

PHILOSOPHY

I. General Statement of Collection Development Policy

The Collection supports the study and research needs of faculty, and undergraduates in the Philosophy Department. In addition to general works in philosophy and the history of philosophy, the collection includes holdings in epistemology and metaphysics.

II. Description of the University Program

The Philosophy curriculum includes study in Ancient Greek Philosophy and Modern Philosophy in addition to logic, value theory, ethics, metaphysics and epistemology. Wake Forest offers an undergraduate major (B.A. degree) and a minor. Outstanding students may also participate in the Honors Program which requires research and the writing and oral defense of a thesis on a philosophical topic of their own choice under the supervision of a faculty member of the Department of Philosophy.

III. Interdisciplinary Elements of Subject Area

Materials purchased with the library budget for Philosophy may also support various departments as well as interdisciplinary programs or minors such as Asian Studies, Bioethics, Classical Studies, Divinity, History, and Religion.

IV. Formats and Types of Materials

Print and electronic materials such as books and periodicals will be the most common acquisitions, but microforms and audiovisuals are considered and added as needed. Preference may be given to electronic format, depending upon such factors as cost, availability of secure archives and the needs of the program. Duplicative format collecting is avoided.

In consonance with the academic endeavors of the University community, the emphasis is on scholarly critical works. The following types of materials are collected:

Monographs – The library collects research and major trade monographs.

Reference – The Reference Collection supports the curriculum emphases of the various academic programs and the information needs of the Wake Forest community. Major reference materials such as bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, indices and abstracts are collected.

Serials – A serials collection constitutes an integral part of the library's research resources in the Humanities. The serials collection represents the historical and current requirements of the Philosophy Department and will continue to be developed as new courses are added. Funds are also available for a limited number of interdisciplinary journals.

Abstracts and Indexes – The library subscribes to a broad range of databases covering disciplines in the Humanities.

Proceedings – Proceedings or reports of conferences, symposia and international congresses are collected selectively.

Theses and dissertations – Dissertations and theses which have not been commercially published are rarely acquired, and then only as specific faculty or student interest warrants.

Textbooks and Anthologies – In general the library does not acquire textbooks adopted as required texts for any given courses nor textbook-style anthologies. However, anthologies including previously unpublished or uncollected works may be considered for purchase.

Microforms – Microforms are purchased to fill in gaps in periodical holdings or in cases where the information is not available in electronic or print format.

Non-print materials – Video and audio materials that support the curriculum are purchased. Non-print format collecting is subject to change according to available presentation technology. Streaming video databases augment the collections of these resources.

V. Languages

The collection consists primarily of works in English. Original texts and supporting scholarship in other European languages, both classical and modern, will be acquired selectively, with the linguistic abilities and research interests of the faculty taken into consideration. English translations of these works will be acquired whenever possible. Subscription to journals in languages other than English will only include the essential ones.

VI. Geographic Areas (Subject Approach)

The primary focus of the collection is Representative works in important areas of non-Western philosophy, especially those written in English, are selectively collected to provide a general background or to satisfy specific research or teaching needs. Asian Studies program also contributes to the development of the holdings on Asian philosophy.

VII. Time Periods (Subject Approach)

All time periods are collected.

VIII. Dates of Publication

The collecting effort is directed primarily at current and recent scholarship. However, retrospective titles may be acquired in response to changes in the curriculum and other academic initiatives (new courses, minor and interdisciplinary programs), faculty research interests, and significant lacunae in the collection. Very selective retrospective purchasing may involve reprints, microform or electronic archives.

IX. Subject Area and Level of Collecting Intensity

Collecting intensity designations should reflect the Department's present and anticipated curriculum, and should be at levels that enable the Department to implement its academic program.

<u>LC</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Desired Level</u>
B108-708	Ancient Philosophy: Pre-Socratics to Roman (Plato, Aristotle)	3 (4)
B720-765	Medieval Philosophy (Aquinas, Anselm, Ockham)	3 (4)
B770-785	Renaissance	3
B790-5802	Modern (Heidegger)	3 (4)
B850-5739	Non-Western Philosophy (China)	2 (3)
BC;BD	Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic	4
BH	Aesthetics	3
BJ	Ethics	3
JC; K201-487	Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law	4

X. Deselecting Library Materials

The continuous review of library materials is important as a means of maintaining an active library collection. Materials will be withdrawn from the collection in accordance with the Deselection policy.