



Cardinal Carter Library Sociology Collection Policy

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Subject librarian: Emma Swiatek

Objective:

The Sociology collection is intended to support the research activities of faculty, students and staff and the instructional requirements of the department's undergraduate programs.

Language(s):

English is the primary language of the collection. English translations of major works in other languages may be acquired upon request.

Source of publication:

Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom are preferred. Material published in other European Union countries and in Australia and New Zealand is purchased selectively, upon request and as funds permit.

Date of publication:

Material with a recent imprint date is preferred. Older, in-print material is considered upon request.

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Material which is not acquired includes manuscripts, unpublished theses or dissertations, popular works, conference proceedings, and material for pre-undergraduates.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

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the program, the collections developed for other disciplines, particularly Social Work, Childhood and Social Institutions, Psychology, Political Science, Social Justice and Peace Studies, and Religious Studies, will intersect with and supplement the Sociology collection. The collecting levels herein are solely reflective of the Sociology program.

Theory. History. Method

History of sociology	B
Relationship to other subjects, incl. Social Work, Philosophy, Psychology, Ethics, Religion, Education, Politics, Economics, History, Geography, Leisure, Art, Literature, Linguistics, Law, Film Studies	C
Study and teaching	C
Research design. Empirical sociology	B
Methodology and statistics	A

Culture. Progress. Social Evolution

History of civilization	B
Social and evolutionary theories	A
Anthropological sociology	C
Social history and development	A
Unity. Solidarity	B
Evil, Sociology of	B

Association. Mutuality. Social Groups & Organization

Group structure and community. Inclusion / Exclusion	A
Family. Family and work	A
Minority groups. Pluralism. Assimilation	A
Childhood, Sociology of	B
Education, Sociology of	B
Everyday life, Sociology of	B
Film, Sociology of	B

Individualism. Differentiation. Struggle and conflict

Political life	B
Leadership	B
Inequality. Social justice	A
Age. Gender and gender roles. Race and ethnicity	A
Feminist theory	B
Social classes. Social stratification	A
Opposition. Violence. Revolution	B

Social elements, forces, problems, laws

Population and demography. Urbanization. Traffic. Rural issues	B
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Social change. Social movements. Restructuring	A
Work and industry	A
Crime. Criminology. Criminal justice	A
Juvenile delinquency	A
Economics. Movement of goods and people	B
Religion. Church and social problems. Islam and society	A
Environment, Sociology of	A
Law, Sociology of	B
Technology	B

Psychological and Medical Sociology

Risk	C
Communication	C
Authority and freedom	B
Tradition and change	C
Experience and management of health and illness	B
Deviance	B