

## COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

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**CLASSIFICATION: B-BD, BH, BJ (PHILOSOPHY)**

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**General Purpose:** Support of undergraduate teaching and research. Core Curriculum: one course in ethics. The Cadet Wing also has an ethics education program as part of military training. A Philosophy minor is offered, and a Philosophy option, other than the core Ethics course, is required for the Humanities major and available to the English major. We give some support to individual faculty research projects, which are usually for Ph.D. programs.

**Collection Level Intensity:** Introductory research.

**Geographical Areas:** Primarily United States and Western Europe.

**Chronological Periods:** No limits.

**Types of Material Collected:** Dictionaries, encyclopedias, bibliographies, monographs, serials, some textbooks, indexes, directories, and pamphlets. Electronic sources include online databases, CD-ROMs, and evaluated Internet web sites.

**Other Factors:** Related disciplines include science, religion, mathematics, literature, political science, the arts, and military studies.

**Subjects and Collecting Levels:**

- Ethics and moral theory, especially in relation to the military: comprehensive in-depth treatment including reference materials, many monographs, professional journals, specialized bibliographies, indexes.
- Philosophy of Science, Applied Reasoning, American Philosophy, Great Philosophers, Philosophy of Law, and Medical Ethics: moderate working collection of reference materials, important monographs, representative journals, and major indexing tools.
- All others: basic introductory collection of general reference materials, selected monographs and journals.
- English language with some German and French.

**Weeding Criteria:** Most philosophy books do not become outdated. Circulation is often low and is not necessarily a guide for weeding. Titles listed in Books for College Libraries are retained unless superseded by more recent editions. Duplicate copies of low-usage books, superseded editions, old textbooks, and outdated anthologies are candidates for weeding.

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