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Guidelines for International Studies

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1. Purpose.

Collections in International Studies support teaching and research consistent with the curriculum at a Doctoral University: Highest Research Activity under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education with undergraduate programs in the field.

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies offers five concentrations: European Studies, General Studies, International Social Justice Studies, Latin American Studies, and World Cinema. Ten minors are offered: African Studies, Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, Asian and Chinese Studies, European Studies, International Social Justice Studies, Italian Studies, Latin American Studies, Mediterranean Studies, Russian Studies, and World Cinema. These programs increase awareness of and sensitivity to the traditions, values, aspirations, and concerns of people in other parts of the world. Focusing on a wide range of cultural, social, economic, and political issues that confront the world community exposes the unique and/or comparative insights offered by a wide variety of cross-cultural disciplines and courses.

2. General Collection Guidelines.

A. Language.

English is preferred, but material in languages relative to the specific Area Studies (for example Spanish in Latin American Studies or Arabic in Middle Eastern Studies) may be purchased according to program needs.



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B. Chronology.

No limitations.

C. Geography.

No restrictions.

D. Publication Date.

Collecting efforts focus on current imprints.

E. Treatment of Subject.

Material providing critical, historical, bibliographic, or textual studies of the various areas are collected.

F. Types of Materials and Formats.

Monographic literature and a wide variety of reference works, including dictionaries, encyclopedias, and concordances, are acquired, as are relevant serial titles and selected proceedings. Fiction as well as non-fiction materials may be collected as needed to support programs. In general, there are few restrictions on format if the material is deemed essential for instructional support.

Textbooks are excluded.

3. Subjects and Collecting Levels.

Resources for International Studies are collected at an instructional support level (3).