

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

CLASSIFICATION: HB-HJ (ECONOMICS)

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General Purpose: To support undergraduate course work in economics, faculty research, and interdisciplinary studies, as well as general information in the area of financial services.

Collection Level Intensity: Introductory research.

Geographical Areas: No limits regarding countries.

Chronological Periods: No limits for time periods, although primary interest concerns current economic trends.

Types of Materials Collected: Serials/periodicals and monographs are collected moderately due to usage and variety in range of materials and course work which they support. Also, journals tend to be specific. Abstracts, indexes, and bibliographies range from general to specific subject treatment. Reference sources include almanacs, directories, handbooks, yearbooks, dictionaries, and encyclopedias. Electronic sources include online databases, CD-ROMs, and evaluated Internet Web sites.

Types of Materials Excluded: Audiovisual materials and newsletters.

Other Factors: Economics contributes also to geography, history, operations research, management, political science, social science, and international affairs. Collection development should reflect these interdisciplinary aspects as well.

Subjects and Collecting Levels:

HB Economic Theory, Demography
HC Economic History
HD Land, Agriculture, Industry, Labor
HE Transportation and Communication
HF Commerce
HG Finance
HJ Public Finance

Collection policy should include a few graduate selections, but be directed primarily toward undergraduate materials with emphasis on current trends, especially in relation to the US and world economy. The collection should contain timely materials pertaining to global and local economic issues. General coverage should be available for macroeconomics, microeconomics and price theory, quantitative economic models, labor economics, econometrics, public finance, and monetary economics. A heavier emphasis should be placed on comparative economic systems, international economic issues, economic and development policies for major foreign countries or organizations (e.g. Russia, China, Japan,

EU), and defense economics. In addition, the management collection requires publications on management theory, statistics, accounting, management science techniques, operations research, human resource management, finance, organizational theory, administrative theory, marketing, and systems acquisition and management. Materials are mainly in English.

Weeding Criteria: This process considers inclusion in Books for College Libraries, timeliness or research value of material, number of sources on topic, age of resource, circulation, number of copies, whether part of a set, and physical condition.

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