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Purpose of the Collection:

The Political Science 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 Political Science 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 Political Science department at Western offers degrees at undergraduate, Master’s and Doctoral levels as well as a Diploma program (Public Administration). The research and the courses taught in the program are organized into five fields with several additional areas of specialization:

- **Political Theory**, covers virtually all historical and contemporary elements within the field, employs primary texts as well as interpretive and critical works on topics ranging from traditions in political thought (e.g., socialism, liberalism) to theorists and contemporary theory related to topics such as justice and equality.
- **Canadian Politics** covers a wide range of issues including Canadian foreign policy, Canada-US relations, federal-provincial relations, comparative provincial politics, policy analysis, public administration and local government. Specialized programming is offered in a range of topics including political parties, interest groups, regional and provincial politics (Ontario and Quebec), urban governance, political leadership, political economy, public policy and intergovernmental relations.
- **Comparative Politics** examines relative similarities and differences among political processes and institutions in different national, geographical, cultural, and historical contexts with a focus on the interaction between culture, economic development, and processes of state formation in North America, Latin America, the Islamic World, and Europe.
- **International Relations** covers issues related to international political economy, international law and organizations, international security and foreign policy analysis.
- **Local Government** studies integrates general knowledge of management techniques with the broader understanding of politics and the public sector.
Additional areas of research specialization:

- **Multilevel Governance** covers the study of governance in local, regional and global contexts. Areas covered include: intergovernmental relations, political economy and urban and regional politics.
- **Global Justice** covers the interrelated issues of justice, human rights and the analysis of states systems from an ethical viewpoint. Some specific research areas include global environmental issues, arms control and disarmament, transitional justice and, terror and fanaticism.

Collaborative programs involving the Political Science department include:

- **Migration and Ethnic Relations** is a graduate program that employs the perspectives of various disciplines in Social Science (Anthropology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, History and Sociology) to examine issues related to migration, ethnic relations, conflict and integration.
- **The Collaborative Research Program in Environmental Sustainability** is a research (thesis) program that examines the interdisciplinary nature of environmental problems and solutions. Environmental policy, environment and health, environmental change and political ecology is covered.

Subject Areas Covered:

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

Special Collections: Government Information

Government Information provides a rich primary research resource for studies in Political Science. Research and teaching in Political Science is supported by The D.B. Weldon Library, a Canadian Federal Full Depository Library (DSP), and the John & Dotsa Bitove Family Law Library, a Selective Depository Library. 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.

**Canadian Provincial:**

• Ontario: Selective Depository
• Western Libraries does not have depository status with any of the provinces or territories other than Ontario

**Canadian Municipal:**

• Western Libraries collects the municipal documents from the city of London, Ontario and some surrounding municipalities on a selective basis. Other municipal publications are acquired if deemed to be of importance to faculty members or graduate students.

**Other Government:**

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.

**Format:**

Acquisitions will include monographs, monographic series, and journals. Resources, particularly journals, in digital format are preferentially selected over their print counterparts. Monographs are collected in print and digital format. Both e-books and print monographs related to Political Science 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 Political Science. 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.

**Sources 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 Political Science program concentrates, for the most part, on the contemporary period with emphasis on the 20th and 21st centuries.

**Geographic Scope:**

Preferred geographic scope: Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Western Europe, Russia and former Soviet countries, Middle East and Northern Africa, East Asia and Latin America. Geographic coverage is, however, world-wide with no regions explicitly omitted and research resources from all countries selected based on research need.

**Chronological Period:**

Materials for any chronological period will be collected at the specific request of faculty and graduate students. Political theory coverage is not restricted to any time period, relying on resources which range from antiquity to the present day. Priority is given to materials about the 20th and 21st centuries for studies of American and Canadian government and International Relations. Comparative government and other international areas of focus are supported with 19th, 20th and 21st century materials with selective acquisitions for other time periods based on research need. For Public Administration and Local Government the emphasis is on more recent resources. Works of historical analysis that support the relevant primary and specialized areas of research and instruction are collected.

**Exclusions:**

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

- Course textbooks
• Practitioners’ tools
• Books of readings
• Dissertations
• Proceedings

**Related Collections and Cooperation:**

The Western Libraries collection for Political Science is supplemented by collections in related fields of Economics, History, Sociology, Geography, Law and Business. Collections in the Map & Data Library supplement and are related to Political Science research and teaching. Acquisitions from affiliated university colleges, King’s University College, Huron University College and Brescia University College similarly support Political Science research and instruction.

**Map, Data and Government Information Collections:**

Access to data and statistics is vital for the effective study of topics related to Political Science and Public Administration. This access is provided by Western Libraries Map, Data and Government Information collections and services. In addition to the Government Information collections as described above, 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), Political Science 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 Political Science.

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 Political Science further details about these criteria.

Resources to aid in acquisition of material:

The majority of material for Political Science is received as a result of the implementation of a vendor approval profile that is regularly reviewed by the Subject Librarian for Political Science. Discretionary purchases are made for material requested by faculty and students and for items identified through regular review of publications such as Choice Reviews for Academic Libraries and Library Journal, and referrals: reviews sent directly to the Subject Librarian for Political Science from publishers, faculty and graduate students and from a number of scholarly journals in the discipline. 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 Political Science Selections**

**Philosophy**
- B65 Relation to Law and Political Science

**History**
- D1-24.5 General History
- D31-34 Political and diplomatic history
- D880-888 Developing countries
- E151-889 United States
  - E839.5-839.8 - Political history
  - E840-840.2 - Diplomatic history. Foreign and general relations
  - E885-889 - Clinton's administrations, 1993-2001
  - E895-909 - Twenty-first century
  - E902-906 - George W. Bush's Administration 2001-
  - E906- Current and future administrations
- F1001-1145.2 Canada
- F1401-1419 Latin America (General)
- F1201-1392 Mexico
- F1421-1440 Central America

**Geography**
- GE1-350 Environmental sciences
  - GE140-160 Environmental conditions. Environmental quality.
  - GE145 Environmental risk assessment
  - GE146 Environmental disasters
  - GE140 Global environmental change
  - GE170-190 Environmental policy
  - GE220-240 Environmental justice
  - GE300-350 Environmental management
  - GF1-900 Human ecology. Anthropogeography
  - GF125 Cities. Urban geography
  - GF511-512 Canada
- HD101-1395.5 Land use
- HD108-108.8 - Theory. Method. Relation to other subjects
  - HD108.2 Energy conservation
  - HD108.3 Environmental aspects
  - HD108.6 Planning
  - HD108.8 Remote sensing
- HD1241-1339 Land tenure
- HD1259-1265 Eminent domain. Expropriation. State domain
- HD1286-1289 Communal ownership. Commons
- HD1290-1291 Municipal ownership
- HD1301-1313 Nationalization
- HE4201-5251 Local transit. Street railways. Subways
HE4211  General works  
HE4221  Government policy  
HE4301-4391  Management  
HE4401-5251  By region or country

**Social Science**  
H1-99  Social sciences (General)  
H96-97.7  Public Policy

**Economics**  
HA29-32  Theory and method of social science statistics  
HB74  Political Economy  
HD72-88  Economic growth, development, planning  
HD1241-1339  Land tenure  
HD1290-1291  Municipal ownership  
HD3611-4730.9  Industrial policy. The state and industrial organization.  
HD7795-8027  Labor policy. Labor and the state  
HD8031  Labor in politics. Political activity of the working class  
HF1701-2701  Tariff. Free trade. Protectionism  
HJ9-9940  Public finance  
HJ7461-7980  Expenditures. Government spending  
HJ8001-8899  Public debts  
HJ8052  Sinking funds. Amortization  
HJ8101-8899  By region or country  
HJ9103-9695  Local finance. Municipal finance. Including the revenue, budget, expenditure, etc. of counties, boroughs, communes, municipalities, etc.

**Sociology**  
HT51-1595  Communities. Classes. Races  
HT165.5-169.9  City planning  
HT170-178  Urban renewal. Urban redevelopment  
HT321-325  The city as an economic factor. City promotion  
HT330-334  Metropolitan areas  
HT351-352  Suburban cities and towns  
HT361-384  Urbanization. City and country  
HT388  Regional economics. Space in economics  
HT390-395  Regional planning  
HX1-970.7  Socialism. Communism. Anarchism

**Political Science**  
J(1)-981  General legislative and executive papers  
J80-87  United States  
J80-82  Presidents' messages and other executive papers  
JA1-92  Political science (General)  
JC11-605  Political theory. The state. Theories of the state  
JF20-2112  Political institutions and public administration  
JF20-1177  General. Comparative government
JJ1000-1019 Political institutions and public administration (North America)
JK1-9993 Political institutions and public administration (United States)
JL1-3899 Political institutions and public administration (Canada, Latin America, etc.)
  JL1-500          Canada
  JL1200-1299       Mexico
  JL1400-1679       Central America
  JL1850-3899       South America
JN1-9689 Political institutions and public administration (Europe)
  JN1-97           General
  JN101-1371       Great Britain
  JN6500-6598      Soviet Union. Russia. Former Soviet Republics
JQ21-6651 Political institutions and public administration (Asia, Africa, Australia, Pacific Area, etc.)
  JQ1499-1749     East Asia Including China, Japan, Korea
  JQ1758-1852     Middle East
  JQ3995-6651     Australia. New Zealand. Pacific Ocean islands
JS39-8500 Local government. Municipal government
JS55-68 History
JS141-163 Executive branch. Mayor
JS171 Legislative branch
JS221-227 Elections. Local elections. Municipal elections
JS241-271 Local government other than municipal
JS300-1583 United States
JS1701-1800 Canada
JV1-9480 Colonies and colonization. Emigration and immigration. International migration
  JV8760          Arab countries
  JV8762          Islamic countries
JZ - International relations
  JZ1305-2060     Scope of international relations. Political theory. Diplomacy
  JZ1464-2060     Scope of international relations with regard to countries, territories, regions, etc.
  JZ4835-5490     International organizations and associations
  JZ4841-4848     Political non-governmental organizations. NGOs
  JZ4850-5490     Intergovernmental organizations. IGOs
  JZ4853-4934     League of Nations
  JZ4935-5160     United Nations
  JZ5511.2-6300   Promotion of peace. Peaceful change
  JZ5514-5526     Societies, associations, academies, institutes, etc., for peace promotion, research and education
  JZ5587-6009     International security. Disarmament. Global survival
  JZ6010-6060     Pacific settlement of international disputes
  JZ6360-6377     Non-military coercion
  JZ6385-6405     The armed conflict. War and order
  JZ6422-6422.5   Neutrality. Non-participation in wars. Norms of neutrality
  JZ6530          Humanitarian aspects of war