

University of Waterloo Library

The accompanying Collection Development Policy statement is submitted by Liaison Librarian for the Department of French Studies, and is approved by the undersigned.

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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 French Studies from the undergraduate to the PhD level. Teaching and research focus on:

- French language
- French and francophone cultural studies
- French and francophone literary studies (Medieval period, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries)
- Linguistics & French sociolinguistics
- Digital humanities

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 individual faculty members or graduate students are conducting related research. A more specific breakdown is provided below in the section on subjects collected and collecting levels.

Languages in which materials are collected

French and English. English language translations of primary works are collected selectively.

Geographical areas (content)

French speaking areas of Europe and Canada are of principle interest, as are works concerning other francophone parts of the world.

Chronological periods (content)

13th century 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

Materials excluded: manuscripts and unpublished materials, pamphlets

Subjects Collected

(For further explanation about collecting levels see Appendix 1)

LC Classification	Subject	Collection Level
P1-769	Linguistics	Research
P40-40.5	Sociolinguistics	Research
PC2001-3761	French language	Instruction
PC2074.75	French sociolinguistics	Research
History of French Literature by period		
PQ151-221	Middle Ages	Research
PQ230-239	16 th century (Renaissance)	Research
PQ241-251	17 th century	Research
PQ261-276	18 th century	Research
PQ281-299	19 th century	Research
PQ305-310	20 th century	Research
PQ315-317	21 st century	Research
PS8001-	French-Canadian literature	Research
PS8131.Q4	Québécois literature	Research
PQ3809-3999	Francophone literatures	Research

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. Examples include ACLS Humanities E-Books, Canadian University Press (ACUP) Books, and CAIRN.

Other Waterloo Collections of Interest

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

Waterloo's [Special Collections & Archives Department](#) houses a number of titles and relevant to French Studies. Examples include Diderot's *Encyclopédie, ou dictionnaire raisonné des sciences, des arts et des métiers* (1777), Hémon's *Maria Chapdelaine* (1921), and *Lettres inédites de Madame de Sévigné à Madame de Grignan, sa fille* (1876).

University of Waterloo Media Resources houses a collection of films relevant to French Studies searchable at <http://media.dymaxion.ca/htbin/wwform/082/wwk770>.

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 Research Guides

French Studies research guide, developed by the Liaison Librarian <http://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/french>. Also includes links to course guides.

French-Canadian & Québécois Literatures research guide, developed by the Liaison Librarian http://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/french_can.

Francophone African & Caribbean Literatures research guide, developed by the Liaison Librarian http://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/fr_afr_carib.

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.