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## **Philosophy Collection Development Policy**

University Libraries, University of Nebraska- Lincoln

Kathy Johnson, Liaison Librarian, December 2009

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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/philosop/> 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

B 5300-5679 ;Modern (Africa); 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
BC25-39	History. By period Ancient – Grecian – Roman – Medieval – Modern	STUDY 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
- BC171-199 Special topics. Truth and error. Certitude. Categories. Proof. Fallacies.  
Reasoning, argumentation, etc. Propositions. Predication. Judgment Hypothesis. Syllogisms.  
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
- BD175-177 Epistemology and sociology. Sociology of knowledge General  
works. Multiculturalism. Political correctness.  
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

BD181.7 – 214 Epistemology. Theory of knowledge. Inquiry. Decision-making. Encounter. Analogy. Limits of knowledge. Authority. The unknowable. "Ding an sich." Justification. Verification. Empirical verification. Verifiability Epistemics. Other minds. Senses and sensation. RESEARCH

BD214.5 - 218 Body. Somatic aspects. Belief. Faith. Hope. Double truth. Integration. BASIC

BD218.5 - 237 Modality. Nonexistent objects Objectivity. Relativity of knowledge. General works. Subjectivity. Subject. Paradigm Value. Worth. Perfection. Infallibility. Abstraction. Generalization Comparison. Resemblance. Identity Explanation. RESEARCH

BD240-265 Methodology. History of theory (of method). Theory of method, criticism, history. Interdisciplinary approach to knowledge. Formalization of knowledge. Heuristic. Thought experiments RESEARCH

BD300-418.3 Ontology RESEARCH

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

BD439 Self-deception RESEARCH

BD440- 450 Fear. Birth. Death. Study and teaching. Research. General works. Suicide. Philosophical anthropology. BASIC

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
- BJ160-404 Ethics. History. By period. Greece and Rome. Medieval. Renaissance. Modern. Europe, U.S., and Canada RESEARCH
- BJ411-564 Ethics. History. By period. Latin America. South America. BASIC
- BJ591-944 Ethics. History. By period. [Individual European countries.] STUDY
- BJ961-977 Ethics. History. By period. Asia. BASIC
- 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

BJ1534-1535; Individual ethics. Character. Virtue. Vices, A-Z [Avarice, envy, fanaticism, folly, obstinacy, slander, worldliness, 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