Mary and Jeff Bell Library  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
Subject Collection Development Policy

Subject: History

Subject Librarian Liaison: Lisa Louis

Note: This collection development policy does not include the Library’s Special Collections and Archives Department. Please consult the Special Collections web page or contact Dr. Tom Kreneck, the head of that department, at (361) 825-2301 for more information.

Section I: Program Descriptions

Description of Undergraduate Program:

“The history curriculum offers courses that provide all University students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the development of the United States, Latin America, and Europe. These courses also assist students in refining their reading, listening, critical thinking, writing, communication, and research skills. The history curriculum offers integrated perspectives on political, social, economic, cultural, and military factors, which have shaped the city, the state, the nation, the region, Europe, and Latin America.

“The history major is designed for students seeking certification for grades 4-8 and secondary education, a greater understanding of the past, or preparation for graduate-level studies in the humanities and law. Drawing upon the holdings of the Special Collections and Archives Department as well as other library resources, the program also offers graduate courses for students enrolled in the Master of Arts in History program and for those selecting history as a field in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree.

“The history major requires a minimum of 33 semester hours of history course work, at least 27 of which must be at the upper-division level. Six additional hours of lower division United States history are required as part of the University core curriculum. The College of Arts and Humanities also requires students in history to take at least 6 hours of a second language.”

(Source: 2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog)
Tracks Offered for Undergraduate Major:

The history major does not offer tracks.

(Source: 2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog)

Undergraduate Catalog Course Listings: The course listings are available in the University’s Undergraduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html

Description of Graduate Program:

“This program aims to provide students with advanced knowledge and skills in the content, analytical theories, research methods, and public presentation of history. Students have an opportunity to study a range of topics in United States, Latin American, and European, history. The program places particular emphasis on matters pertaining to Corpus Christi and the South Texas region. It encourages students to involve themselves with historical activities and institutions in the metropolitan area.

“The MA in History will benefit secondary school teachers seeking to enhance their professional skills and standing. It will also benefit students planning careers in academia, public history, or the professions. It offers an excellent stepping stone to doctoral and other advanced history programs.”

(Source: 2007-2008 Graduate Catalog)

Tracks Offered for Graduate Major:

Graduate students in history may elect to either write a thesis or they may follow a non-thesis degree option.

(Source: 2007-2008 Graduate Catalog)

Graduate Catalog Course Listings for History: The course listings are available in the University’s Graduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html
Section II: Collection Levels

The designated collection levels will provide the appropriate support for the University’s academic programs. These levels are ideal collection targets and are dependent on funding.

The library adheres to library collection standards set by the State Higher Education Coordinating Board (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.sacs.org/), and other accreditation agencies.

Note: The majority of courses taught are within the scope of United States, Texas, Mexico, and Latin American history. In general, these areas have a higher collection priority.

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World

Asia  DS 1 – DS 937  1
Africa  DT 1 – DT 3415  1
Middle East  DS 41 – DS 326  1

Other

Historiography & Methodology  D12 – D16.18  2
History of Military Science  U27 – D45  1
History of Naval Science  V25 – V55  1
History of Civilization  CB3 – CB482  2
Biography  CT93 – CT9999  2

Section III: Preferred Collection Formats and Languages

Preferred Collection Format(s): (1) Electronic for periodicals and indexes; (2) Print for monographs.

Lower-Priority Collection Formats: Electronic books

Language: English (Spanish where appropriate)

Section IV: Noteworthy Publishers:

1. Top tier research university presses (e.g. Oxford, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Stanford, Cambridge, etc.)
2. ABC-CLIO
3. Palgrave

Section V: Specialized Lists/Bibliographies in this Subject Area:

NOTE: Due to the sheer scope of the history taught at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, this list is in no way intended to be comprehensive.


The American Historical Review
Blackwell Approval Plan

Book reviews in journals, such as *Library Journal, Booklist*, etc., subject-specialized journals, or specialized databases.


University of Houston Digital History Mexican American History Bibliography: http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/modules/mex_am/bibliography1.html

**Section VI: Weeding Policy**

(-----Including Frequency of Collection Assessment-----)

The collections for history (in the Main and Reference collections) will be examined, and weeded, every five years. Specific subject areas that include an element of historical treatment will be weeded by the appropriate Subject Area Liaison, with input from the History Liaison.

Weeding criteria include (1) Currency and relevance of material to the curriculum; (2) Updated/revised editions; and (3) Physical condition of the title (please see the “Weeding” section of the General Collection Development Policy).
Section VII: Gift Policy:

The library will accept donations of materials (monographs, periodicals, etc.) in this subject area. All donors are encouraged to fill out, and sign, a form with the Technical Services Department when the library accepts those materials. If the donor allows the library to keep all donated materials, then the library has the discretion about whether to integrate those materials into the collections or use them in another capacity, such as: (1) Donating those titles to another library; (2) Including them in the annual book sale; or (3) Recycling the materials if no other parties or organizations can use the materials. However, the donor can also specify on the form that they would like all donated materials returned to them if the library cannot add those materials to the collections.

The library will add gift books to the collections only if they support the curriculum and student research in history.

The Library will generally add print periodical titles to its collections under the following conditions: (1) The library already has a current subscription to that title; (2) The library has determined that there is adequate room for older print volumes of that title; (3) The library does not own those titles but they fit the subject’s selection criteria.


Approved by the Library Director August 1, 2007.