extensive collection of monographs and periodicals. Access to owned or remotely-accessed electronic resources, including texts, journals, data sets, etc. is provided.

Research Level

The collection includes major published source materials required for master's degree programmes, doctoral study and independent research in the subject. All formats, including appropriate foreign-language titles, are acquired. Historically important monographs, archival materials, and back-runs of serials are acquired as necessary.