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Purpose of the collection:

The Anthropology collection of Western Libraries is intended to support the research activities of faculty, students and staff and the instructional requirements of undergraduate and graduate programs. The collection also provides support for teaching and research in a wide variety of related fields such as First Nations Studies, Geography, Sociology, Biology, and History.

The Weldon Library is the primary location for material supporting the research and instructional needs of the Anthropology department.

Program information:

The Anthropology undergraduate programs include: Major in Bioarchaeology and Physical Anthropology, Major in Sociocultural Anthropology, Major in Linguistic Anthropology, Honors Specialization in Anthropology, Specialization in Anthropology, Minor in Anthropology. The Anthropology program is a participant in the following interdisciplinary minor programs: Minor in Refugee and Migration Studies, Minor in Environment and Culture. See http://anthropology.uwo.ca/uprog_modules.html The Anthropology department is also a key participant in the Interfaculty Program in Linguistics, and has close ties to the First Nations Studies Program.

The Anthropology graduate programs include: Sociocultural Anthropology (MA or PhD), Archaeology & Bioarchaeology (MA & PhD) and Applied Archaeology (MA). The Department of Anthropology also participates in the following collaborative graduate programs: Environment and Sustainability and Migration and Ethnic Relations.

Subject areas covered:

Subject areas covered in support of research and teaching are described on the Department of Anthropology website http://anthropology.uwo.ca/about.html (accessed June 2014). Research is “divided into three major research areas: Sociocultural Anthropology, Archaeology and Bioarchaeology, and Linguistic Anthropology. Areas of specialization include:
Archaeology and Bioarchaeology

These are multidisciplinary fields of study that combine anthropological theory with methods from the social and natural sciences to illuminate the intersection between cultural, environmental and biological systems as they existed in the past. In [the] department [they] focus on: 1) diet, disease, and demography, 2) paleoanthropology and ecology, 3) social, economic and political organization and change and 4) applied archaeology. Ancient cultural and biological remains are analysed using traditional and modern scientific techniques (DNA, chemical, imaging, survey).

Environment, culture and political ecology

[A] cluster of interests which takes the social and political dimensions of environmental use as its point of departure. The range of issues addressed in [the department’s] work includes the intersection between scientific and traditional knowledge in natural resource management, sustainability in rural and urban settings, the community-nature interface in primate conservation, the production and consumption of global commodities, and the political ecology of resource frontiers.

Borders, identities and mobility

[T]his research strand deals with identities and the movement of people (forced and voluntary) in relation to shifting, disappearing and emerging borders/boundaries in the past and present. Our work in this area covers topics including refugees, displacement and identity, labour migration, the history of borderlands and indigenous peoples, and First Nations patterns of movement between towns and reserves.

First Nations research

A cross-cutting focus is on First Nations research (with a range of interdisciplinary links), which has supported the establishment of the First Nations Studies Program.

Regional expertise

Researchers have regional expertise in:

- North America
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- North Africa and the Middle East
- Sub-Saharan Africa and Madagascar
- The Pacific

Appendix A: Library of Congress Subject Classification Ranges attempts, in part, to match faculty and graduate student research and teaching interests to LC ranges.
Physical format

Acquisitions will include resources in all types of formats with a preference for digital format when suitable. Examples of frequently acquired materials include, but are not limited to, books, journals, databases and other digital resources.

Accessibility:

Western Libraries is committed to providing an environment for all library users to engage in research and scholarship. Accordingly, preference will be given to e-resources with interfaces that are accessible via screen readers and those which offer accessible format download options (i.e., versions that are machine-readable). Further information about research support through Western Libraries’ Accessibility Services is available at: http://www.lib.uwo.ca/accessibility.

Language:

English is the primary language of the collection and materials in other languages may be acquired to support the curriculum. English translations of major works in other languages are also acquired.

Source of publication

Sources of publication are primarily Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Western Europe. Material published in other regions may be considered on request and will be evaluated for quality and relevance.

Date of publication:

Materials with a recent imprint date are preferred. Older material will be considered upon request.

Geographic Scope:

See Subject Areas Covered / Regional expertise.

Chronological period:

There are no specific chronological limitations in terms of teaching and research; departmental interests span prehistory to the present.
Exclusions:

With the exception of individual requests and some selective acquisitions, the following types of material are not acquired: popular literature, conference proceedings, theses or dissertations from other institutions, course textbooks.

Related collections and cooperation

The Western Libraries collection for Anthropology is supplemented by collections in related fields, such as Biology, Geology, Geography, History, Linguistics, Sociology and Political Science.

Western Libraries also participates in cooperative agreements for interlibrary loans and offers a subsidized interlibrary loan service through the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) RACER system.

Gifts

The library gratefully accepts gifts of materials in good condition which are within the scope of coverage for its collection and which the library either does not already own or does not own in sufficient depth to support teaching and research needs.

Receipts for tax purposes are issued in accordance with the Western Libraries policy for gifts. Those wishing to make donations should contact the Subject Librarian for Anthropology.

Managing the collection

In order to ensure that collections remain optimally useful for our patrons, it is necessary to analyze collection usage and available space regularly. Items will need to be selectively removed from the active collection from time to time.

Serial subscriptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and the active collection is based on a number of criteria that include, but are not limited to, a review of usage and the level to which the title supports research and/or teaching. Requests for new journal subscriptions, subject-specific databases or digital collections are subject to library approval and contingent on available funds.

Duplicate items that are no longer required to support the curriculum, and damaged items that can no longer be replaced may be removed from the active collection at the discretion of the Subject Librarian. Items that are unique to Western may be transferred to a storage facility and material housed in these storage facilities is available on request through the Library Catalogue.

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Criteria for transfer selection include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Outdated or previous editions of titles
2) Medium- to low-use items
3) Material that is available in alternate formats, i.e., online.
4) Materials that would benefit from storage in a more controlled environment.

Consult the Subject Librarian for further details about these criteria.

**Resources to aid in acquisition of material:**

The majority of monograph purchases for Anthropology are acquired through the use of a monographs profile with the book vendor Coutts/Ingram. Patrons have two avenues for becoming involved with the acquisition of materials: They can make recommendations for the collection through the online form available at [https://www.lib.uwo.ca/acquire.html](https://www.lib.uwo.ca/acquire.html) or they may select books through the Demand Driven Acquisition process, by automatically triggering purchase and immediate access to previously non-owned e-books listed in our catalogue.

In addition, other resources aid the selector in identifying appropriate materials for the Anthropology collection such as review sources, subject specific periodicals and comparator collections at other institutions.
Appendix A: Library of Congress Subject Classification Ranges

Faculty and graduate students were surveyed in 2011 regarding library monograph purchases vis a vis their research and teaching interests. That survey attempted, in part, to match faculty and graduate student research and teaching interests to Library of Congress call number ranges related to Anthropology. Note that only higher level headings were included for the sake of brevity. The following call number ranges were of interest to researchers, and will be collected for:

CC - Archeology
CC135-137 - Preservation, restoration, and conservation of antiquities
CC176 - Extinct cities
CC700-705 - Stone heaps, cairns, etc., of unknown purpose
DT1-3415 - History of Africa
DT6.7 - Geography
DT7-12.25 - Description and travel
DT14 - Social life and customs. Civilization. Intellectual life
DT15-16 - Ethnography
DT43-154 - Egypt
DT154.1-159.9 - Sudan. Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
DT160-177 - North Africa
DT348-363.3 - Central Sub-Saharan Africa
DT365-469 - Eastern Africa
DT470-671 - West Africa. West Coast
DT1001-1190 - Southern Africa
DU1-950 - History of Oceania (South Seas)
DU28 - Social life and customs. Social antiquities. Ethnography
DU490 - Melanesia (General)
DU500 - Micronesia (General)
DU510 - Polynesia (General)
DU620-629 - Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii
DU739-747 - New Guinea
DU810-819 - Samoan Islands
Class E - History America
E31-49.2 - North America
E51-73 - Pre-Columbian America. The Indians
E75-99 - Indians of North America
E101-135 - Discovery of America and early explorations
E141-143 - Descriptive accounts of America. Earliest to 1810
F1421-1440 - History of the Americas - Central America
F1601-1629 - History of the Americas - West Indies
GN - Anthropology
GN33.8 - Feminist anthropology
GN49-298 - Physical anthropology. Somatology
GN51-59 - Anthropometry
GN62.8-265 - Human variation
GN269-279 - Race (General)
Anthropology-related subjects for which material is collected by the Taylor Library include the following:

- Biological Anthropology
- Geology
- Medical Anthropology
- Primatology

Specific book requests from such subjects sent to the Subject Librarian will be forwarded to the appropriate Taylor Collections Librarian.