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Collections Management Policy
For Economics

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Purpose of the Collection:

The Economics 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 D.B. Weldon Library is the primary location for material supporting the research and instructional needs of the Economics department. The D.B. 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 Economics Department in the Faculty of Social Science offers an undergraduate program with Honors Specialization in Economics and an undergraduate program coordinated with the Richard Ivey School of Business. The latter offers a BA in Honors Business Administration (HBA) and a BA (Honors) in Economics in one of the Honors Specialization modules offered in the Department of Economics: Economics Honors Specialization, Global Economics Honors Specialization, or Economics, Politics and Philosophy Honors Specialization. An undergraduate Major in Economics and a Major in Financial Economics are offered to students pursuing a combined degree with the study of another discipline as part of an Honors Double Major degree.

The Economics Department offers a Graduate program at the Masters and Ph.D. levels. Masters students enroll in the Ph.D. stream Master’s program. Students at the graduate level must possess a solid core understanding of macroeconomics, microeconomics, econometrics and mathematics.

The research and the teaching interests of faculty members in Economics are varied. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: unemployment, international trade, labour economics, economic history, tax policy, the determination of wages and incomes, financial economics, Chinese economic development, health and retirement economics, economic growth and development; game theory, economics of education, human capital, economics of information, economics of crime, political extremism and terrorism, personal bankruptcy and marriage and the family.

Additional areas of research specialization are represented in several Research Centres and Research Groups:
• Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI)
• Centre for the Study of International Economic Relations (CSIER)
• CIBC Centre for Human Capital and Productivity (CIBC)
• Political Economy Research Group (PERG)
• China Research and Policy Group
• Western-CIGI-China-Ontario Project

Subject Areas Covered:

The collection supports all aspects of Economics taught in Western’s Economics department. A listing of Library of Congress subject areas for Economics can be found in Appendix A. The research and instructional needs of students, faculty and staff in Economics are also addressed by collections in Political Science, Business, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science and Law.

Special Collections: Government Information

Government information provides a rich primary research resource for studies in Economics. Research and teaching in Economics is supported by The D.B. Weldon Library, a Canadian Federal Full Depository Library (DSP). The D.B. Weldon Library receives all electronic and print publications distributed by the Canadian DSP, providing bibliographic access, long-term preservation, reference services, inter-library loan and many other public services that ensure free and ongoing access to published government information.

Canadian Federal Publications Collected: (electronic and print)

• Parliamentary materials - debates, committee procedures, and reports
• Statutory materials - bills, acts, regulations, cumulative revisions of acts and regulations
• Statistical publications - monographs and serials
• Royal Commissions and Task Force reports
• Department and/or agency reports
• Reference publications
• Publications of Canadian crown corporations
• Maps accompanying government publications such as ethnographic, census, demographic, land use, etc.
• Maps distributed through the Map and Chart Depository program (Map Library)
• Special studies, policy statements, and periodicals of departments, commissions, crown corporations, and agencies.

Official publications - Statistics
Collecting statistical publications from national governments, international organizations, and other bodies is a priority for the Economics Collection Policy. The focus of collecting has been annual abstracts; population censuses; trade statistics; and national accounts.
International Governmental Information:

Western Libraries is a selective depository for various regional and international organizations: the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Union, Asian Development Bank, and the OECD. Selected official publications are collected from the United Kingdom as are federal publications from the United States. For other countries, collection criteria are highly discriminatory.

Regional and International Interests:
Both comprehensive and selective acquisition activities occur for publications (e-preferred) from the OECD, the European Union, the United Nations, the Organization of American States and the World Trade Organization (formerly GATT)

Economic development
Publications (e-preferred) from development organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program are selected.

Western Libraries collects specialized government data resources based on research need and the availability of appropriate financial resources. China Data Online, for example, offers access to monthly and yearly reports on China's macroeconomic development, statistical databases about China's population and economy at the provincial, county, and city level. This resource also provides access to statistical yearbooks, census data, industrial and marketing surveys.

Format:

Acquisitions will include monographs, monographic series, and journals. The primary output for scholars in Economics is articles. Resources, particularly journals, in digital format are preferentially selected over their print counterparts. Monographs are collected in print and digital format. Both e-books (the preferred format) and print monographs related to Economics topics are acquired individually, depending on projected usage, and as part of institution-wide collections from major publishers. Scholarly periodical subscriptions may be added to the collection when funding permits. Documentary and feature films, with Public Performance Rights, are purchased in DVD and streaming format to support specific curriculum needs. Resources are considered on an individual request basis in CD-ROM, video and microform formats. Current reference works, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks etc., are acquired to support research and instruction in Economics. Reference resources are selected as e-preferred resources. Government documents are collected, as noted under Government Information, in a variety of formats and from numerous sources. Electronic access is preferred for government documents.

Language:

English is the primary language of collection. 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. The research and teaching in Economics concentrates, for the most part, on the contemporary period with emphasis on the 20th and 21st centuries.

Geographic scope:

The emphasis is on titles published in North America, Western Europe and Latin America. Materials from Eastern Europe, South Asia, East Asia, and the Middle East are selectively acquired. Geographic coverage is, however, world-wide with no regions explicitly omitted and research resources from all countries selected based on research need.

Exclusions:

With the exception of individual requests and some selective acquisitions, the following types of material are not normally acquired:

- Course textbooks
- Practitioners' tools
- Self-help publications
- Popular treatments
- Books of readings
- Dissertations
- Proceedings

Textbooks may be selectively acquired per the request of a faculty member for placement on reserve. Textbooks which are given to the library as gifts are selectively acquired.

Related collections and cooperation:

The Western Libraries collection for Economics is supplemented by collections in related fields of History, Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Law, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics & Actuarial Science and Business. The C.B. “Bud” Johnston Library plays a particularly important role in providing support to Economics
and combined Economics and Richard Ivey School of Business programs. Through Western Libraries and the C.B. “Bud” Johnston Library researchers and students in Economics have access to resources such as: Datastream, Bloomberg, Thomson One, IBIS World, Mergent Online, Economist Intelligence Unit, Standard & Poor’s, Compustat, CRSP (Centre for Research in Security Prices) , Marketline and Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS).

Collections in the Map & Data Library supplement and are related to Economics research and teaching. Acquisitions from affiliated university colleges, King’s University College, Huron University College and Brescia University College similarly support Economics research and instruction.

**Map, Data and Government Information Collections**

Access to data and statistics is vital for the effective study of topics in Economics. This access is provided by Western Libraries Map, Data and Government Information collections and services. Western Libraries provides access to the Equinox Data Delivery System providing access to data made available through Statistics Canada’s Data Liberation Initiative (DLI) as well as selected data from the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and provides pointers to other sources of data (e.g., the “Official Statistics” web site) and includes documentation about data files. Access to print and online documentation about data sets, and selected software manuals, is also provided by the Map and Data Centre.

Through the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), Economics faculty and students have access to the <odesi> data delivery system. <odesi> provides researchers with access to datasets in a web-based data extraction system. <odesi> provides access to DLI data, to Canadian Gallup Polls and to IPSOS-REID public opinion surveys, and discovery access to files from ICPSR and the Canadian Opinion Research Archive.

**Interlibrary Loan (RACER):**

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service, through the RACER online system, supports the research and scholarship needs of the Western community by attempting to borrow materials not owned by Western Libraries, the Affiliated University College Libraries (Brescia, Huron, King's) and St. Peter's Seminary or any of the campus resource centres (e.g., the FIMS Graduate Resource Centre).

**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 Economics.
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.

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 collection at the discretion of the Subject Librarian.

Items that are unique to Western may be transferred to a storage facility. 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 Economics for additional details about these criteria.

Resources to aid in acquisition of material:

The majority of material for Economics is received as a result of the implementation of a vendor approval profile that is regularly reviewed by the Economics Librarian. In addition, a patron driven acquisition program for e-books has been implemented for Economics. This program facilitates a just-in-time acquisitions model that ensures needed resources are acquired immediately for priority areas of research. Records for e-books are added to the Shared Library Catalogue and purchase is triggered by students and faculty upon discovery. This ensures that the library’s financial resources are directed toward the most important resources and that they are immediately accessible. Discretionary purchases are regularly made by the Subject Librarian for material requested by faculty and graduate students and for items identified through regular review of publications such as *Choice Reviews for Academic Libraries* and *Library Journal*, referrals: reviews sent directly to the Economics Subject Librarian from publishers, faculty and graduate students and from a number of scholarly journals in the discipline and professional associations such as the National Bureau of Economic Research. Contacts with the faculty and graduate students and reviews of the scholarly literature are essential to make sure relevant research resources are obtained in a timely manner.
Appendix A: Subject Classifications (Call Numbers) for Economics Selections

Subject Areas:
- Commerce
- International trade
- History of economic thought
- Political economy
- Economic theory
- Finance, Money; monetary policy; financial institutions
- Banking; international finance; debt; investment
- Corporate finance
- Public finance; taxation
- Development economics
- Urban/regional economics
- Environmental economics
- Transportation economics
- Labour
- Economics of social policy
- International economic integration

HB - Economic theory. Demography

HB1-847 - Economic theory
HB21 - Congresses
HB61 - Dictionaries. Encyclopedias
HB71-74 - Economics as a science. Relation to other subjects
HB74.2-74.4 - Communication of information
HB74.5-74.9 - Study and teaching. Research
HB75-130 - History of economics. History of economic theory
HB101-129.5 - By region or country
HB131-147 - Methodology
HB131 - General works
HB133 - Information theory in economics. Economic cybernetics
HB135-147 - Mathematical economics. Quantitative methods
HB151-180 - General works
HB151-159 - Before Adam Smith to 1776/1789
HB161-169 - Classical period, 1776-1789-1843/1876
HB171-180 - Recent, 1843-1876-
HB195 - Economics of war
HB201-206 - Value. Utility
HB221-236 - Price
HB238 - Competition. Monopolistic competition
HB241 - Production. Theory of the firm. Supply-side economics
HB251 - Wealth
HB401 - Rent
HB501 - Capital. Capitalism
HB522-715 - Income. Factor shares
   HB522 - General works
HB523 - Income distribution. Distributive justice
HB525 - Permanent income theory
HB531-551 - Interest
HB601 - Profit
HB701-715 - Property
HB801-843 - Consumption. Demand
   HB820-841 - Household consumption. Consumer demand
   HB835 - Ethics of consumption and wealth
HB846-846.8 - Welfare theory
HB848-3697 - Demography. Vital events
HB851-853 - History of demography
HB855-865 - Biography
HB867-871 - General works
HB1951-2578 - Population geography. Migration
HB2581-2788 - Professions. Occupations
HB3501-3697 - By region or country
HB3711-3840 - Business cycles. Economic fluctuations
   HB3711 - General works
HB3714 - History of theories
HB3716-3717 - History of crises
HB3718-3728.5 - Relation to special topics
   HB3722-3725 - Finance and cycles. Financial crises
HB3729 - Long waves. Kondratieff cycles
HB3730 - Economic forecasting
HB3732 - Economic stabilization
HB3741-3840 - By region or country

**HC - Economic history and conditions**
HC10-1085 - Economic history and conditions
   HC13 - Congresses
HC15 - Dictionaries. Encyclopedias
HC21 - General works
HC28-28.5 - Study and teaching. Research
HC29 - Biography
HC31-60.5 - History
HC79 - Special topics, A-Z
   HC79.C3 - Capital. Capital productivity. Infrastructure
HC79.C6 - Consumer demand. Consumers. Consumption
HC79.D45 - Disasters, Economic impact of
HC79.D5 - Distribution of industry. Industrial location
HC79.E44 - Economic development projects
HC79.E5 - Environmental policy and economic development. Sustainable de
HC79.H53 - High technology industries
HC79.I5 - Income. Income distribution. National income
HC79.I55 - Information technology. Information economy
HC79.L35 - Labor productivity
HC79.P55 - Pollution
HC79.P6 - Poor. Poverty
HC79.S6 - Socialist competition. Stakhanov movement
HC79.T4 - Technological innovations. Technology transfer
HC79.T5 - Economic history and conditions. Technological innovations. T
HC79.W3 - Waste
HC79.W32 - Water pollution
HC79.W4 - Wealth
HC85 - Natural resources
HC94-1085 - By region or country

HD - Industries. Land use. Labor
HD28-9999 - Industries. Land use. Labor
HD28-88 - Production
HD28-70 - Management. Industrial management
  HD30.3-30.385 - Communication in management. Communication in organizations.
  HD30.4-30.42 - Study and teaching. Research
  HD30.5-30.65 - History
HD31-37 - General works
HD38.2-38.25 - Executives. Executive ability
HD38.4 - Bureaucracy
HD38.5 - Business logistics
HD39-40.7 - Capital. Capital investments
HD41 - Competition
HD42 - Conflict management
HD45 - Technological innovations. Automation
HD45.2 - Automation
HD47-47.4 - Costs. Industrial costs
HD49-49.6 - Crisis management and overproduction. Inflation
HD50-50.5 - Delegation of authority. Decentralization
HD51 - Division of labor. Specialization
HD53 - Intellectual work. Intellectual capital
HD56-57.5 - Industrial productivity
HD57.7 - Leadership
HD58 - Location of industry
HD58.5 - Matrix organization
HD58.6 - Negotiation. Negotiation in business
HD58.7-58.95 - Organizational behavior, change and effectiveness.
HD59-59.6 - Public relations. Industrial publicity
HD60-60.5 - Social responsibility of business
HD60.7 - Revenue management
HD61 - Risk in industry. Risk management
HD61.5 - Security measures
HD62 - Standardization. Simplification. Waste
HD62.12-62.13 - Support services
HD62.15 - Total quality management. Benchmarking
HD62.17 - Workflow
HD62.2-62.8 - Management of special enterprises
HD66-66.7 - Work groups. Teams in the workplace
HD69 - Other, A-Z [Including business consultants, capacity, size of industries, etc.]
HD70 - By region or country, A-Z
HD72-88 - Economic development. Development economics. Economic growth
HD75-75.9 - Theory. Method. Relation to other subjects
HD82-85 - General works
HD87-88 - Public policy (General). Economic policy
HD101-1395.5 - Land use
HD251-279 - Real estate. Real property
HD2321-4730.9 - Industry
HD2321 - History
HD2328 - General works
HD2329 - Industrialization
HD2330 - Rural industries
HD2331-2336 - Home labor. Home-based businesses
HD2337-2339 - Sweatshops
HD2350.8-2356 - Large industry. Factory system. Big business
HD2358-2359.5 - Other special categories of businesses
HD2951-3575 - Cooperation. Cooperative societies
HD4801-8943 - Labor. Work. Working class
HD4824-4824.5 - Study and teaching. Research
HD4826-4826.5 - Statistics
HD4841-4854 - History
HD4861-4895 - Labor systems
HD4901 - General works
HD4903-4903.5 - Free choice of employment. Freedom of labor. Discrimination i
HD4904 - Theory. Method. Relation to other subjects
HD4904.25 - Work and family
HD4904.5 - Fatigue
HD4904.6 - Leisure and work
HD4905-4905.3 - Ethics. Dignity of labor. Work ethic
HD4909-5100.7 - Wages
HD5106-5267 - Hours of labor
HD5306-5474 - Labor disputes. Strikes and lockouts
HD5481-5630.9 - Industrial arbitration. Mediation and conciliation
HD5650-5852 - Labor market. Labor supply. Labor demand
HD5854-5854.4 - Temporary employment
HD5854.5-5856 - Supplementary employment. Second jobs
HD5857-5858 - Precarious employment
HD5860-6000.9 - Employment agencies. State employment bureaus. Labor exchange
HD6350-6940.7 - Trade unions. Labor unions. Workers' associations
HD6941-6948 - Employers' associations
HD6951-6957 - Industrial sociology. Social conditions of labor
HD6958.5-6976 - Industrial relations
HD6977-7080 - Cost and standard of living
HD7088-7250.7 - Social insurance. Social security. Pension
HD7255-7256 - Vocational rehabilitation. Employment of people with disabilities
HD7260-7780.8 - Industrial hygiene. Industrial welfare
HD9502-9502.5 - Energy industries. Energy policy. Fuel trade
HE305-311 - Urban transportation

HF1-6182 - Commerce
HF1-52 - Periodicals. Serials
HF294-343 - Boards of trade, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, etc.
HF351-499 - History
HF1001-1002 - Dictionaries. Encyclopedias
HF1003-1008 - General works
HF1010 - Handbooks, manuals, etc.
HF1014 - Balance of trade
HF1016 - Statistics
HF1019 - Barter
HF1021-1027 - Commercial geography. Economic geography
HF1040-1054 - Commodities. Commercial products
HF1101-1191 - Business education. Commercial education
HF1351-1647 - International economic relations
HF1701-2701 - Tariff. Free trade. Protectionism
HF3000-4055 - By region or country

HG1-9999 - Finance
HG335-341 - Counterfeiting
HG348-353.5 - Paper money
HG361-363 - The legal-tender power
HG381-395 - International currency
HG1621-1638 - Interest rates. Interest tables
HG1656 - Reserves. Liquidity
HG1709 - Electronic data processing
HG1710 - Electronic funds transfers
HG1722 - Mergers
HG1725-1778 - Banks and the state. State supervision of banks
HG3810-3877 - Foreign exchange
HG3879-3898 - International finance. International monetary system. Interna
HG4301-4480.9 - Trust services. Trust companies
HG8053.5-8054.45 - Insurance for professions. Malpractice insurance
HG8205-8220 - Government insurance

**HJ - Public finance**

HJ9-9995 - Public finance
HJ9-99.8 - Periodicals. Serials. By region or country
HJ101-209 - General
   HJ131 - Theory. Method. Scope. Relation to other subjects
   HJ139-191 - General works
   HJ192.5 - Fiscal policy
HJ2005-2216 - Budget. Income and expenditure
HJ2240-5957 - Revenue. Taxation. Internal revenue
HJ7461-7980 - Expenditures. Government spending
HJ8001-8899 - Public debts
HJ9011-9695 - Local finance. Municipal finance [Including the revenue, bud
HJ9701-9995 - Public accounting. Auditing

**Other Collections**

Business
   HB615 - Entrepreneurship. Risk and uncertainty
Collected Selectively
   HE1-9990 - Transportation and communications