

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Collection Development Policy Statement

SUBJECT: CLASSICS

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Students in the Department of Classics focus on achieving a reading proficiency in classical Greek and Latin and an understanding of the cultural heritage of classical Greece and Rome. The department offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in Greek, Latin, and Classical Humanities. With additional coursework in the College of Education, students in this program may also be certified to teach Greek or Latin in the secondary schools. (Undergraduate programs: http://www.wright.edu/majors/cls_more.html)

While there are no graduate degree programs, graduate level courses in Classics and Latin are available. Students in the interdisciplinary Master of Humanities program may include significant coursework in Classics in their programs.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library of Congress classification

B108-708	Philosophy (General) – Ancient (600 B.C.-430 A.D.)
CC	Archaeology
D51-95	History (General) – Ancient history
DE1-100	History of the Greco-Roman world
DF10-289	History of Greece – Ancient Greece
DG11-365	History of Italy – Ancient Italy. Rome to 476
LB1578-1633	Theory and practice of education – The teaching of language other than the mother tongue
N5603-5896	Visual arts – Classical art
P	Philology. Linguistics
P118	Philology. Linguistics – Language acquisition
PA	Classical philology
PA74	Classical philology – Study and teaching. Research
PN	Literature (General)

Superintendent of Documents classification

LC 2	Library of Congress, Humanities Division
LC 26	Library of Congress, History and Literature Division
LC 35.2	Library of Congress, European Division
NF	National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

Dates covered: intellectual content

The classical period extends roughly from the 5th- and 4th-century BC into the 1st century AD. Within this framework there are no chronological restrictions in the collection of materials in classics.

Dates covered: publication dates

Monographs acquired will generally be current publications, but significant retrospective purchases are made as the need arises.

Geographic coverage

The boundaries of the ancient Greco-Roman world extended into the African, Asian, and European continents. Within this framework there are no geographic restrictions on the collection of materials in classics.

Language

When possible, primary materials in Greek and Latin are acquired in both the original language and in English translation. Ordinarily critical works are acquired in English. Important foreign works of criticism may also be collected in their original languages.

Format

The majority of the materials collected are in print format. Relevant audiovisual and electronic resources are collected, and relevant Internet websites are added to the Wright State University Library Catalog. Frequently used materials are listed on the Classics Research Guide (<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/cla/>).

Exclusions

Textbooks are generally not collected.

LOCATION OF MATERIALS

All journals and monographs on Classics are housed in the Dunbar Library. Older and/or little-used print materials are housed at the Southwest Ohio Regional Depository. Audiovisual and microformats are housed in the Dunbar Library.

INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of Classics, there is a great deal of overlap with other subjects including anthropology/archaeology, art, English, history, music, philosophy, and religion, and theatre.

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

The Language Learning Resource Center has software for students learning Greek and Latin.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Local and regional collections

In Ohio, doctoral level collections in classics exist at the Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati, and their resources are available through OhioLINK. In the larger region, the

University of Michigan and the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign have extensive collections in classics; their materials are available through interlibrary loan.

Cooperative loan arrangements

OhioLINK provides students, faculty, and staff access to materials collected by most other academic libraries in Ohio. OhioLINK libraries support several bachelors, masters, and doctoral programs in Classics.

OhioLINK membership also provides Wright State with membership in the Center for Research Libraries, which enables students, faculty, and staff to obtain Center materials through interlibrary loan.