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# Guidelines for Economics

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### **1. Purpose.**

The collection in economics provides support to the Department of Economics degree programs and research. The Department of Economics offers two undergraduate degree programs: the Bachelor of Science in economics, conferred by the College of Humanities and Sciences, and the Bachelor of Science in economics, conferred by the School of Business. Undergraduate work in economics serves as excellent preparation for careers in business, government and teaching as well as for graduate work in economics, and professional schools such as law, public administration and medicine. Students can also minor in economics.

The Department of Economics also offers a Masters of Arts Degree in Economics. The core courses of this degree focus on state-of-the-art modeling and data analysis skills. Students can choose a concentration in financial economics, health economics or statistics or select a customizable general option.

### **2. General Collection Guidelines.**

#### **A. Language.**

English is the primary language of the collection.



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#### **B. Chronology.**

The emphasis is on current developments. Materials collected should also include a representative survey of various periods and various philosophies of economic thought, economic history, and economic development as they relate to the curriculum.

#### **C. Geography.**

Emphasis is on the United States and includes international resources.

#### **D. Publication Date.**

The emphasis is on current publications. Some retrospective purchasing takes place to fill in gaps and replace missing items.

#### **E. Treatment of Subject.**

Professional and scholarly works that support the curriculum are acquired broadly. Upper division and graduate texts are acquired selectively. Popular works and lower division textbooks are not generally ordered.

#### **F. Types of Materials and Formats.**

Monographs, periodicals, and electronic resources are the principal formats. Also included are handbooks, conference proceedings, and data sets.

### **3. Area Resources.**

The University of Richmond's Boatwright Memorial Library has a business and economics collection which is available to VCU students. The Federal Reserve Bank Library is available to the VCU community by appointment. The State Library of Virginia and the Richmond Public Library are available to the VCU community.

### **4. Related Subject Policy Statements.**

See Business, Public Administration and Government Documents.

### **5. Subjects and Collecting Levels.**

Resources in Economics relating to the areas of study in the School of Business, the College of Humanities and Sciences and the Experimental Laboratory for Economics and Business research are collected at the research level

(4). These areas cover Economic Theory, Micro - and Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Experimental Economics, and Mathematical Economics.