



VCU

Libraries

Guidelines for Political Science

Table of Contents

1. Purpose
 2. General Collection Guidelines
 - A. Language
 - B. Chronology
 - C. Geography
 - D. Publication Date
 - E. Treatment of Subject
 - F. Types of Materials, Formats Collected
 3. Area Resources
 4. Related Subject Policy Statements
 5. Subjects and Collecting Levels
-

1. Purpose.

The collection in Political Science supports teaching and research for the Bachelor of Arts degree. The political science curriculum has two central objectives. First, it offers the students a broad liberal arts education and a comprehensive understanding of the nature and functioning of the political process and it also provides a sound foundation for graduate study in political science, public administration, and nonprofit management for careers that require a knowledge of government, political process and the law.

2. General Collection Guidelines.

A. Language.

English is the primary language of the collection.

B. Chronology.

Emphasis is on contemporary trends and issues.

C. Geography.

Emphasis is on the United States but also with a worldwide interest in foreign governments and affairs.



VCU
Libraries

D. Publication Date.

Primary emphasis is on current materials. Some retrospective ordering takes place to fill in gaps and for replacement.

E. Treatment of Subject.

Popular works and textbooks are not generally acquired. Professional and scholarly works that support the curriculum are acquired broadly.

F. Types of Materials and Formats.

Monographs and periodicals are the principal format. Also included are indexes, abstracts, dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, bibliographies, directories, government documents, and conference proceedings.

3. Area Resources.

The University of Richmond offers an undergraduate degree in political science. VCU students may use the facilities at the Boatwright Memorial Library. In addition, VCU is a partial depository for federal documents.

4. Related Subject Policy Statements.

See Government Documents and Public Administration policies.

5. Subjects and Collecting Levels.

Resources in Political Science relating to the areas of study for the Bachelor of Arts degree in the department are collected at the instructional level (3). These areas cover civil and human rights, international relations, politics and government and public policy and administration.