I. Academic Programs Supported and Description of Current Collection

The Libraries' collections support the teaching and research needs of faculty and students of Women's Studies. The Women's Studies program offers a discrete interdisciplinary field of study which examines Women's experiences throughout history and across cultures, races and classes with particular emphasis on social, economic, political, cultural and artistic considerations. The library's collection includes feminist methodologies and theoretical perspectives as applied to other subject areas. The following subjects are of interest to the program: women and culture, women in art, women in literature, women and the law, psychology of women, human sexual behavior, history of feminism, feminist social and political philosophy and women and religion.

Although this policy is primarily focused on those materials classed HQ 1-2039, materials in Women's Studies can be found throughout the Library of Congress classifications.

The Women's Studies collection support curriculum and research for a Bachelors, a Masters program as well as a Minor in Women's Studies, a concentration in Women of Color, and a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies. The Women's Studies program consists of a core faculty of six as well as a large group of affiliate faculty in many other programs. The department offers a diverse range of courses cross-listed with other programs including; Africana studies, Anthropology, Communication, English, Government and International Affairs, History, Humanities, American Studies, Interdisciplinary Social Science, modern languages, Religious Studies, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology. Graduate studies in Women's Studies explore the areas of Feminist Research, Feminist Theory, Feminist Challenges to Traditional Paradigms, Women of Color and Pedagogy in Women's Studies among others.

Primary responsibility for the selection of materials and for the management of the collection rests with the Women's Studies Collection Development Librarian who works in close cooperation with the Women's Studies faculty. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of Women's Studies, the CD Librarian also works closely with other subject selectors in order to coordinate selection of materials.

II. Collection Guidelines

A. Chronological Guidelines

No restrictions. Materials dealing with all chronological periods are collected.

B. Geographical Guidelines

Primary emphasis is on the United States. International perspective is also emphasized particularly women of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

C. Language Guidelines
Primary language collected is English. Materials in other languages are collected selectively, only when unavailable in translation. In general, publications in other languages are not purchased.

D. Publication Guidelines

Emphasis is on collecting current publications. In general, retrospective dates are collected as needed on a selective basis.

III. COLLECTION AREAS: WOMEN’S STUDIES

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3a=Basic study or instructional support level. Supports lower division undergraduate courses.

3b=Intermediate study or instructional support level. Supports advance undergraduate coursework, but not Masters degree programs.

3c=Advanced study or instructional support level. Supports Masters degree level program.

4=Research level. Supports doctoral level programs.

**A. Types of Material Collected**

- **Major Types**
  - monographs
  - dissertations
  - serials
  - bibliographies
  - microforms
  - US Documents
  - primary Sources:
    - journals, diaries, letters
    - statistical methods
  - directories of social service agencies

- **Minor Types**
  - newsletters
  - newspapers
  - medical topics

- **Peripheral**
  - article reprints
  - workbooks

- **Excluded**
  - pamphlets
  - medical topics

- **Lower level textbooks**
  - self-help books

- **juvenile material**

**B. Types of Material Collected: Notes**

Print resources prevail. Full-text electronic journals and indexes are continuously being added to the Virtual Library collection. These are acquired through package arrangements with publishers or through electronic upgrades of current subscriptions. Audio visual materials are also collected selectively. Major microfilm sets such as Herstory Microfilm Collection and American Women’s Diaries are collected to add major retrospective materials.
that are otherwise unavailable.

**IV. Acquisitions Strategy**

Materials are selected by the Collection Development Librarian assigned to the department, working in partnership with the Women’s Studies faculty. 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 journal subscriptions, access to articles in journals not owned by the library is routinely handled through inter-library loan and fee-based document delivery services. 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 Women’s Studies journals and monographs from faculty and the community. When it is appropriate to do so, donated materials are added to the collection.

**V. Collection Notes**

Periodical publications as well as monographs, monographic series, congresses, symposia, academy, society publications and reference works will be acquired. Dissertations and bibliographies will be ordered on special request and the library will obtain all bound copies of USF Masters theses. Special emphasis will be placed on acquiring serial publications, namely periodicals. Backfiles will be collected where appropriate. Upper level texts are acquired selectively.


**VI. Other Resources**

Hillsborough County Public Library System

U.S. Government Documents Collection

Inter-Library Loan

Library Media Center

Florida Mental Health Institute Library

Health Sciences Center Library