Collection Development and Selection Criteria
Sociology and Social Work

Degrees offered:
- B.A. Sociology
- B.A. Social Work
- B.A. Sociology/Criminology Concentration

Minors offered:
- Sociology minor

Interdisciplinary Program Participation:
- Gender and Women’s Studies minor
- Social Justice minor

Focus of program (if applicable):
B.A. in Sociology: “Focuses on understanding society and culture as it is organized in various social institutions as well as providing training in the methods of social research and familiarity with the various theories of social organization and social change.” “Criminology is an interdisciplinary track of the sociology major that encourages a critical exploration of criminal behavior and the criminal justice system.”

B.A. in Social Work: “Focuses on application of social work skills that are informed by theory, research, and best practices and that consider the cultural and other contexts in which practice occurs.”

B.A. in Sociology/Criminology Concentration: “Focuses on a critical exploration of criminal behavior and the criminal justice system.”

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 Interlibrary Loan or Summit data.

Chronological Coverage:
- Ancient to contemporary with an emphasis on the last fifteen years

Geographic coverage:
- United States. International coverage as needed to support courses in cross cultural psychology.

Formats preferred:
- Much of the research published in the field is contained in scholarly journals
- Tangible resources (books, media), may be hardback, paperback, or DVD
- 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:
Disposible materials such as test booklets
Dissertations
Duplicate copies
Formats not supported by technology available in the library
Maps
Marked or damaged materials
Mass market paperbacks
Microforms
Paperbacks over 5 years old
Popular works or treatments
Previous editions
Rare materials
Resources beyond budget capacity
Textbooks

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 the Library applies a modification to the Alliance threshold of 4 print copies among member libraries. The Library generally does not purchase the 5th copy of print titles, although faculty requests may be excluded. For requested titles, if 4 print copies in the Alliance has been reached, the Library purchases the title in electronic format.
Works covering regional topics within the collection focus are highly considered.
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