Purpose / Programs Supported

Both Morehouse College (MC) and Spelman College (SC) offer a major in International Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. “The International Studies major is a combination of interdisciplinary and disciplinary courses to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the interrelationships among people as they function in different cultural, economic, and political settings.” The primary goal of the major at SC is to train students as leaders who will be cognizant of and sensitive to the requirements of changing realities in the international community.

The courses in International Studies span a number of disciplinary boundaries including Political Science, Economics, History, and Geography. International Studies program at MC permits students to emphasize either political Science, Sociology, Economics, the Humanities or Natural Sciences. Majors at SC and MC study abroad for one semester for cultural competency and language fluency.

Clark Atlanta University does not award a degree in International Studies. However, it has courses such as PSC 322 (International Relations), CPSC 572 (International Relations of African States) and CPSC 570 (International Relations) in its Political Science curriculum.

Guidelines for Collection Development and Management

Languages
English Language will be the primary language collected. Students and members of faculty who need resources in languages other than English will have access to interlibrary loan and interlibrary use cards.

**Chronological Coverage**

Emphasis is on current materials. However, earlier historical documents are collected when they are appropriate to research and study of special periods in the history of International Studies. For example, HIS 303 (Foundations of the Modern World) on the curriculum at SC examines the interconnectedness of the world beginning in 1400.

**Geographical Coverage**

Geographical coverage is not limited. Special emphasis will be placed on the following country area: Latin America, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.

**Scope**

The collection covers every aspect of the International Studies curricular offerings at AUC. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of International Studies, the subject librarian will collaborate with the librarians in History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, and Languages for a balanced collection.

**Types of Materials / Formats**

Monographs, academic journals, and electronic resources are primary to the collection. The Library subscribes to numerous full-text databases that are of research and study value to users.

**Strengths and Weaknesses**

Students and faculty have access to online and print resources in International Studies and related subjects such as Political Science, Economics, History, Sociology, and Anthropology. Members of faculty are given the opportunity to recommend books, journals and electronic databases. Students and faculty are able to select electronic books appropriate to the International Studies curriculum through the Demand Driven Acquisitions model.

**Special Considerations / Textbook Collection Dev. Policy**

RWWL does not buy course textbooks: print or electronic or teachers’ edition. However, subject librarian will work with teaching faculty and students to identify resources that meet the needs of their classes.
The Library acquires monographic works authored by the AUC Political Science faculties preferably through donation. This includes works in all media normally collected by the Library.