

Psychology

Information Access Policy Clemson University Libraries

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Primary Focus of Collection

To support the curriculum of the Psychology Department of Clemson University, with a principal emphasis on undergraduate study.

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 in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Master of Science in Applied Psychology in 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 plus Introductory Psychology Laboratory
- A basic class and lab in experimental statistics (taught by Psychology Dept.)
- A class in applied experimental methods
- A senior e-portfolio lab

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

- Two course of biopsychology or cognition
- One course of applied psychology
- One course about individuals or groups
- One additional laboratory class

BS students take a Foundations of Science elective in addition to these requirements.

For more detailed information, see Psychology Undergraduate Handbook
<http://www.clemson.edu/psych/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	Driving Human Factors
Training	Human vision
Employee selection	Research Design and Quantitative Methods
Performance appraisal	Adulthood and Aging
Judgment and decision making	Work-related stress
Attitude Measurement	Legal Issues
Psychophysiology	Teamwork
Ergonomics	Leadership
Usability	

For more detailed information, see Psychology Graduate Handbook
<http://www.clemson.edu/psych/PsychologGraduatStudentGuide.pdf>

Secondary Focus of Collection

To support the research needs of the Psychology faculty of Clemson University. Among the research topics of current Clemson Psychology are:

process-control simulation	personnel selection and performance appraisal
psychophysiology	workplace training research
sleep research	industrial-organizational research
perception and action	social psychology
motion sciences	occupational stress
uncoupled motion simulation	cognitive aging
human memory and perception	virtual reality
visual performance	robotics and teleoperation
driving simulation	cyber-bullying
usability testing	positive psychology and courage
human-computer interaction	stigma of psychological problems
advanced reading technologies	

Additional information about Department research can be found here:

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

Primary & Secondary Users

Primary Users

As of Fall, 2010, there are:

Psychology Faculty: 28
Undergraduate Psychology majors: 657
Master's program students: 4
Doctoral program students: 41
Industrial/Organizational: 24
Human Factors: 17

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.

Community patrons (including students from surrounding schools)

Interlibrary loan borrowing from other campuses

Scope of In-House Collection

The Psychology collection will be housed in the R.M. Cooper Library, although some stray titles related to the discipline may end up in Special Collections, Architecture, or Tillman, if selected by those liaisons. Materials for the circulating collection will be evaluated and selected by the Psychology liaison. The Head of Reference and the Psychology liaison will jointly and separately select materials for the Reference collection, keeping in mind the Reference Unit's mission to maintain that collection as small as possible.

Format Guidelines

Print Sources

Book collection development still primarily focuses on print material based on availability, usage, preferences of users, and price.

Electronic Sources

All journals will be purchased in electronic form if possible. The Information Access Committee will purchase journals unless there is an immediate need for a title that the Psychology Librarian believes can be reasonably purchased from book funds. Some edited books which are indexed in PsycINFO by chapter, books which will be primarily used as reference material, and books available in attractively-priced electronic "bundles" are the primary targets for purchase in digital format. Again, decision on e-format will be based on availability, usage, preferences of users, and price.

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. There is always a special interest on the southern United States; books with a narrow focus on remote geographic areas may be rejected because of that focus.

Chronological Guidelines

Selection will focus on current, up-to-date information. 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 biographies of figures important to the discipline will be purchased. Collections of biographical sketches are usually available in Reference databases.

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

Citation Guides and Manuals: Multiple copies of the most current edition of the APA Style Manual will be purchased for Reference and circulation. Manuals will also be purchased for new versions of statistical software used by graduate students and faculty.

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
- PsycARTICLES
- Web of Science
- ERIC
- TRIS
- Business Source Premier
- Dissertations and Theses Full Text
- Medline
- SIFT (Sociological Index with Full Text)
- SAE Digital Library
- WorldCAT
- 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.

Tests and Measures: Print and electronic versions of “fair use” tests and measures are 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 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.

Guidebooks and 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) 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

Patron-Driven Purchasing of E-Books (Coutts MyLibrary)

The Clemson Library Catalog contains several thousand e-book titles that Clemson does not own; the Library does not purchase them until users look at them three times. This way, items are actually purchased for the collection by the users.

Interlibrary Loan/PASCAL

The primary access point for books and journals not owned or accessible by the Libraries will be 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 if the needed information is not available from interlibrary loan sources. 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 by sending circled titles on publisher catalog pages.

Reference and Instruction

Helping students with assigned topics at the Reference Desk, in Psychology classes, and answering individual request for research assistance 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 “slips” arrive weekly according to a subject profile that has been arranged with Yankee Book Press to ensure announcement of titles that fit the needs of the library’s circulating collection. Regular searches of a list of significant keywords and call numbers are also run in the vendor database for topics most relevant to the Psychology Department’s curriculum and research interests.

Publisher’s Catalogs, Mailings & 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

Review Sources

Checking reviews in Choice and Library Journal on a regular basis helps fill in possible gaps in highly-recommended titles.

Weeding and De-selecting

Weeding has primarily focused on removing directories, almanacs, badly-dated reference material and books that have not circulated since 1996. Weeding is taking place in both the Reference and circulating collections. Some of this weeded material that is not widely held by other South Carolina libraries is being moved to remote storage to see if it will be requested by users, but most is being permanently removed from the collection.