

Psychology

Information Access Policy Clemson University Libraries

Psychology Librarian: Peggy Tyler
Revised Spring, 2019

Primary Focus of Collection and Access

To support the curriculum and research needs of the Psychology Department of Clemson University, balancing the basics of undergraduate support with the specific materials required for faculty scholarship.

The Clemson University Psychology Department offers programs leading to the following degrees:

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

UNDERGRADUATE

Clemson's research-based undergraduate psychology curriculum focuses on preparation for professional careers related to human resources, personnel, counseling, and other people-oriented positions in human services, business, and industry or graduate training in such areas as biological, clinical, cognitive, counseling, developmental, experimental, health, industrial, school, and social psychology.

Both BA and BS Psychology majors are required to take within the major:

- Introductory Psychology (PSYC 2010)
- Fundamentals of Psychological Science (PSYC 2030)
- A class and lab in experimental statistics (PSYC 3090)
- A class in applied experimental methods (PSYC 3100)

In addition, they are required to take 19 credit hours of psychology courses, including:

- At least six credits from Biological and Cognitive Psychology courses
- An Applied Psychology class
- A class on the topic of Individuals and Groups
- One additional laboratory class

In addition, BS students have a 3-credit Foundations of Science requirement

For more detailed information, see Psychology Undergraduate Handbook

<https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/psychology/files/pdf/UndergradHandbook.pdf>

GRADUATE

Graduate programs emphasize theory and practice in industrial and organizational psychology, human factors, and occupational health. *Clemson does NOT have a clinical or counseling graduate program.* Core areas of study include:

Psychometrics

Training

Employee selection

Performance appraisal

Attitude Measurement

Psychophysiology

Ergonomics

Usability

Leadership

Driving Human Factors

Human vision

Research Design and Quantitative Methods

Adulthood and Aging

Work-related stress

Legal Issues

Judgment and decision-making

Teamwork

For more detailed information, see Psychology Graduate Program Descriptions

<https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/psychology/graduate/index.html>

FACULTY RESEARCH

Among the research topics of current Clemson Psychology faculty are:

process-control simulation

psychophysiology

sleep research perception

uncoupled motion sensation

and perception visual

performance

driving simulation

usability testing

social psychology

cognitive aging

personnel selection and performance appraisal

workplace training research

industrial-organizational research

occupational stress

virtual reality

robotics and teleoperation

cyber-bullying

positive psychology and courage

stigma of psychological problems

simulation of human memory

human-computer interaction

Additional information about Department research can be found here:

<http://www.clemson.edu/psych/research/>

Primary & Secondary Users

Primary Users

As of Fall, 2018, there were:

Psychology Faculty: 35

Undergraduate Psychology majors: 799

Master's program students: 8

Doctoral program students: 33

 Industrial/Organizational: 22

 Human Factors: 11

Secondary Users:

Undergraduate students minoring in Psychology

Undergraduates 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 and PASCAL users 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 stray 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). The Head of Reference and the Psychology liaison will jointly and separately select materials for the Reference collection, if any such material is ever deemed necessary (currently the *Publication Manual of the APA* is the only Psychology title in Reference)

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. The Information Access Committee will purchase journals – the burden of purchasing journals from monograph funds has become too much of a liability for an individual subject librarian to take on.

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

Only English language materials will be purchased.

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 two 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 may be purchased.

Career guidance materials: Career guides for psychology majors and guides to graduate study will be purchased and updated on a regular basis.

Citation Guides: Multiple copies of any updated edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* will be purchased for Reference and circulation.

Databases: The Information Access Committee purchases databases, but the Psychology Librarian provides suggestions for selection and de-selection. Databases most relevant to the Psychology discipline are:

- PsycINFO
- PsycTests
- Sage Research
- Dissertations and Theses Full Text
- Medline
- Mental Measurements Yearbook

DVDs: Will purchase upon request or if seen as especially supportive of curriculum. Not heavily used in this discipline.

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.

Manuals: Multiple copies of updates to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* will be purchased immediately upon publication, along with guidebooks and other interpretive material. Manuals may also be purchased for new versions of statistical software used by graduate students and faculty.

Streaming Video: Will purchase upon request or if seen as especially supportive of curriculum. Not heavily used in this discipline.

Tests and Measures: Print and electronic versions of “fair use” tests and measures may be collected. This does not include for-profit tests and manuals that are under copyright by commercial test publishers.

Theses and Dissertations: The Library maintains a local database of all theses and dissertations written at Clemson University. The Library also currently holds a subscription to ProQuest’s *Dissertations and Theses Full Text*. In rare cases, if there is a dissertation or thesis that is not available electronically that is extremely relevant to Clemson work, it will be purchased and added to the collection.

Types of Materials Excluded

Almanacs, Directories, and Yearbooks: No effort is made to collect this material that goes out of date quickly and whose information is readily available on the web.

Bibliographies: Printed bibliographies are dinosaurs in the database age.

Dictionaries: Subject dictionaries are unnecessary considering free web resources.

Workbooks: Books targeted for clinical practitioners or books composed of worksheets or checklists will not be purchased.

Pop Psychology Books: Books produced by the popular press for the general public will usually not be purchased. This includes “self-help” books. Exceptions may be made for books requested by faculty or highly regarded in a review source and purchased to support Popular Reading.

Pseudo-psychology: Books about topics that may be popular but that have been debunked by current scholarship (e.g., astrology, MBTI). Scholarly works providing historical or critical analysis of these subjects are, however, sought out for purchase.

Textbooks: Textbooks used in classes taught at Clemson University will not be purchased. Other textbooks may occasionally be purchased if they support the psychology curriculum.

Collection Analysis by Subject

Responsible for BF call numbers – defined as PSYCHOLOGY by Library of Congress (LC) Breakdown of BF Call numbers is given below, with LC subfield description and collection level at Clemson (Collection levels defined at http://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/cpc.html)		
LC Call number range	Psychology subfield range definition	Collection level
BF38-64	Philosophy. Relation to other topics	Minimal
BF173-175.5	Psychoanalysis	Minimal
BF176-176.5	Psychological tests and testing	Instructional support
BF180-198.7	Experimental psychology	Instructional support
BF203	Gestalt psychology	Minimal
BF207-209	Psychotropic drugs and other substances	Instructional support
BF231-299	Sensation.	Instructional support
BF309-499	Consciousness. Cognition.	Instructional support
BF501-505	Motivation	Instructional support
BF511-593	Affection. Feeling. Emotion	Instructional support
BF608-635	Will. Volition. Choice. Control	Instructional support
BF636-637	Applied psychology	Instructional support
BF638-648	New Thought. Menticulture, etc.	Minimal
BF660-685	Comparative psychology. Animal and human psychology	Minimal
BF692-692.5	Psychology of sex. Sexual behavior	Minimal
BF697-697.5	Differential psychology. Individuality. Self	Instructional support
BF698-698.9	Personality	Instructional support
BF699-711	Genetic psychology	Minimal
BF712-724.85	Developmental psychology	Instructional support
BF725-727	Class psychology	Minimal
BF795-839	Temperament. Character	Instructional support
BF839.8-885	Physiognomy. Phrenology	Out of scope

BF889-905	Graphology. Study of handwriting	Out of scope
BF908-940	The hand. Palmistry	Out of scope
BF1001-1389	Parapsychology	Out of scope
BF1001-1045	Psychic research. Psychology of the conscious	Out of scope
BF1048-1108	Hallucinations. Sleep. Dreaming. Visions	Instructional support for Sleep (other topics out of scope)
BF1111-1156	Hypnotism. Suggestion. Mesmerism. Subliminal projection	Out of scope
BF1161-1171	Telepathy. Mind reading. Thought transference	Out of scope
BF1228-1389	Spiritualism. Mediumship, spirit messages, clairvoyance	Out of scope
BF1404-2055	Occult sciences	Out of scope
BF1444-1486	Ghosts. Apparitions. Hauntings	Out of scope
BF1501-1562	Demonology. Satanism. Possession	Out of scope
BF1562.5-1584	Witchcraft	Out of scope
BF1585-1623	Magic. Hermetics. Necromancy	Out of scope
BF1651-1729	Astrology	Out of scope
BF1745-1779	Oracles. Sibyls. Divinations	Out of scope
BF1783-1815	Seers. Prophets. Prophecies	Out of scope
BF1845-1891	Fortune-telling	Out of scope
BF2050-2055	Human-alien encounters.	Out of scope
Because of the applied focus of department instruction and research, the following subject areas numbers are also collected for Psychology, sometimes in collaboration with the liaisons who have primary responsibility for those call number ranges.		
HA29-32	Theory and method of social science statistics	
HF5548.7-5548.85	Industrial psychology	
HF5549-5549.5	Personnel management. Employment management	
R726.5-726.8	Medicine and disease in relation to psychology. Terminal care. Dying	
R856-857	Biomedical engineering. Electronics. Instrumentation R858	
R858-859.7	Computer applications to medicine. Medical informatics	
R864	Medical records	
RA790-790.95	Mental health. Mental illness prevention	
RC49-52	Psychosomatic medicine	
RC71-78.7	Radiography	
RC475-489	Therapeutics. Psychotherapy	
RC512-569.5	Psychopathology	
RC554-569.5	Personality disorders. Behavior problems	
RC952-954.6	Geriatrics	
RC963-969	Industrial medicine. Industrial hygiene	
RC970-986	Military medicine. Naval medicine	
RC1000-1020	Submarine medicine	
RC1030-1160	Transportation medicine Including automotive, aviation, and space medicine	
U21-22.3	War. Philosophy. Military psychology and sociology	
UB 403	Military families	
UG 450;UG479	Military robotics	
T10.5-11.9	Communication of technical information	
T57-57.97	Applied mathematics. Quantitative methods	
T59.7-59.77	Human engineering in industry. Man	
T60-60.8	Work measurement. Methods engineering	
TA166-167	Human engineering	
TA1001-1280	Transportation engineering	
TE1	Roads and highways (traffic safety)	
TK5105.888 .	Internet design (usability)	
TL1-484	Motor vehicles.	
QP33	Anthropometry	
QP351-495	Neurophysiology, Neuropsychology	
QP301-321	Musculoskeletal System, Movements	

Access to Information Not Owned by Clemson

Interlibrary Loan/PASCAL

The primary access points 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.

Commercial Document Suppliers

Document delivery via commercial document suppliers (such as Ingenta) will be offered free of charge to Clemson University students, faculty, or staff. This service is not available to the general public.

Selection Tools

Faculty and Graduate Student Requests

Faculty and graduate students request specific titles in person, by email, or via forwarded ILL requests

Reference and Instruction

Answering individual request for research assistance and learning about current research topics during instruction sessions provide feedback about collection gaps.

Inclusion in PsycINFO

Books whose chapters are abstracted in PsycINFO may end up in fairly high demand because of their visibility to users.

Vendor Database

Notification lists arrive weekly according to a subject profile in GOBI. Regular searches of a list of significant keywords and call numbers are also run in GOBI for topics most relevant to the Psychology Department's curriculum and research interests.

Publishers' Web Pages

Especially-relevant publishers are checked on a regular basis for new titles:

American Psychological Association

CRC Press

Lawrence Erlbaum (now part of Taylor & Francis)

Transportation Research Board

Sage

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 psychology). 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).