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**I. GENERAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The philosophy collection supports the teaching, research, and service activities of the entire university community. Its primary audience is the faculty and students of the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts & Sciences. Its primary focus is support for the undergraduate and graduate curricula for philosophy. Research needs of faculty and students are supplemented through Interlibrary Loan. Although 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, BC-BD, BH, and BJ, research support is also provided by other areas of the general library collection, especially in BL51 (philosophy of religion), H (social sciences), J (political science), K (philosophy of law), Q (philosophy of science), QA (philosophy of mathematics), and R (philosophy of medicine/medical ethics).

**Philosophy**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Philosophy Department offers a graduate program, leading to either an MA or a PhD, and an undergraduate program, offering a BA in Philosophy, as well as a minor in philosophy. The department currently has sixteen faculty members and approximately 25 graduate students in residence. The research and teaching interests of the faculty are broad and span all the major subject areas of philosophy and many of the important specialties. The faculty offer courses in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, philosophy of mind, history of philosophy, logic, aesthetics, philosophy of language, philosophy of law, philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of science, philosophy of the social sciences, and social and political philosophy. [Adapted from the Philosophy Department’s web page http://www.unl.edu/philosophy/ 2009]

Specialized research interests of the faculty include

- a priori knowledge, perception, and metaphysical issues connected with particulars and universals
- action theory
- analytic philosophy
- ancient philosophy
- epistemology
- ethics
- feminist philosophy
- Hellenistic philosophy
- the intersection of law, psychology and philosophy
- medieval philosophy
- metaethics
- metaphysics
normative ethics
philosophical logic
philosophy of history
philosophy of language
philosophy of logic
philosophy of mathematics
philosophy of mind
philosophy of religion
philosophy of science
philosophy of the social sciences
theory of value and reasons for action
political philosophy

Philosophy is highly interdisciplinary, with many of its concerns overlapping with literature, history, political science, linguistics, law, and science.

There is no accrediting body for philosophy.

II. GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE
European and North American philosophers are of primary interest. When funds permit, Asian, African, and South American works are acquired.

III. CHRONOLOGICAL COVERAGE
All historical periods are represented in the collection.

IV. IMPRINT DATE
Recent imprints are preferred over retrospective titles, unless older editions are the only ones available. The standard edition of a philosopher’s work is a high priority, regardless of imprint date.

V. FORMAT/TYPE AND LEVEL OF MATERIALS
Collection emphasis is on acquiring monographs, scholarly journals, and reference sources. Proceedings, symposia, dissertations, and textbooks are collected selectively. Philosophical research is more journal-oriented than other humanities disciplines, and this is considered in establishing acquisition priorities. Online journals and reference tools should be acquired when available. Preference is given to print monographs over electronic.

VI. LANGUAGES
English is the preferred language, but materials in French and German are also desirable. Critical editions in the original language of publication are a high priority. Non-English translations are not routinely acquired.
VII. SPECIAL FACTORS
The following types of materials are included in the physical and electronic Reference Collections: handbooks, dictionaries, and encyclopedias; retrospective and serial bibliographies; and biographical tools.

The library attempts to acquire all standard critical editions of the works of Anglo and American philosophers, as well as the standard critical editions of Continental philosophers of all eras.

These standard, critical editions should be shelved in Love Library, for consultation by the users.

VIII. CLASSIFICATION AND INTENSITY LISTING
(The following are listed by Library of Congress Class, Subject, and then by Intensity Level)

B Philosophy see below

B 1-52; Philosophy-Periodicals, Yearbooks; RESEARCH
B 53-67; Philosophy—Theory, Method; RESEARCH
B 69-105; Philosophy-History and System—General; RESEARCH
B 108-115; Ancient Philosophy; RESEARCH
B 121-161; Oriental Philosophy; BASIC
B 165-491; Greek Philosophy; RESEARCH
B 505-626; Greco-Roman; STUDY
B 630-708; Alexandrian and Early Christian Philosophy; STUDY
B 720-738; Medieval Philosophy; STUDY
B 711-753; Arabian and Moorish Philosophers; STUDY
B 755-759; Jewish Philosophers; STUDY
B 765-769; European Philosophy (Medieval); STUDY
B 770-785; Renaissance Philosophy; STUDY
B 790-4875; Modern (Europe); RESEARCH
B 5000-5289; Modern (Asia); BASIC
BC; Logic

BC1 ; Periodicals. Serials; RESEARCH Philosophy

BC4 ; Societies ; RESEARCH Philosophy

BC5; Congresses ; RESEARCH Philosophy

BC6 Collected works (Nonserial) RESEARCH Philosophy

BC9 Dictionaries. Encyclopedias STUDY Philosophy

BC11 History. General works Early through 1800 STUDY Philosophy

BC15 History. General works 1801- STUDY Philosophy

BC21.A-.Z Special topics, A-Z RESEARCH Philosophy


BC40-48 Special systems and theories STUDY Philosophy

BC50-57 Philosophy. Methodology. Relation to other topics

BC59-99 Study and teaching. Research. General works, treatises, and advanced textbooks Deductive logic – Inductive and empirical logic RESEARCH

BC101-117 Elementary textbooks. Outlines, syllabi, etc. MINIMAL

BC121 Genetic and evolutionary logic RESEARCH

BC122 Transcendental logic RESEARCH

BC126 Many-valued logic RESEARCH

BC128 First-order logic RESEARCH

BC129 Free logic RESEARCH

BC131 Symbolic and mathematical logic RESEARCH

BC136 Logic diagrams RESEARCH
BC137-138 Mechanical logical methods and systems. "Logic machines" RESEARCH
Early works through 1800 ; 1801-

BC141 Logic of chance. Probability RESEARCH

BC143 Plausibility BASIC

BC145 Deontic logic RESEARCH

BC151-161 Logic for professional classes Lawyers, legislators, [etc.] BASIC

Enthymeme. Sorites. Dilemma, etc. Other special topics, A-Z RESEARCH

**BD Speculative Philosophy**

BC10-15 General philosophical works Introductions to philosophy. Early works through 1800 BASIC

BC21-28 General philosophical works Introductions to philosophy. 1801- BASIC

BD30-38 Elementary textbooks. Outlines, syllabi, etc. BASIC. [Note from Philosophy: only the classic, major textbooks.)

BD41 Addresses, essays, lectures STUDY

BD95-118 Metaphysics. Collected works (Nonserial).General works, treatises, and advanced textbooks. Early through 1800 and 1801- STUDY

BD125 Metaphysics of the school. Scholastic philosophy STUDY

BD131 Elementary textbooks. Outlines, syllabi, etc. MINIMAL

BD143-171 Epistemology. Theory of knowledge. Collected works (Nonserial) General works. Early through 1800 and 1801-
Truth. Error. Certitude, etc. RESEARCH

Epistemology and ethics. Intellectual virtues Epistemology and evolution. Epistemology and science. STUDY

BD181 Origins and sources of knowledge STUDY [unless otherwise noted]
BD181.3 A priori RESEARCH
BD181.7 Memory RESEARCH


BD300-418.3 Ontology RESEARCH

BD418.8-438.5 The soul. Spirit. Immortality, etc. BASIC

BD439 Self-deception RESEARCH


BD493-523 Cosmology [History, general works, addresses, essays, lectures] STUDY

BD530-655 Cosmology [teleology, causation, final cause, design and purpose, space, time, matter, and motion] RESEARCH

BD701 Miscellaneous speculations. Curiosa, etc. BASIC

BF Psychology
BF38 Philosophy [of Psychology] RESEARCH
BF41 Relation to critical and speculative psychology RESEARCH
BF44 Relation to logic RESEARCH
BF47 Relation to ethics and conduct RESEARCH
BF51 Relation to religion STUDY
BF76.4 Ethics in psychology and psychological research STUDY

BH Aesthetics RESEARCH
BJ 1-1535 Ethics see below

BJ10-110  [Periodicals, Serials, Collected Works, Congresses, Societies, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, History, Study and Teaching, etc.] RESEARCH

BJ111-149  Ethics. History. By period.  [Far East, India, Near East]  BASIC


BJ591-944  Ethics. History. By period.  [Individual European countries.]  STUDY


BJ980-982  Ethics. History. By period.  Africa.  BASIC

BJ991-995  General works, treatises, and textbooks. Latin.  STUDY but MINIMAL for textbooks (except for selected classics).

BJ1001-1031  General works, treatises, and textbooks. English RESEARCH for general works and treatises, but BASIC for textbooks (only the classic ones).

BJ1051-1185  General works, treatises, and textbooks.  [Other languages: French, German, Italian, Russian and other Slavic, Spanish and Portuguese, Scandinavian and Icelandic, Swiss, other languages (Japanese, Korean, etc.)]  STUDY but MINIMAL for textbooks or out of scope for textbooks

BJ1188-1295  Religious Ethics. The ethics of the religions.  Christian ethics, Jewish ethics, Buddhist ethics, Humanist ethics, etc.] BASIC

BJ1298-1335  Evolutionary and genetic ethics BASIC

BJ1340-1395  Existential ethics, humanist ethics, positivist ethics, socialist ethics, communist ethics, totalitarian ethics, feminist ethics STUDY

BJ1400-1500  Special topics.  Good and evil, pain and suffering, death, right and wrong, appropriateness, decision-making, truth and falsehood, lying, secrecy, compromise, tolerance, toleration, casuistry, duty, normativity, authority, obedience, nonviolence, violence, freedom of the will, etc.  RESEARCH

BJ1518-1531  Individual ethics. Character. Virtue. Collected works, general works, general special.  RESEARCH
BJ1533; A-Z Individual ethics. Character. Virtue. Special virtues, A-Z. [Courtesy, filial piety, heroism, magnanimity, quietude, sincerity, etc.] ;STUDY


BJ1545- ; Practical and applied ethics. Conduct of life, etc. ; STUDY

BJ 1801-2195; Social Usages, Etiquette; BASIC

H ;[philosophy of the social sciences] ;RESEARCH

JA and JC; Political Theory; RESEARCH

PN 45 or 49 ; Philosophy of literature; STUDY

Q 175; Philosophy of Science; RESEARCH

QC 6 ;Philosophy of Physics ;RESEARCH

QH 331; Philosophy of Biology ;RESEARCH

R 724; Medical Ethics ;RESEARCH

Z5118.P5; Bibliography of philosophy of anthropology ;STUDY

Z5322.P45; Bibliography of philosophy of biology ;STUDY

Z6208.P5; Bibliography of philosophy of history; STUDY

Z6514.P6; Bibliography of philosophy of literature; STUDY

Z6611.P5; Bibliography of philosophy of manuscripts; STUDY

Z 7125-7130; Bibliography of philosophy ;RESEARCH

Z7405.P74; Bibliography of philosophy of science ;STUDY

Z7821 ;Bibliography of philosophy of religion ;STUDY