Western Libraries
Collections Management Policy
Classical Studies

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Purpose of the Collection:
The Classical Studies collection of Western Libraries is intended to support the research activities of faculty, students and staff and the instructional requirements of the department’s undergraduate and graduate programs. The D.B. Weldon Library is the primary location for material supporting the research and instructional needs of the Classical Studies department. Weldon Library serves the faculties of Arts & Humanities, Information & Media Studies and Social Science and is the largest of the eight physical locations of Western Libraries.

Program Information:
The Classical Studies department at Western offers degrees at the undergraduate, Masters and Doctoral levels. The courses taught in the department are organized into three branches:

- Classical Studies covering virtually all aspects of the Greek and Roman world including archaeology and ancient art, culture and technology, education, gender and sexuality, history, law, literature, mythology and religion, philosophy, sport, warfare and the study of women in the Greek and Roman world.

- Greek: Greek prose composition is taught; the main emphasis, however, is on the comprehension and translation of Greek literature in all genres.

- Latin: prose composition is taught, but the emphasis is on the comprehension and translation of Latin literature in all genres.

Research and teaching in the area of Classical Studies requires access to primary texts in both print and electronic formats as well as availability of a wide range of secondary materials related to those texts. Four standard text series are produced that should be included in the collection (i.e. Loeb Classical Library, Bibliotheca Scriptorum Graecorum et Romanorum Teubneriana, Collection Budé, and Scriptorum classicorum bibliotheca Oxoniensis). It is also important to ensure that the most current critical editions of ancient texts and up-to-date resources related to archaeological research is available.
Because of the interdisciplinary nature of Classical Studies, many students in the courses taught in the department are undertaking studies in related fields such as Anthropology, Philosophy, History, English, and Visual Arts. Students in two new programs: a graduate program in Ancient Philosophy (offered jointly with the Philosophy department) and the new School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and Humanities also make use of library resources for Classical Studies.

**Subjects covered:**

The collection supports all aspects of Classical Studies that are taught in Western’s Classical Studies department. A listing of Library of Congress subject areas of focus can be found in Appendix A. Materials specifically dealing with archaeology may also be selected and acquired by the Anthropology Librarian. The Visual Arts Librarian has primary responsibility for selecting and acquiring material dealing with fine art in the ancient world.

**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](http://www.lib.uwo.ca/accessibility).

**Language:**

English is the primary language of collection for secondary material. Material with Latin or Greek text is regularly acquired to support teaching and research. Also, materials in the primary languages of Classical scholarship, including French, German, Italian and Spanish will be acquired as needed. Publications in other European languages may be acquired selectively or on request.

**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. Due to the nature of the subject matter, older material may often be requested. The librarian may need to request items through the used book market to satisfy these requests.

Geographic scope:

Material acquired to support research and teaching in the department of Classical Studies focuses on the language, culture and history of ancient Greece and Rome. Material dealing with other ancient civilizations is acquired selectively.

Chronological Period:

Material acquired to support the work of students and researchers in the department will deal with the period from the third millennium BCE to 1000 CE.

Exclusions:

Western Libraries does not collect material in modern Greek literature and its related criticism, nor are works in or about mediaeval, humanistic or modern Latin acquired. Generally, the following formats are excluded from Classical Studies: antiquarian materials, original manuscripts and materials relating to numismatics.

Related collections and cooperation:

The Western Libraries collection for Classical Studies is supplemented by collections in related fields, such as Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Visual Arts and Women’s Studies and by access to materials in Western’s affiliated University College Libraries.

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.

In addition Western libraries participates in consortial buying agreements with OCUL and other university consortia that allow us to take advantage of group discounts for a wide range of information resources and services.

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 “Guidelines for Gifts-in-Kind”. Those wishing to make donations should contact the Subject Librarian for Classical Studies.
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.

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 material for Classical Studies is received as a result of the implementation of a vendor approval profile that is regularly reviewed by the Classical Studies Librarian. The Classical Studies Librarian makes discretionary purchases for material requested by faculty and students and for items identified through regular review of publications such as Bryn Mawr Classical Review, Classical Journal, Classical Review, Gnomon, Choice and Library Journal.

In addition, patrons have two avenues for becoming involved with the acquisition of materials: they are encouraged 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) and they may also select books through the Demand Driven Acquisition process, by making use of e-books accessible through the Library Catalogue that have not yet been purchased.
APPENDIX A
Classical Studies
Subject Areas of Focus by Call Number

Philosophy:
B165-491 – Greece
B504-626 - Greco-Roman philosophy
B630-708 - Alexandrian and early Christian philosophy

Religions, Mythology, Rationalism:
BL300-325 - The myth. Comparative mythology
BL700-820 - Classical (Etruscan, Greek, Roman)

Archaeology:
CC176 - Extinct cities
CN120-740 - Ancient inscriptions
CN750-753 - Early Christian inscriptions

History:
DA145-149 England. History. Romans
DE1-100 - History of the Greco-Roman world
DF10-289 - Ancient Greece
DF501-649 - Medieval Greece. Byzantine Empire, 323-1453
DG11-365 - Ancient Italy. Rome to 476
DT24 - Africa as known to the ancients. History and description
DT25 – Africa - Early through 1500
DT168-169.5 – Africa - Carthaginian period
DT170 – Africa - Roman period, 146 B.C.-439 A.D.
DT269.C3-269.C38 - Carthage. Carthaginian Empire

Recreation, Leisure:
GV17-38 - Ancient. Classical games, etc.

Economics:
HB77 – Ancient economic theory
HC31-39 – Economic History and Conditions in Antiquity
HD125-139 – Land Use – Ancient
HG237 – Finance History – Ancient

Sociology:
HQ505-512 – The Family, Marriage and Women in Antiquity
HQ1166 – Latin should be 1127-1136
HS131 - Ancient Societies (secret, benevolent, etc) to A.D. 500
HT114 – Urban sociology - The ancient city
HT863 - History of Slavery in the Ancient World
HT979 – The Slave Trade in the Ancient World

Political Science:
JC71-75 – Greece
JC81-89 – Rome

Law:
K430-442 - Ancient (To 500 A.D.)
KJA2-3660 - Roman law
Education:
LA71-81 – Classic
LB85 - Greek educators and writers, A-Z
LB91 - Roman educators and writers, A-Z

Classical Philology:
PA39-50 - Criticism. Interpretation (Hermeneutics)
PA51-72 – History
PA83-85 – Biography
PA91-99 - General works
PA111-199 - Greek and Latin languages
PA201-899 - Greek philology and language
PA2001-2915 - Latin philology and language
PA3000-3049 - Classical literature
PA3050-4505 - Greek literature
PA5000-5600 - Byzantine literature
PA6000-6971 - Roman literature
PA8001-8445 - Medieval Latin literature
PR127 - English Literature. Relation to other literature and countries. Ancient.

Medicine:
R126 - Ancient Greek
R127 - Ancient Latin
RG59 - Greek and Roman

Military Science:
U29-35 – Ancient

Naval Science:
V29-41 - Ancient history

Bibliography, Library Sciences, Information Resources:
Z105-115.5 - Manuscripts. Paleography
Z281 - Antiquity and Middle Ages
Z6202 – Ancient
Z7016-7028 - Classical languages and literatures