Western Libraries
Collections Management Policy
For Psychology

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Purpose of the collection:
The Psychology 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 the Aubrey Dan
Program in Management and Organizational Studies, Biology, Business, Education,
Health Sciences, Linguistics, Medical Sciences, Philosophy, Psychiatry and Sociology.

The D.B. Weldon Library is the primary location for material supporting many of the
research and instructional needs of the Psychology department. The Allyn and Betty
Taylor Library also houses some materials which support the department, primarily
in the area of Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience.

Program information:
The Psychology department offers degrees at the undergraduate, Master’s and Doctoral
level. The department is organized in seven thematic research areas:

• Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience: The study of genetic, neurological, and
  hormonal causes of behavior
• Clinical: The study of the causes and treatments for abnormal behavior and
  healthrelated behavior

• Cognition and Perception: The study of how information is perceived, stored, and
  processed and how language is used and understood
• Developmental: The study of processes that explain changes in children’s
  thinking and behavior from infancy through adolescence
• Industrial/Organizational: The study of worker and organizational characteristics
  that contribute to adjustment in the workplace

• Personality and Measurement: The study of individual differences in personality
  and intelligence and analysis of psychological data with the help of mathematical
  concepts and statistics

• Social: The study of how people think about, influence, and relate to one another

Subject areas covered:
The Western Libraries collection supports all aspects of Psychology that are taught in Western’s Psychology department. A listing of Library of Congress subject areas of focus which are supported by the Psychology Librarian at The D.B. Weldon Library can be found in Appendix A. Materials specifically dealing with clinical psychology or neuroscience are selected and acquired by either the Medical Sciences Librarian at The Allyn and Betty Taylor Library or the Psychology Librarian.

**Physical format**
Acquisitions will include monographs, book series, and journals. Resources, particularly journals, in digital format are preferentially selected over their print counterparts. Alternate formats, such as CD-ROM, video, DVD, and microform, are considered on an individual request basis.

**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 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**
The Psychology collection consists primarily of documents with a Canadian, American or European focus. Other areas are considered upon request.

**Exclusions**
With the exception of individual requests and some selective acquisitions, the following types of material are not acquired: self-help literature, popular literature, conference proceedings, theses or dissertations from other institutions, and course textbooks. Also, with the exception of individual requests, the following subjects will not be acquired: hypnotism, physiognomy, graphology, palmistry, curiosa, parapsychology, dreaming and occult sciences.

**Related collections and cooperation**

The Western Libraries collection for Psychology is supplemented by collections in related fields, such as the Aubrey Dan Program in Management and Organizational Studies, Biology, Business, Education, Health Sciences, Linguistics, Medical Sciences, Philosophy, Psychiatry and Sociology and by access to materials in Western’s Affiliated University Colleges.

Western 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 Psychology.

**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.

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 Psychology Librarian for further details about these criteria.

Resources to aid in acquisition of material
The majority of monograph purchases for Psychology 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 or they select books through the Demand Driven Acquisition process, by automatically triggering purchase and immediate access to previously non-owned ebooks listed in our catalogue.

Discretionary purchases are made for material identified through regular review of PsycCRITIQUES, Choice Reviews for Academic Libraries, the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section listserv of the American Library Association, WorldCat and Interlibrary Loan reports.
APPENDIX A

Psychology Subject Areas of Focus by Call Number

**Philosophy. Psychology. Religion.**:

- BF – Psychology
  - BF76 - Vocational guidance
  - BF77-80.7 - Study and teaching
  - BF173-175.5 – Psychoanalysis
  - BF207-209 - Psychotropic drugs and other substances
- BF231-299 - Sensation.
  - BF311 - General works
    - BF317 - Reactions. Reaction time, etc.
    - BF317.5 - Tacit knowledge
    - BF318-319 – Learning
    - BF321-323 - Apperception. Attention
    - BF325 - Comprehension. Understanding
    - BF327 - Attitude. Conscious attitudes
    - BF335-337 - Habit and adjustment
    - BF341-346 - Nature and nurture
    - BF353-353.5 - Environmental psychology
    - BF357 - Imitation. Mimicry
    - BF365-395 - Association and reproduction of ideas
      - BF370-395 - Memory
    - BF408-426 - Creative processes. Imagination. Invention
      - BF431-433 - Intelligence. Mental ability. Intelligence testing. Ability
      - BF441-449.5 - Thought and thinking
      - BF455-463 - Psycholinguistics. Psychology of meaning
    - BF467-475 - Time, space, causality, etc.
      - BF481 – Work
      - BF482 - Fatigue. Mental fatigue
      - BF485 – Laziness
      - BF491-493 - Normal illusions
  - BF501-505 – Motivation
  - BF636-637 - Applied psychology
    - BF636.5-636.7 - Counseling psychology. Counseling
    - BF636.68 - Religious aspects. Spirituality
  - BF698-698.9 – Personality
  - BF712-724.85 - Developmental psychology [Including infant psychology, child psychology, adolescence, adulthood]
    - BF719-720 - Infant psychology. Newborn infant psychology
    - BF721-723 - Child psychology
BF724-724.3 - Adolescence. Youth
BF724.5-724.85 – Adulthood
BF1068-1073 - Sleep. Somnambulism

SOCIAL SCIENCES:
HM1001-1281 - Social psychology

MEDICINE:
RC321-574 - Neurosciences. Biological psychiatry. Neuropsychiatry
   RC466.8-467.97 - Clinical psychology
RC512-569.5 – Psychopathology
RC530-552 – Neuroses
RC563-568 - Drug abuse. Substance abuse
RC569 - Suicide. Suicidal behavior
   RC569.5 - Other personality disorders, behavior problems, situations, etc.
RC569.7-574 - Mental retardation. Developmental disabilities