

Departmental Policy Statement: Political Science

College of Arts & Sciences

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Curriculum

Political Science offers degrees at the undergraduate (B.A.) and masters (M.A.) levels. The programs prepare students for careers in academia, law, government, and teaching.

Purpose and Scope of the Collection

The major areas of collecting include American politics and political behavior, comparative politics, urban politics, political development, international relations, political global economics, political philosophy, and constitutional and environmental law. The University of Memphis is the Regional Depository Library for Tennessee thus receiving 100% of what is available through the Federal Depository Library Program. That collection includes materials from the President, Congress, the Supreme Court and virtually all departments and agencies within the Federal government. The University of Memphis is also a depository for Tennessee state publications

Cooperative Agreements

None specified.

Geographical Coverage

Not applicable.

Period Coverage/Date of Publication Range

Primary emphasis is on contemporary materials.

Languages

The primary language is English. Materials in other languages are acquired selectively.

Types of Materials

Monographs:

Emphasis on major university presses, higher education associations, political policy groups, and U.S. and international documents.

Serials/Series:

Professional journals, newspapers, indexes and abstracts, bibliographies, and statistical resources.

Reference materials:

Encyclopedias, dictionaries, maps & atlases, indexes, and bibliographies.

Electronic Resources:

Academic Universe (Lexis-Nexis); Congressional Universe; FindLaw; MarciveWed (U.S. Documents Collections); GPO Access; Inter -University Consortium for Political & Social Research; JSTOR; Project Muse; PAIS

Microforms:

Research collections in microforms are purchased when deemed relevant.

Audio/Visual:

Video and audio materials are acquired when relevant to the curriculum.

Location of Materials Collection

Political science resources are primarily located in the regular circulating collection and the Government Publications collection at McWherter Library, the main facility on campus at the University of Memphis.

Special Collections

None specified.

Subject Areas by LC Classification

D History (general); History of Europe
E – F History of America
HX Socialism; Communism; Anarchism
J – JX Political science
Z7165 Subject-related Bibliographies

Related Areas of Collection

History

Law

Economics