Collection Development Policy
Information Systems/Decision Sciences

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Statement of Purpose:
The Department of Information Systems and Decision Sciences offers course work in several areas including information systems, operations management, and statistics. The Management Information Systems (MIS) major is designed to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for information systems development and support positions in business and other organizations. The MS/MIS program is designed for individuals who are challenged by applications rather than science or technology and who are willing to undertake a career that demands a broad rather than narrow range of skills.

The Department of Information Systems and Decision Science offers the following academic programs: an undergraduate (B.A. or B.S.) degree in Management Information Systems, a Master of Science in MIS, and the Ph.D. degree. In addition, the department offers an MIS concentration in the MBA program.

The Master of Science in Management Information Systems helps meet the needs of the marketplace for expertise in both information technology and management. Highly qualified individuals with motivation for leadership in information systems fields are encouraged to apply for admission to this program. Graduates of the program are in great demand by firms in the information services sector of the economy, software houses, management consultants, and MIS departments in industry.

The Ph.D. program seeks to develop high-quality information systems (IS) academics with the knowledge and capability to conduct basic and applied research and university teaching in. The department offers a program emphasizing the latest theoretical knowledge, research methodology, and empirical evidence in IS, plus a fully mentored opportunity to do research in a preferred area of IS research.

I. COLLECTION GUIDELINES
   A. Area: Information Systems and Decision Sciences
   B. Classes and Levels

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   C. 3c = Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level
       4 = Research Level
   D. Scope of Coverage:
      1. **Chronological Guidelines:**

         Emphasis is on current information systems and decision sciences literature. Works on historical practices, thought and theories are also collected as requested.

      2. **Geographical Guidelines:**

         Primary emphasis is on the United States.
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.

E. **Types of Materials Collected:**

1. **Treatment of Subject**

   Publications are collected on all aspects of information systems and decision sciences 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 Department of Information Systems and Decision Sciences 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 economics, finance, and management are of vital interest to the department. Resources in the area of computer science and psychology are also important. Collection policies in these areas should also be consulted.

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