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# Classics and Religious Studies Collection Development Policy

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## **Classics and Religious Studies Collection Development Policy**

University Libraries, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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### **I. GENERAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Classics and Religious Studies collections support the teaching, research, and service activities of the entire university community. The primary audience is the faculty and students of the Department of Classics & Religious Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences. Its primary focus is support for the undergraduate and graduate curricula for Classics & Religious Studies. Research needs of faculty and students are supplemented through Interlibrary Loan. While the collection also benefits other citizens of the state of Nebraska, materials are not purchased with them in mind. While the collection focuses on works classified in Library of Congress call numbers B, BL-BX, and PA, research support is also provided by other areas of the general library collection, especially history.

The Department of Classics and Religious Studies combines two humanities fields of study that share common interests in text, language and history. The Department offers a BA with a major in Classics and Religious Studies (with an emphasis in either Classics or Religious Studies) and a major in Classical Languages. Students majoring in Classics and Religious Studies gain

an excellent background to pursue graduate work in classical languages and literature, classical archaeology, ancient history, religious studies, literary scholarship, and other humane disciplines. In addition, the broad and humane education offered by the major serves as excellent preparation for careers in law, medicine, journalism, religion, business, and education. (2008-2009 *Undergraduate Bulletin*, UNL, 155)

Students majoring in Classical Languages generally go into “graduate study of the Greco-Roman world.” (155). The department also offers an M.A. in Greek and Latin, “with concentrations in either Greek or Latin.” <http://www.unl.edu/classics/grad.shtml> Courses in the department may fulfill group requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences or in other colleges. The department also offers courses that fulfill ACE general education requirements.

Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Arabic language and literature courses are offered, as are introductory level courses in Egyptian and Coptic. In addition, the department offers a variety of Classics courses in English, e.g., "The World of Classical Greece," "Pagans and Christians in the Roman Empire," and "Classical Drama." Religious Studies classes include "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament," "Early Christianity," "Introduction to Islam," "Second Temple Judaism," "Science and Religion," "Religion and Reform: Utopian and Communal Societies in America," and "Fundamentalism, Religion, and Politics."

Classics and Religious Studies faculty cooperate with English, History, Art, Philosophy, Sociology, Judaic Studies, and Music in teaching interdisciplinary courses such as "Classical Roots of English Literature," "History of Christianity," "Roman Painting," "Ancient

Philosophy,” “Sociology of Religion,” “Literature of Judaism,” and “Music & the Church.” They also participate in a number of interdisciplinary and interdepartmental programs, such as Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

The department's primary focus is philological and historical. Research and teaching interests in Classics are concentrated on primary texts, such as Homer, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Cicero. In Religious Studies, research and teaching interests are Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism, early Christianity (especially Gnosticism), medieval Christian theology, philosophy of religion, Islam, Buddhism, and medieval Judaism.

As of 2009, the department faculty includes two Professors (S. Crawford, Turner); five Associate Professors (Athanasopoulos [Anthropology], Burnett [History], Duncan, Rinkevich, and Winter); four Assistant Professors (Gorman, Komarovski, Lahey, and Wood); one Assistant Professor of Practice, (Watley); and one Senior Lecturer (D. Crawford).

## **II. GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE**

Classical studies cover the literature and culture of the ancient Roman Empire which encompasses Greece, Syria-Palestine, Italy, Asia Minor, North Africa, Spain, France, and Great Britain. Religious Studies covers the world, with primary focus on North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Tibet.

## **III. CHRONOLOGICAL COVERAGE**

For Classics, high priority is given to the literature and culture of the Hellenic, Hellenistic, and Roman periods. Latin literature of the medieval period is also a priority.

For Religious Studies, high priority is given to early Christianity, Second Temple Judaism, and Medieval Christianity. Other priorities include Islam in the Arabic speaking world, Judaism in medieval Europe, and Tibetan Buddhism.

## **IV. IMPRINT DATE**

Imprint date is not critical but preference is given to newer titles.

## **V. FORMAT/TYPE AND LEVEL OF MATERIALS**

Purchasing priorities for Classics:

1. Buy new facing-page translations first.
2. Buy scholarly commentaries second.
3. Buy monographs third.

Purchasing priorities for Religious Studies:

1. Buy scholarly commentaries first.
2. Buy monographs second.
3. Buy new text editions third.

Books are critical to the Classics and Religious Studies Department. In addition, symposia, transactions, proceedings, and dissertations are selectively added. These materials are acquired at the level designated by the Library of Congress Classification in the **Classification and Intensity Listing** section.

Reference works such as indexes and abstracts and dictionaries are also vital for research and teaching; electronic access to reference works is preferred to print when financially feasible. Non-print material, such as historical maps and atlases, are useful and are acquired selectively to support the curriculum.

More than one edition of a text may be acquired for comparative purposes. Different translations of the same original work will be acquired. Also, updated editions of classic translations are acquired.

Journal subscriptions support research and teaching in all areas of the department. Electronic rather than print journals will be acquired whenever possible, following University Libraries' policy.

Insofar as is possible, online electronic collections are preferred over CD-ROM collections. Examples of electronic collections include Patrologia Latina database, Library of Latin Texts (Cetedoc or CLCLT), eMGH, and Bibliotheca Teubneriana Latina. **Caution:** some of the electronic resources do NOT include the scholarly apparatus, which is available only in the print version. Before deciding to purchase only electronic content, verify whether the content will be the same electronically as in print.

## **VI. LANGUAGES**

New editions of classical texts are collected in the original Latin, Greek and Biblical Hebrew. Primary texts in Coptic, Arabic, and Tibetan are added selectively. The order of preference for scholarly works is English, followed by German, French, and Italian. No language is excluded if the work is important. New translations are acquired selectively.

## **VII. SPECIAL FACTORS**

Collection development activities are coordinated with those of history, art history, architecture, Judaic Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and philosophy.

## **VIII. CLASSIFICATION AND INTENSITY LISTING**

The following are listed by LC Class, Subject, and then by Intensity Level.

B 165-491 Greek Philosophy STUDY

B 504-626 Greco-Roman Philosophy STUDY

B 630-708 Alexandrian and Early Christian Philosophy RESEARCH

B720-765 Medieval (430-1450) STUDY

B 740-753 Arabian and Moorish philosophers. Islamic philosophers.

STUDY

B 755-759 Jewish philosophers. STUDY

B 765 European philosophers. STUDY

BL 1-2790 Religions. Mythology. Rationalism STUDY

BL239-265 Natural Theology: Religion and Science RESEARCH

BL 1000-2370 Asian. Oriental STUDY

BL1100-1295 Hinduism. STUDY

BL 1300-1380 Jainism. BASIC

BL 1500-1590 Zorostrianism. BASIC

BL 1595 Yezidis. BASIC

BL 1600-1695. Semitic Religions. (Aramean, Sumerian, Assyro-Babylonian, Chaldean, Haranian, etc.) BASIC [Hebrew is classed below.]

BL 1710 Ethiopian. BASIC

BL1800-1975 China STUDY

BL2000-2032 India STUDY

BL2200-2228 Japan STUDY

BL2400-2490 Korea BASIC

BL 2400-2490 African. MINIMAL

BL2500-2592 American. [Indians of the Americas are classed in the E and F call numbers]. STUDY

BL2600-2630 Pacific Ocean Islands. Oceania. MINIMAL

BL 2670 Arctic Regions. MINIMAL

BL 2700-2790 Rationalism. BASIC

BM 1-990 Judaism

BM 1-449 General. STUDY

BM 70-135 Study and teaching. STUDY

BM 150-449 History. STUDY

BM 480-488.8 Pre-Talmudic Jewish Literature (non-Biblical)

RESEARCH

BM 495-532 Sources of Jewish religion. Rabbinical literature.

STUDY

BM 497-509 Talmudic Literature. STUDY

BM 510-518 Midrash. STUDY

BM 520-523.7 Halacha. STUDY

BM 525-526 Cabala. STUDY

BM 529 Jewish Tradition. STUDY

BM 534 -538 Relation of Judaism to special subject fields STUDY

BM 545-582 Principles of Judaism (General) STUDY

BM585-585.4 Controversial Works against the Jews STUDY

BM 590-591 Jewish Works against Christianity and Islam STUDY

BM 600-645 Dogmatic Judaism. STUDY

BM 646 Heresy, heresies. STUDY

BM 648 Apologetics STUDY

BM 650-747 Practical Judaism. (Priests, rabbis, etc., Congregations, Synagogues, The tabernacle, the Temple, Forms of worship, Liturgy and ritual,

Festivals and fasts, Rites and customs, Jewish way of life. Spiritual life.  
Mysticism. Personal Religion. Moral theology. Preaching, homiletics) STUDY

BM 750-755 Biography STUDY

BM 900-990 Samaritans STUDY

BP 1-253 Islam. STUDY but see exceptions below

BP170 Works in defense of Islam. Apologetics. RESEARCH

BP221-253 Branches, sects: Black Muslims, Moorish Science Temple of America, Nurculuk  
MINIMAL

BP 300-395 Bahai Faith. MINIMAL

BP 500-585 Theosophy MINIMAL

BP 595-597 Anthroposophy MINIMAL

BP 600-610 Other beliefs and movements MINIMAL

BQ 1001-9800 Buddhism STUDY but see exception below

BQ7530-7950 Tibetan Buddhism (Lamaism) RESEARCH

BR 45-1725 Christianity RESEARCH

BS 1-2970 Bible and exegesis RESEARCH

BT 10-1480 Doctrinal theology, Apologetics STUDY but see exception below

BT 1313-1480 History of specific doctrines and movements. Heresies and schisms.  
RESEARCH for Heresies and schisms.

BV1-5099 Practical Theology STUDY generally, except as noted below

BV 5-149 Practical theology. Times and seasons. Church year MINIMAL

BV 150-169.5 Christian symbols and symbolism BASIC

BV 169-510 Liturgy. Hymnology STUDY

- BV590-1652 Ecclesiastical theology. Generally STUDY but see exceptions
- BV652-652.9 Church management MINIMAL
- BV652.95-657 Mass media and telecommunications in religion. STUDY
- BV700-707 Parish. Congregation. Local church BASIC
- BV895-896 Shrines, holy places BASIC
- BV900-1393 Religious societies, associations, etc. BASIC
- BV1460-1615 Religious education STUDY
- BV1620-1652 Social life, recreation, etc., in the church MINIMAL
- BV2000-3705 Missions BASIC for Religious Studies, but other departments may have specific research interests
- BV4019-4167 Pastoral theology. Education. Training for ordained ministry. Training for lay leaders. BASIC
- BV4625-4780 Moral theology. Sins and vices. Virtues. Precepts from the Bible. Precepts of the Church. RESEARCH for Medieval Period only. STUDY for other eras.
- BV5015-5068 Asceticism RESEARCH for Early Church era only; STUDY for other eras
- BV5070-5095 Mysticism RESEARCH for Early Church era only; STUDY for other eras
- BX1-9999 Christian denominations. STUDY generally, but with exceptions noted below.
- BX1-9.5 Church unity. BASIC
- BX 100-107 Eastern Churches. Oriental churches. STUDY
- BX 120-129 Armenian church. BASIC
- BX130-139 Coptic church STUDY
- BX140-755 [other Eastern churches. Orthodox Eastern Church.] BASIC
- BX 800-847 Roman Catholic Church. [Periodical, dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.] MINIMAL [get on ILL from Creighton]



BX880-891 Roman Catholic Church. General collected works. STUDY

BX895-939 Roman Catholic Church. Study and teaching. BASIC

BX940-1745 Roman Catholic Church. History BASIC [exception: Medieval West is STUDY]

BX1746-1755 Roman Catholic Church. Theology. Doctrine. Dogmatics. BASIC

BX1756 Roman Catholic Church. Sermons, tracts, etc. MINIMAL

BX1760-1779.5 Roman Catholic Church. Controversial works. MINIMAL [exception: Wyclif, Hus RESEARCH]

BX1781-4795 Roman Catholic Church. BASIC except for

BX2200-2292 Sacraments. Medieval-era Sacraments is STUDY level.

BX 4800-9999 Protestantism STUDY [but—based on faculty members' research interests, more emphasis is placed on acquiring resources to support those areas. Books on individual denominations or leaders or schools of thought are not routinely added, although some will be selected, based on teaching needs.] See exceptions below.

BX4872-4924 Pre-Reformation Protestantism. Waldenses, Albigenses, Lollards, Wycliffites, Hussites, Bohemian Brethren. RESEARCH

CB 3-311 History of Civilization and Culture STUDY

D 51-95 Ancient History STUDY

DE History of the Greco-Roman world STUDY with exceptions noted below

DE 8 Historiography, general works RESEARCH

DE 61 .C7 Spectacles RESEARCH

DE 61 .L3 Labor and laboring class RESEARCH

DF10-951 History of Greece STUDY with exceptions noted below

DF10-289 Ancient Greece STUDY

DF10-16 General STUDY

DF27-41 Geography. Travel STUDY

DF75-136 Antiquities. Civilization. Culture. Ethnography STUDY with exceptions noted below

DF 99 Dress & Costume (See GT550) RESEARCH

DF 100 Eating, drinking. RESEARCH

Funeral Customs, Sepulchral customs (See GT3170) RESEARCH

DF207-241 History STUDY

DF207-218 General STUDY

DF220-241 By period STUDY with exceptions noted below

DF220-221 Bronze Age, Minoan, and Mycenaean ages STUDY

DF221.2-224 ca. 1125-500 B.C. Age of Tyrants STUDY

DF 222 Archaic Period RESEARCH

DF225-226 Persian wars, 499-479 B.C. RESEARCH

DF227-228 Athenian supremacy. Age of Pericles. 479-431 B.C. RESEARCH

DF229-230 Peloponnesian War, 431-404 B.C. RESEARCH

DF230.9-231.9 Spartan and Theban supremacies, 404-362 B.C. STUDY

DF232.5-233.8 Macedonian epoch. Age of Philip. 359-336 B.C. STUDY

DF234-234.9 Alexander the Great, 336-323 B.C. STUDY

DF235-238.9 Hellenistic period, 323-146.B.C. STUDY

DF 235.A1 Sources and Documents. General Works. RESEARCH

DF 235.47 – 235.48 Biography and Memoirs RESEARCH

DF239-241 Roman epoch, 140 B.C.-323/476 A.D. STUDY

DF251-289 Local history and description MINIMAL

DF501-649 Medieval Greece. Byzantine Empire, 323-1453 MINIMAL

DF701-951 Modern Greece MINIMAL

DG11-999 History of Italy STUDY

DG11-365 Ancient Italy. Rome to 476 STUDY with exceptions noted below

DG11-16 General STUDY

DG27-41 Geography. Description and travel STUDY

DG51-70 Local history and description STUDY

DG51-55 Regions in Italy, A-Z STUDY

DG59 Regions outside of Italy, A-Z BASIC

DG61-69 Rome (City) to 476 STUDY

DG70 Other cities, towns, etc., A-Z BASIC

DG75-190 Antiquities. Civilization. Culture. Ethnography STUDY

DG201-365 History STUDY

DG201-215 General STUDY with exceptions noted below

DG 205 Roman Historiography, General Works RESEARCH

DG221-365 By period STUDY with exceptions noted below

DG221-225 Pre-Roman Italy. Etruria. Etruscans STUDY

DG231-269 Kings and Republic, 753-27 B.C. STUDY

DG233-233.9 Foundations and kings, 753-510 STUDY

DG235-269 Republic, 509-27 STUDY

DG237-238 Subjection of Italy, 343-290 STUDY

DG241-253 Conquest of Mediterranean world. 264-133 STUDY

DG242-249.4 First and Second Punic Wars. Illyrian wars. 264-201 STUDY

DG250-253 Wars in the East and in the West. 200-133 STUDY

DG253.5-269 Fall of the Republic and establishment of the Empire. 133-27 STUDY

DG 253.5 Fall of Republic. Documents. RESEARCH

DG256-260 Period of Marius and Sulla (Pompey).111-78 STUDY

DG 260 .C5 Biography of Cicero. RESEARCH

DG261-267 Julius Caesar. First Triumvirate, 60 STUDY

DG268-269 Second Triumvirate, 43-31 STUDY

DG269.5-365 Empire, 27 B.C. - 476 A.D. STUDY

DG269.5-274.3 General STUDY

DG275-309.3 Constitutional Empire, 27 B.C. - 284 A.D. STUDY

DG310-365 284-476. Decline and fall STUDY

DG401-583.8 Medieval and modern Italy MINIMAL for Medieval; out of scope for Modern (1492- present)

DG500-537.8 Medieval, 476-1492 MINIMAL

GF3170 Treatment of the dead in antiquity used instead of DF 100 RESEARCH

GT 550 Dress and Costume used instead of DF 99 RESEARCH

P Philology, Linguistics STUDY

PA 1-199 Classical Philology STUDY

PA 201-591 Greek Classical Philology and Language STUDY

PA 601-691 Hellenistic Philology and Language STUDY

PA 700-899 New Testament and Early Christian Greek STUDY

PA 1001-1179 Medieval and Modern Philology and Language BASIC

PA 2001-2389 Classical Latin Philology and Language STUDY

PA 2391-2550 Ancient Dialects of Italy MINIMAL

PA 2600-2748 Vulgar Latin BASIC

PA 2801-2899 Medieval Latin STUDY

PA 2901-2915 Modern Latin MINIMAL

PA 2961-2995 Grammar for particular classes, professions BASIC

PA 3000-3049 Classical Literature (General) STUDY BUT SEE EXCEPTIONS BELOW

PA3014q7 (quoting) RESEARCH

PA3015m34 (manual labor) RESEARCH

PA3027 (Greek Tragedy) RESEARCH

PA3028 (Greek Comedy) RESEARCH

PA3029 (other Greek drama) RESEARCH

PA 3050-5868 Classical Greek Literature STUDY but see exceptions below

PA3131-3199 (Greek Drama) RESEARCH

PA3462 (tragic fragments) RESEARCH

PA3463 (selections, anthologies) RESEARCH

PA3464 (satyr play) RESEARCH

PA3465 (comedies) RESEARCH

PA3466 (new comedy) RESEARCH

PA3545-3553, PA6143 (drama criticism, interpretation, etc.) RESEARCH

PA3821 (Aelian) RESEARCH

PA3825-3849 (Aeschylus) RESEARCH

PA3875-3888 (Aristophanes) RESEARCH

PA3937 (Athenaeus) RESEARCH

PA3945 (Callimachus) RESEARCH

PA3948c5 (Clearchus) RESEARCH

PA3948c9 (Ctesias) RESEARCH

PA3965d3-d55 (Diodorus Siculus) RESEARCH

PA3973-3992 (Euripides) RESEARCH

PA3998h36 (Heraclides) RESEARCH

PA4002-4007 (Herodotus) RESEARCH

PA4245-4247 (Menander) RESEARCH

PA4391-4393 (Polybius) RESEARCH

PA4413-4434 (Sophocles) RESEARCH

PA4442-4443 (Theocritus) RESEARCH

PA4451.t4 (Theopompus) RESEARCH

PA4452 (Thucydides) RESEARCH

PA4487.t5 (Timaeus) RESEARCH

PA 5000-5318 Byzantine Literature BASIC

PA 5601-5868 Modern Greek Literature MINIMAL

PA 6000-6971 Classical Latin Literature STUDY but see exceptions below

PA6029.L87 (Luxury) RESEARCH

PA6029.M65 (Moderation) RESEARCH

PA6067-6075 (general Roman drama) RESEARCH

PA6137 (Roman drama collections) RESEARCH

PA6278-6370 (Cicero) RESEARCH

PA6568-6609 (Plautus) RESEARCH

PA6664 (Seneca's tragedies) RESEARCH

PA6685-6693 (Seneca's tragedies: criticism) RESEARCH

PA67556785 (Terence) RESEARCH

PA 7000-7041 Early Christian (Greek and Latin) STUDY

PA 8000-8595 Medieval and Modern Latin Literature BASIC

PJ 1111-1989 Egyptian Language and Literature MINIMAL

PJ 2001-2199 Coptic MINIMAL

PJ 4501-4860 Biblical Hebrew BASIC

PJ6001-8517 Arabic

    PJ6073-7144 Language BASIC

        PJ6690-6697 Ancient Arabic MINIMAL

        PJ6701-6901 Modern Arabic dialects MINIMAL

        PJ6950-7144 South Arabian MINIMAL

            PJ6950-6981 Ancient MINIMAL

            PJ7051-7144 Modern MINIMAL

    PJ7501-8517 Arabic literature MINIMAL

    PJ7695.8-7976 Individual authors or works MINIMAL

PK 401-969 Sanskrit Language MINIMAL

PK 3591-4485 Sanskrit Literature MINIMAL

PL3521-4001 Sino-Tibetan languages

    PL3521-3550 RESEARCH

    PL3551-4001 Tibeto-Burman languages

PL3561-3801 Tibeto-Himalayan languages RESEARCH but see exception below

PL3601-3775 Tibetan RESEARCH

PL3781-3801 Himalayan languages MINIMAL

PL3851-4001 Assam and Burma MINIMAL

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