

University of Waterloo Library

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

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Department Chair

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Faculty Library Representative

Date: 2006



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Collection Development Policy statement for the Department of French Studies.

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Persons Responsible for Collection

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

Department Description and Purpose

Material is collected to support teaching and research to the master's level in French with emphasis on these areas: French and Francophone cultures, French film, French language, French and Francophone literatures, Québec and French Canadian culture, Québec and French Canadian literature, French sociolinguistics, literary and cultural theory, and text editing.

Scope of Coverage

Languages in which materials are collected

For primary texts, French is preferred. French and English language materials are preferred for secondary texts. English language translations of primary works are collected selectively.

Geographical areas (content)

Priority is given to materials covering the French speaking geographic areas.

Chronological periods (content)

Coverage extends from the early Middle Ages to the present.

Places of publication

There are no specific limits.

Dates of publication

Emphasis is on current publications. Whenever required, retrospective acquisitions are made.

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.

The following types and formats of materials are generally included:

Types
Books

Formats
Print

Periodicals
Newspapers
Reprints and facsimiles
Government documents
Dissertations and theses
Reference works
Conference proceedings
Collections/Commemorative volumes

Microforms
Electronic format

The following type of materials is collected selectively: Textbooks

The following types of materials are excluded: Manuscripts and unpublished materials, Pamphlets

The following formats of materials are excluded: Films, Slides

Subjects Collected

(For further explanation about collecting levels see Appendix 1)

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Collection Level</i>
Francophone culture	Research Level
Francophone literature	Research Level
French culture	Research Level
French film	Instructional Support Level
French language	Research Level
French literature	
Middle Ages	Research Level
16 th century (Renaissance)	Research Level
17 th century	Research Level
18 th century	Research Level
19 th century	Research Level
20 th century	Research Level
21 st century	Research Level
French sociolinguistics	Research Level
Québec and French Canadian culture	Research Level
Québec and French Canadian literature	Research Level

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 English, Fine Arts, Germanic and Slavic Studies, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Sociology also support the interdisciplinary aspects of the French studies area.

UW's Special Collections Department houses a number of resources relevant French.

The Language Laboratory in Modern Languages building provides current material for students enrolled in language courses.

Special co-operation with Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Guelph

Through the unified catalogue TRELIS, which contains all library materials in the Tri-University Group, 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.

Web Resources

A web page for French research, developed by the Liaison Librarian, can be accessed as **Subject Guide for French** at <http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/discipline/french/index.html> .

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.