Collection Development and Selection Criteria
Political Science

Degrees offered:
B. A. in Political Science

Interdisciplinary Program Participation:
Environmental Policy Minor
Social Justice Minor
Sustainability Minor

Focus of program (if applicable):
The political science curriculum at the University of Portland aims to provide the following: a basic understanding of the Western tradition of political philosophy; an introduction to the methodology of social science, with a specific emphasis on political behavior; an introduction to comparative analysis politics and international relations through a variety of basic courses as well as area studies; and an understanding of the political system of the United States with emphasis on urban, state, and national institutions, public law, administration and policy.

Collecting Parameters:

Language:
English

Date of Publication:
Current, in-publication resources
Retrospective purchasing, including back runs of periodicals as needed to support new curriculum or as indicated by information such as ILL or Summit data.

Chronological Coverage:
Ancient to contemporary, with an emphasis on the modern era

Geographic coverage:
International coverage for international relations and comparative politics; area studies include Europe, Latin America, Far East, and the United States, with an emphasis on the latter.

Formats preferred:
Much of the research published in the field is within scholarly journals but monographs also play an important role.
Tangible resources (books, media), prefer hardbound for books
Online journals preferred as single titles or within packages
eBooks as single titles or within packages
Online media, such as streaming videos
Abstracting/indexing databases

Standard exclusions, generally applied:
Paperbacks over 5 years old
Textbooks
Rare materials
Popular works
Microforms
Formats not supported by technology available in the library
Duplicate copies
Maps
Disposable materials such as test booklets
Resources beyond budget capacity
Dissertations
Previous editions unless content is still relevant

Collecting levels for programs emphasized:
Study level: Support undergraduate course work, or sustained independent study, i.e., which is adequate to maintain knowledge of a subject required to support course work and undergraduate research and term-papers. It includes a wide range of basic monographs, complete collections of the works of the most important writers, selections from the works of secondary writers, a selection of representative journals, and the reference tools and fundamental bibliographical tools pertaining to the subject.

Notes:
Under normal circumstances selections the Alliance threshold of no more than 3 copies within the consortium applies; faculty requests are excluded.
For books beyond the 3rd copy, electronic is preferred.
Works covering Catholic topics within the collection focus are considered.

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