



Cardinal Carter Library Political Science Collection Policy

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Subject librarian: Linda Whidden

Objective:

The Political Science collection is intended to support the teaching and research needs of a four-year Honours BA political science programme that is wide ranging in its coverage. The collection growth supports the study of politics in Canada, United States, and the Middle East, political theories, international relations, ethnic conflict and resolution, comparative politics, public administration, sports and public policy, and contemporary social policy.

Language(s):

English is the primary language of the collection; occasional French (Canadian).

Date of publication:

Current (i.e. in-print) publications are preferred.

Chronological coverage:

There are no limits to the time periods represented.

Source of publication:

Canada, United States, Great Britain, Europe, and the Middle East are preferred.

Format:

Print and electronic books, periodicals, databases and selected textbooks are included. To meet the requirements of the AODA Information and Communication Standards for digital and multimedia resources by January 1, 2020, films purchased for the Cardinal Carter Library collection are either captioned or captionable and/or include audio descriptions. Material purchased prior to January 2014 may not meet accessibility standards but, upon request, the library will endeavor to acquire an accessible copy.

Material which is not acquired includes manuscripts, unpublished theses or dissertations, popular works, conference proceedings, and material for pre-undergraduates.

Gifts:

The library accepts gifts of materials in good condition which are within the scope of its collection and which the library does not already own or does not own in sufficient quantity to support teaching and research needs. See also the Cardinal Carter Library [Gifts Collection Policy](#).

Managing the collection:

To ensure that collections remain optimally useful to our patrons, it is necessary to analyze collection usage and available space regularly. Duplicate items, no longer required to support the curriculum and damaged items that cannot be replaced, may be removed from the collection at the discretion of the subject librarian. See also the Cardinal Carter Library [Deselection of Materials Policy](#).

Definitions of Collecting Levels

- A: Research Level:** Provides for the collection of materials which support upper undergraduate level courses, special topics courses and research.
- B: Teaching Level:** Provides for the collection of materials which support undergraduate instruction including honours programs.
- C: Basic Information Level:** Provides for the selective collection of materials which support secondary scholarly interests and general background information.

SUBJECT ANALYSIS & COLLECTING LEVELS

Preamble:

Subjects such as history, religious studies, social justice and peace studies and philosophy are also represented in other departmental collections. The collecting levels herein are solely reflective of the Political Science program.

American Politics and Government	A
<i>Incl. Executive power, Presidential systems, political parties, pressure groups, institutions, political and electoral process</i>	
Business and Government	B
Canadian Politics and Government	A
<i>Incl. federalism, separatism, legislation, political parties, pressure groups, institutions, political and electoral process</i>	
Comparative Politics and Government	A
Conflict Studies	B
<i>Incl. resolution or management</i>	
Constitutional Law and History - Canada, United States	B
Diplomacy	B
Environmental Politics	B
<i>Incl. human impact on the earth's ecosystems, political response</i>	
Ethnic Conflict and Resolution	B
The Family in Law and Politics	C
Foreign Policies - Canada, United States, Britain and Middle Eastern States	A
Gender and Politics	B
Global Political Economy	C
Globalization - Economic and Military	C
Health Care Policies – Canada and the United States	A
Human Rights	A
International Law and Organization	B
<i>Incl. the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization</i>	

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International Relations <i>Incl. conflict and economic sanctions</i>	A
Judicial Power and Process	A
Law and Politics	B
Lobbyists	C
Media – Influence on Politics	B
Municipal Government <i>Incl. local government</i>	B
Nationalism	A
Political Science – General	B
Political Theory and Thought <i>Incl. history of political thought from Plato to Marx</i>	B
Politics and Government - Middle Eastern States	B
Politics of Childhood Education – Canada	C
Public Administration	B
Public Welfare - Canada, United States	A
Representative Government	B
Social Justice	C
Social Movements - Canada, United States	B
Social Policy - Canada, United States	A
Socialism, Communism, Anarchism and Utopias	B
Terrorism <i>Incl. border security</i>	B
Treaties and Alliances	C
Voting Behavior	C
War and Peace, Disarmament	B
Welfare State <i>Incl. welfare economics</i>	A
World Politics - General	B