Statement of Purpose:
As we step forward into the 21st century, the environment continues to represent one of the most critical issues facing nearly all nations individually as well as the earth’s community as a whole. Increased population, greater consumption and diminishing resources combined with technological advances and new scientific revelations all play an important role in the study of the environment.

The academic study of the environment involves information that is fast-flowing and technologies that are rapidly evolving. It is a multidisciplinary field where neither the problems nor solutions honor traditional disciplinary boundaries. In the early 1990’s USF recognized the need to establish a program for the study and analysis of environmental issues. The Department of Environmental Science and Policy (ESP), developed by incorporating courses from various colleges across the University, began offering a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S) in 1995. Since then, the ESP program has grown tremendously and the Department began offering a Master of Science Degree (M.S.) in 2000. Currently, ESP has approximately 250 undergraduate majors and 30 Masters students. The Department also offers a Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management and Policy through the College of Arts and Sciences. Although environmental issues are the focus of this interdisciplinary program, this broad degree also offers students the opportunity to choose an area of concentration.

The undergraduate curriculum has two sub-concentrations, one in environmental science and one in environmental policy. Students in both concentrations take supporting courses in physical and natural science, statistics, policy and ethics. In addition, students select electives to strengthen their knowledge within their concentration. Seniors complete a research project or perform an internship in one of a variety of government agencies or private companies.

The Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy and Management provides a broad-based, multidisciplinary educational program to professionals, practitioners, citizens and students who wish to acquire or strengthen their knowledge of the environment. The Environmental Policy and Management Graduate Certificate curriculum is designed to include courses in environmental philosophy, environmental policy, environmental politics, environmental law, environmental ethics and environmental management.

The M.S. program offers seven elective areas of concentration: ecology/biology, environmental management, geology, hydrogeology, public management, solid and hazardous waste, and urban environment.

The library strives to develop and maintain a collection that will satisfy the need for resources that support the undergraduate and graduate curriculum in ESP, as well as to serve the students and faculty in their teaching and research activities. Faculty in the department participate in a variety of different projects including environmental justice, wetlands restoration, alternative water sources, Brownfield’s restoration and ecosystem management. Faculty teaching classes for ESP are from a variety of subject backgrounds, including Women's Studies, Geology, Biology, Government and International Affairs, Philosophy, Economics, and Geography.

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C. 3a = Basic study or instructional support level. Supports lower division undergraduate courses.
3b = Intermediate study or instructional support level. Supports advance undergraduate course work, but not Master's degree programs.
3c = Advanced study or instructional support level. Supports Master's degree level program.
4 = Research level. Supports doctoral level programs and other original research.

D. Scope of Coverage:

1. **Chronological Guidelines:**

   Materials dealing with all chronological periods are collected when relevant to user needs. Emphasis is on acquiring materials dealing with current research in ESP; items dealing with older research are acquired selectively, generally through gifts and donations.

2. **Geographical Guidelines:**

   Geographic coverage is concentrated on the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. Materials on foreign environmental science and policy topics are acquired selectively.

3. **Date of Publication Guidelines:**

   Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of current imprints. Older imprints are acquired selectively according to specified collection intensity levels.

4. **Languages:**

   The primary language of acquisition is English. French, German, Russian, and Spanish titles will be acquired on a selective basis. Translation of Russian, Chinese, and Japanese works are also selectively acquired.

E. **Types of Materials Collected:**

1. **Treatment of Subject**

   Emphasis is on developing a strong undergraduate and graduate research monographic collection representing important trade, university and professional presses. Special emphasis will be placed on acquiring serial publications, namely periodicals, that are of particular importance to Environmental Science and Policy. Back files of these titles will be collected where appropriate. Since there are only a limited number of journals devoted specifically to ESP, emphasis will also be placed on supporting the library's resolve to maintain a robust selection of journals within the disciplines supporting the ESP curriculum. Conference proceedings, technical reports, dissertations, reference works, and

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graduate and advanced undergraduate texts are acquired selectively. Audio-visual materials and datasets are acquired selectively.

2. Format

Print resources prevail, although an increasing number of current imprints are accompanied by diskettes and CD-ROMs. Full-text electronic journals are continuously added to the USF Libraries Website. These are acquired through package arrangements with publishers, or through electronic upgrades of current subscriptions. (Note: Cancellation of a print subscription for which there is an electronic, full-text equivalent is encouraged and will follow the guidelines set forth in the document Selection of Resources for the USF Libraries Website.) Audio visual presentations on laboratory procedures and field operations may be selected for purchase. The same holds true for specialized datasets, with the understanding that these resources become the permanent property of the library with no restrictions on who may use them.

II. ACQUISITIONS STRATEGY

Environmental Science and Policy materials are selected by the Collection Development Librarian assigned to the department, with priority given to faculty requests. The library maintains a well-established approval plan for most trade and professional presses of interest to the department. Society publications will be placed on standing order when appropriate and possible.

Retrospective purchases are done at faculty request or to replace items lost through theft and damage. Since funding is very limited for new subscriptions, access to articles in journals that are not owned by the library is routinely handled through fee-based document delivery services and inter-library loan. The library encourages faculty to periodically review their journal subscriptions and to cancel titles that are no longer of interest or value.

The library occasionally receives donations of journals and monographs from faculty and the community. When it is appropriate to do so, donated materials are added to the collection. The library as a depository collection receives publications of the U.S. geological survey and the Florida Geological Survey, which include bulletins, circulars, professional papers, reprints in the series Water-Resources Investigation and geological quadrangle and topographic maps.

III. COLLECTION NOTES

These general collection notes apply to materials within the call number areas that are included in I.

Collection Areas / B. Classes and Levels

- Advanced undergraduate and graduate level textbooks are acquired selectively.
- Theses and dissertations from other institutions are generally not collected unless the faculty specifically request them.
- Audio-visual materials and datasets are acquired selectively.

These collection notes apply only to materials within the specific call number ranges that are indicated:

- GE Environmental Science. Environmental Policy.
  - Send notification slips for Foreign topics but do not restrict materials on Latin America or the Caribbean.
- **HC 79.E5 Environmental Policy**
  - Books having this call number are acquired, overriding publisher restrictions.
  - Price limit: $200

- **KF 3581+ Environmental Law**
  - Books having this call number are acquired, overriding subject restrictions.

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