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Guidelines for Psychology

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1. Purpose.

Collections in Psychology support a research agenda consistent with programs at a Doctoral University: Highest Research Activity under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education with undergraduate and graduate programs in the field. The department is one of the strongest in the nation in the areas of health psychology and behavioral medicine, and in prevention science, including community-, school-, and family-focused interventions. The department's research also focuses on issues of diversity across all of these research specialty areas.

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology offers a standard curriculum and four concentrations: Life Sciences, Graduate School, Applied Psychology, and Urban Psychology. A minor in psychology also is offered.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology provides opportunities for study in four areas: Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology, Health Psychology, and General Psychology. General Psychology offers two concentrations: Developmental Psychology and Social Psychology. Students in all doctoral programs are required to successfully complete the core curriculum as part of the requirements for the M.S. degree.

2. General Collection Guidelines.

A. Language.

English is the primary language of the collection.



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E. Treatment of Subject.

There is a strong emphasis on techniques and research methods involving the use of statistics, mathematical models, and computer applications. History of psychology is collected broadly. Tests are acquired selectively, although theoretical and methodological materials on testing are ordered. Materials on quantitative methods, clinical applications, and professional utilization are collected. Textbooks are excluded.

F. Types of Materials and Formats.

Periodicals and monographs are the principal format. Also included are indexes, abstracts, dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, bibliographies, directories, conference proceedings, media in various formats, databases, data sets, research collections, and government documents.

3. Subjects and Collecting Levels.

Psychology is collected at a research level (4).