

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

CLASSIFICATION: U (MILITARY)

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General Purpose: To support undergraduate curriculum for an academic major in History and Political Science; to support three core courses in the Humanities major; to support the Military Arts and Sciences curriculum; to support generally the overall mission of the Academy--to train cadets to be professional military officers.

Collection Level Intensity: Advanced Research

Geographical Areas: No limitations.

Chronological Periods: No limitations, but emphasis is on military history from the 17th through the 20th centuries.

Types of Material Collected: Monographs, serials, dissertations, documents--US and some foreign, regulations, manuals, registers, handbooks, reports--NASA and other R&D technical reports, Rand reports, conferences, bibliographies, indexes and abstracts, encyclopedias, dictionaries, military atlases, microforms, newspapers, some photos, some sound recordings, and some newsletters.

Types of Material Excluded: Audiovisuals.

Other Factors: Very interdisciplinary. History will use the material for such courses as Modern Warfare and Society, Unconventional Warfare, Airpower and Modern Warfare, History of Military Thought, Twentieth Century Warfare and the American Way of War, and Science, Technology and War. Political Science will use the materials for Defense Studies. Military Arts and Sciences will use all the materials. The Prep School from time to time will also require use, as well as various other academic departments and staff agencies.

Subjects and Collecting Levels:

U 1-740 Military science (general), including yearbooks, collected works, military sociology, history of military science, biographies, soldiers handbooks, tactics, military education and training

750-790 Military life, manners and customs, antiquities

800-897 History of arms and armor

UA Armies: organization, description, facilities, etc., including the military situation, policy, defenses of individual countries

UB Military administration, including intelligence, psychological warfare, command and control, homosexuals, compulsory service, military law

UC Maintenance and transportation

UD Infantry, including manuals, tactics maneuvers, regulations

UE Cavalry; Armored and mechanized cavalry, including manuals, tactics,

regulations

UF Artillery, including manuals, tactics, maneuvers, regulations

UG Military engineering, including fortification, chemical warfare, military

surveying, topography and mapping, signaling

UGB 1-300 Military aeronautical science and technology; General works;

Biographies

517-731 Military aeronautical education and training; General; Histories

741-1161 US Air Force schools

2052-9082 Training in other countries

UGH Air Forces of the world

207-591 United States; General works; Department of the Air Force and

different commands

615-1741 Other Air Forces

2117-5291 Military aircraft

5307-5467 Air bases; Stations

5403-5445 Air Force expenditures; Appropriations

5501-5545 Air Force Reserves; Air National Guard

5607-5641 Technical and scientific research by Air Force

UGJ 21-93 Air Forces administration; General works; Histories

141-687 Air Forces personnel

711-921 Air Forces laws and regulations

1012-1807 Air Forces maintenance; Supplies; Logistics, including air logistics,

communications, medical and veterinary services

UGK Air warfare; Air power; Strategy and tactics

21-161 General works

203-631 Air tactics

821-1603 Aviation ordnance and gunnery; Weapon, including missiles and

aviation gunnery

The Academy Library will collect heavily in the military science subject area in order to maintain a rather comprehensive collection. Major subject areas include:

- military strategy and tactics
- war in general
- military history
- military biography (some multiple copies of works on U.S. military leaders, as well as prominent foreign military leaders, especially those in World War II)
- significant military battles (some multiple copies of World War II battles and other major battles involving U.S. forces)
- histories of major U.S. Army and Navy units and all histories of Air Force units
- histories of some prominent British, French, and German Air Force and Army (such as Panzer Division)
- past and present weapons and equipment, air power, aircraft (some multiple copies of U.S. aircraft)
- U.S. defense policy
- prisoners of wars (some multiple copies of Vietnam POWs)
- military-civilian relationships.
- military insignia and uniforms, mainly U.S. but also some foreign

An extensive collection of military journals is also included. Materials are primarily English and some other Western European languages. Materials are ordered from standard and specialized book reviewing journals (i.e., Choice, Air Force Magazine, Airpower Historian, Air Power Journal, etc.), and some out-of-print military and aeronautics catalogs.

Weeding Criteria: Historical materials will be retained. Multiple copies ordered for specific use may be weeded if no longer needed after ten years. Books or material in poor condition may be weeded if reprint or new edition is available.

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