

World Languages Collection Development Policy

Purpose of the Collection

The world languages collection primarily supports the teaching and research functions of the Department of World Languages and Literatures. The Department offers undergraduate courses leading to a B.A. degree in French, German, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Russian.

There is considerable overlap with the Departments of History, English, and Anthropology. Overlaps also exist to a somewhat lesser extent with the Departments of Religious Studies, and Theatre.

The library actively collects literature in the languages being taught within the Department of World Languages and Literatures, but for various reasons also maintains collections of literature in languages not currently taught -- for the future needs of the department, for other departments (see below), to support comparative literature studies, and for library users who wish to maintain and practice their language skills.

Description of the Academic Program

The undergraduate and graduate collecting emphasis is on world literature and literary criticism, as the program concentrates more on literary studies than on language studies. Courses in commercial languages for international trade are also taught in the French, German, and Spanish languages. Faculty writing interests center on literary translations and literary criticisms.

World languages provide a background for careers in international business and management, teaching, international law, and media communications.

Collection Description

Although the major portion of the collection is housed in Fondren East Library, some materials relative to world languages are also housed in Bridwell Library and in the Hamon Fine Arts Library.

Most Library holdings fall in the 400's - 470's in the Dewey classification system, and P, PA, PC, PE, PF, PG, PL, PQ, PR, PT, and PZ in the Library of Congress classification.

Languages

Literature is collected both in the original language and in translation. The library does not collect literature translated from English to another language.

Most instructional materials collected are designed for the English speaker, but may include non-English materials designed for students proficient in a given language. Reference materials may include translation dictionaries between languages neither of which is English.

The library collects materials in Ancient Greek, Latin, and Sanskrit for the Department of History.

Dictionaries and grammars in languages other than English are also collected for the Department of Anthropology.

Format

World languages materials' formats are books, serials, periodicals and microform, listed in order of importance.

The department is also supported by a collection of foreign language films at Fondren Library.

Special Collections and Manuscripts

The Stewart Irvin Oost collection of classics, numbering approximately 10,000 volumes and encompassing 16 languages, is housed in Fondren Library as part of the general collection.

Collection Levels by Library of Congress Call Number Range

For a description of collection levels, see [Collection Depth Indicators](#).

LC Call Number Range	LC Subject Heading	Goal Level
	GREEK	
PA1000-2915	Greek Language	3
PA3000-3049	Classical Literature	4
PA3050-4505	Greek Literature	4
PA5000-5660	Byzantine and Modern Greek Literature	3
	LATIN	
PA2001-2915	Latin Language	3
	Latin Literature	
PA6000-6971	Roman	4
PA8001-8595	Medieval and modern	3
	RUSSIAN	
PG2001-2826	Russian Language	
	Study & Teaching	2
	History	2
	Criticism	2
PG2900-3698	Russian Literature	
PG3300-3319	Early to 1800	2
PG3320-3445	19th Century	3
PG3450-3493	20th Century	3
PG3515-9665	Russian Literature in Other Areas of the World	2
	ARABIC	
PJ6001-7144	Arabic Language	
PJ6690-6697	Ancient Arabic	1
PJ6701-6901	Modern Arabic dialects	2
PJ6950-7144	South Arabian	2
PJ6950-6981	Ancient	1
PJ7051-7144	Modern	3

PJ7501-8517	Arabic literature	3
	INDO-ARAYAN LANGUAGES	
PK1931-1970	Hindi language	2
PK1971-1979.5	Urdu language	1
PK2030-2141	Hindi literature	2
PK2151-2212	Urdu literature	1
	JAPANESE	
PL501-669	Japanese Language	
	Study & Teaching	2
	History	2
	Criticism	2
PI700-899	Japanese Literature	2
	Early to the Meiji Restoration	2
	Meiji Restoration to Present	2
	Japanese Literature in Other	
	Areas of the World	2
	CHINESE	
PL1001-1960	Chinese language	
	Study & Teaching	2
	History	2
	Criticism	2
PL2250-3208	Chinese literature	3
	Collections	3
	Individual authors and works	3
	Provincial, local, colonial, etc.	3
	FRENCH	
PC2001-3761	French Language	
	Study & Teaching	2
	History	3
	Criticism	2
PQ1-3999	French Literature	
PQ1300-1935	Medieval through 17 th Century	3
PQ1947-2147	18th Century	3

PQ2149-2551	19th Century	4
PQ2600-2726	20th Century	4
PQ3800-3999	French Literature in Other Parts of the World	
	Africa	3
	ITALIAN	
PC1001-1977	Italian Language	
	Study & Teaching	2
	History	2
	Criticism	2
PQ4001-5999	Italian Literature	
PQ4265-4556	Early to 1400	2
PQ4561-4664	15th-17th Centuries	3
PQ4675-4734	18th-19th Centuries	3
PQ4800-4926	20th Century	3
	SPANISH	
PC4001-4977	Spanish Language	
	Study & Teaching	3
	History	3
	Literary Criticism	4
PQ6001-6168	Spanish Literature	
PQ6058-6060	Early to 1500	4
PQ6271-6498	16th & 17th Centuries	4
PQ6500-6576	18th & 19th Centuries	4
PQ6600-6726	20th Century	4
PQ7081-8560	Latin American Literature	4
PQ6265-6269	Literature in Translation	4
	Catalan Literature & Language	2
	GERMAN	
PD1-780	German Language	
	Study & Teaching	2
	History	2
	Criticism	2
PT1-4897	German Literature	
PT1501-1695	Early to 1500	2

PT1701-1797	1500 -1700 (Renaissance and Reformation, Baroque)	3
PT1799-2592	1700 -1832 (Schools/ Movements - Enlightenment, Sturm und Drang, Classicism, Romanticism)	3
PT2600-2653	1832 -1910 (Schools/Movements Include Realism, Naturalism, and Impressionism)	3
PT2660-2728	1910 to Present	3
PT3701-3971	German Literature in Other Parts of the World	3
	Austria	3
	Switzerland	2