Statement of Purpose:

Economics offers a clear and logical way of thinking about complicated issues such as unemployment, inflation, international trade, labor unions, public finance, governmental regulations, antitrust laws, health care, economic aspects of law, urban development, and environmental degradation. The Economics Department offers courses in all these areas at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The department is physically and administratively located in the College of Business Administration but also offers an undergraduate major and minor through the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Economics Department offers the following academic programs: an undergraduate (B.A. or B.S.) major, an undergraduate minor, a master's degree (M.A.), and a Ph.D. In addition, the department offers core economics courses in the undergraduate business program and in the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program as well as an economics track in the MBA program. The undergraduate degree, both major and minor, is offered through both the College of Business Administration and the College of Arts and Sciences. Students majoring in economics through the College of Business Administration may choose a B.A. degree or a B.S. degree. Students majoring in economics through the College of Arts and Sciences must earn a B.A. degree.

The Master of Arts in Economics is a terminal degree, designed to prepare students for entry into business, government, or a Ph.D. program. The department also participates in the Graduate Interdisciplinary Transportation Program, coordinated by the Center for Urban Transportation Research and involves the departments of Civil Engineering and Public Administration.

The Ph.D. program prepares students for teaching and research in universities and for policy analyst positions in business or government. The program draws advantage from strong faculty research involvement and the University's urban location.

In addition, the Economics Department sponsors The Center for Economic Policy Analysis, a non-profit, ideologically neutral collection of scholars devoted to the analysis of social policy relevant to the Tampa Bay region, the State of Florida and the Nation.

The library strives to develop and maintain a collection that will support the undergraduate and graduate curriculum as well as meet the research needs of graduate students and faculty.

I. COLLECTION GUIDELINES
   A. Area: Economics

   B. Classes and Levels

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3a = Basic Study or Instructional Support Level  
3b = Intermediate Study or Instructional Support Level  
3c = Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level  
4 = Research Level

C. Scope of Coverage:
   1. **Chronological Guidelines:**

   Emphasis is on current economic practice, thought and theory. Works on historical economic practices, thought and theories are also collected.

   2. **Geographical Guidelines:**

   Primary emphasis is on the United States and Latin America. However, works on economics in countries outside the United States and Latin America are also collected.

   3. **Date of Publication Guidelines:**

   Emphasis of acquisitions is on current imprints. Older imprints are acquired selectively as needed.

   4. **Languages:**

   English is the primary language of the collection. Works in other languages are selected only as needed. English translations are preferred.

D. E. Types of Materials Collected:
   1. **Treatment of Subject**

   Publications are collected on all aspects of economics with emphasis on maintaining a substantial selection of journals and on developing a strong research monograph collection
representing important professional and trade presses. Conference proceedings, technical reports, dissertations, reference works, graduate and advanced undergraduate texts are acquired selectively.

2. **Format**

Journals are collected in print, microfiche and online formats. Full text electronic journals are preferred. Monographs are primarily collected in print although many have accompanying cdroms.

II. **ACQUISITIONS STRATEGY**

The Collection Development Librarian assigned to the Economics Department works in partnership with the faculty to select materials for the collection. The library maintains a well-established approval plan for most trade and professional presses of interest to the department. Other titles, not covered by the approval plan, are ordered upon request. New journal titles may be ordered by canceling current subscriptions. Backfiles of journals may be ordered, primarily on microfiche, but in an electronic format when available. The library occasionally receives donations of monographs and journals from various sources, including faculty, students and community members. Donations will be evaluated by the Collection Development librarian and added to the collection when appropriate.

III. **COLLECTION NOTES**

Resources supporting other programs within the College of Business Administration, such as finance, management and marketing, are of vital interest to the department. Resources in the area of mathematics, engineering, public administration, health, geography and sociology are also important. Collection policies in these areas should also be consulted.

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