Psychology

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Purpose/Program Supported

The psychology collection at the Robert W. Woodruff Library supports the curricula of the Psychology Departments in the Atlanta University Centers’ academic community, undergraduate and graduate. Morehouse and Spelman College offers a major and minor in Psychology. The Specialist in Education degree and the Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services. The candidates may study in the fields of Educational Psychology and Measurement, Reading and Exceptional Student Education (Behavior Disorders, Learning Disabilities, Mental Handicap, and Interrelated). In addition the collection supports the Interdenominational Theological Center, where there is a general overlapping of Psychology and Religion.

Guidelines for Collection Development and Management

Language
Most of the resources collected are in English, but works in other languages are collected as appropriate.

Chronological Coverage
Current materials are the primary focus but materials for any time period may be added to the collection.

Geographic Coverage
Psychology does not limit itself to any one geographic locality. While the collection is designed to support research on the United States, studies of other areas of the world are also important.

Scope
The core of the psychology collection is devoted to materials useful for students of general, education, counseling and social psychology.
Types of Materials, Formats collected

Research monographs are the primary focus. Textbooks are purchased selectively according to reading list. E-books are purchased if available. Research journals are acquired to support curricular or research needs. Journal subscriptions are reviewed on a regular basis. Usage data (where available) and journal impact factors are used to inform decision-making on journal subscriptions. Electronic journal subscriptions are preferred over print. Current subscriptions to abstracting and indexing services are electronic. A paper copy of the thesis or dissertations is archived. The thesis and dissertation is placed in the Library’s open access repository. Media is acquired upon request. The library purchases additional copies of texts which are required reading on course reading list from departments.

Materials excluded

Texts for practitioners are not collected unless required for a specific course.