

Psychology

Information Access Policy Clemson University Libraries

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Primary Focus of Collection

To support the curriculum and research needs of the Department of Psychology of Clemson University, balancing the needs of students and instructors and research materials required for faculty scholarship.

The Department of Psychology Justice offers programs leading to the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Master of Science in Applied Psychology
- Ph.D. in Human Factors Psychology
- Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology

For detailed information on these programs, please see the [Clemson University Catalog System](#).

Primary & Secondary Users

Primary Users:

- Primary users are undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in degree programs through the Department of Psychology. Faculty and staff in the Department of Psychology are also considered primary users.
- As of Fall 2021, there were:
 - Undergraduate majors: 1208
 - Master's program students: 13
 - Doctoral Program students: 36

Secondary Users:

- Undergraduate students minoring in Psychology or taking Psychology courses for social science requirements or electives
- Undergraduate and graduate students in other classes using research from the discipline Faculty Researchers in other departments
- Interlibrary loan borrowing from other campuses
- Community patrons (including students from surrounding schools)

Scope of In-House Collection

The Psychology collection is housed in Cooper Library, although some occasional titles related to the discipline may end up in Special Collections, Architecture, or the Educational Media Center, if selected by those liaisons. There is also non-circulating material housed in remote storage. Materials for the circulating collection will be evaluated and selected by the Psychology liaison (or by other liaisons whose interests overlap with the discipline).

Format Guidelines

- **Digital Sources:** E-books are preferred for edited books that are normally accessed by chapter. All journals will be purchased in electronic form if possible.
- **Print Sources:** Print materials are purchased based on availability, preferences of users, and price. For some titles, both print and e-books may be purchased (or a print title may be purchased if digital access is only through a PASCAL provider).

Language Guidelines

In general, only English language materials will be purchased. Occasionally non-English language materials will be purchased if deemed appropriate by the subject liaison.

Geographical Guidelines

Most topics in psychology know no geographic bounds; therefore, there will be few restrictions to geographic location of topics. Books with a narrow focus on specific geographic areas may be rejected, except for the Southern United states, due to local interest.

Chronological Guidelines

Selection will focus on current, up-to-date information. However, because of required classwork in history and foundations of psychology, reprints of important older works may be selected.

Publication Date Guidelines

Generally, the selector will purchase books published within the last five years. Exceptions would include books requested by faculty members, books pertaining to a new research or instruction area, or replacements for missing items.

Types of Materials Included in the Collection

Along with edited books and monographs about specific subjects in Psychology, these material types will be selected:

- Biographies: Individual and collective biographies of figures important to the discipline will be purchased.
- Citation Guides and Manuals: A copy of the most current edition of the ASA (American Sociological Association) Style Manual will be purchased for Reference.
- Databases: The Information Access Committee purchases databases, but the subject librarian provides suggestions for selection and de-selection. Databases most relevant to Psychology are:
 - PsycINFO
 - PsycTests
 - Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
 - Sage Research
 - Dissertations and Theses Full Text
 - Medline
 - Web of Science
 - Mental Measurements Yearbook
- DVDs: Will purchase upon request or if seen as especially supportive of curriculum
- Encyclopedias: New editions and new titles in electronic formats will be purchased with both Reference and circulating funds. It is very unlikely that a print encyclopedia of any size would be purchased for the collection.
- Journals: Every effort will be made to preserve the current journal collection and to add new titles as funds allow. Evaluation tools such as usage studies and faculty surveys will be used to identify journals to be discontinued.
- Streaming Video: Will purchase or license upon request or if seen as especially supportive of curriculum.

- Theses and Dissertations: The Library maintains a local database of all theses and dissertations written at Clemson University. The Library also holds a subscription to ProQuest's Dissertations and Theses Full Text.

Types of Materials Excluded

The following materials will be excluded unless there is an extraordinary need and/or a specific request:

- Almanacs, Directories, and Yearbooks
- Bibliographies
- Dictionaries
- Workbooks
- Textbooks

Primary Subject Classifications:

Psychological tests and testing	BF176-176.5
Experimental psychology	BF180-198.7
Experimental psychology	BF180-198.7
Psychotropic drugs and other substances	BF207-209
Sensation	BF231-299
Consciousness. Cognition.	BF309-499
Motivation	BF501-505
Affection. Feeling. Emotion	BF511-593
Will. Volition. Choice. Control	BF608-635
Applied psychology	BF636-637
Differential psychology. Individuality. Self	BF697-697.5
Developmental psychology	BF712-724.85
Temperament. Character	BF795-839

Secondary Subject Classifications:

Theory and method of social science statistics	HA29-32
Industrial psychology	HF5548.7-5548.85
Personnel management. Employment management	HF5549-5549.5
Medicine and disease in relation to psychology. Terminal care. Dying	R726.5-726.8
Medical records	R864
Mental health. Mental illness prevention	RA790-790.95
Psychosomatic medicine	RC49-52
Radiography	RC71-78.7
Therapeutics. Psychotherapy	RC475-489
Psychopathology	RC512-569.5

Personality disorders. Behavior problems	RC554-569.5
Geriatrics	RC952-954.6
War. Philosophy. Military psychology and sociology	U21-22.3
Communication of technical information	T10.5-11.9
Human engineering in industry. Man	T59.7-59.77
Work measurement. Methods engineering	T60-60.8
Human engineering	TA166-167
Transportation engineering	TA1001-1280
Roads and highways (traffic safety)	TE1
Internet design (usability)	TK5105.888
Motor vehicles.	TL1-484
Anthropometry	QP33
Neurophysiology, Neuropsychology	QP351-495

Access to Information Not Owned by Clemson

Interlibrary Loan/PASCAL

The primary access point for books and journals not owned or accessible by the Libraries will be PASCAL and Interlibrary Loan. This service is free to Clemson University students, faculty, and staff. This service is not available to the general public.

Selection Tools

- Faculty and Graduate Student Requests
- Course Syllabi
- Review sources (e.g. *Choice*)
- Vendor databases (e.g. Gobi)
- Publisher catalogs and websites

Weeding and De-selecting

Monographs

Weeding directories, almanacs, badly-dated reference material and books that have not circulated in ten years should be the focus of monograph weeding. Care should be taken to keep books of value for history/foundation coursework (i.e., primary sources and biographical/historical material on the history of the discipline). Books in poor physical condition that can be found in the Hathi Trust or other stable, Clemson-owned/accessed digital format can be discarded.

Some of this weeded material that is not widely held by other South Carolina libraries can be moved to remote storage to see if it will be requested by users, but most should be being permanently removed from the collection

Journals

Individual volumes of print journals that can be found in JSTOR or other stable subscription services can be discarded. All other bound journals should be sent to remote storage, since “scan and deliver” can easily be centralized at that location and make them readily available (depending on storage space continuing to be available). Current, unbound issues of journals that are only received in paper should continue to be kept in Cooper until they are bound and sent to remote storage (on a workflow schedule that is best for technical services).

Collection Assessment and Planning

- The information access policy should be reviewed every five years at a minimum.
- Appropriate bibliographies will be checked against our holdings
- Benchmarking projects
- User surveys
- Circulation and usage statistics
- Interlibrary Loan activities and statistics