

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

CLASSIFICATION: BL-BX (RELIGION)

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General Purpose: To support undergraduate teaching and research and the Chaplains' program. Great Religions of the World is taught by DFPY and may be used as the Philosophy option in the Humanities Major. There are no core courses.

Collection Level Intensity: General support.

Geographical Areas: No limits. Emphasis is on the Middle East, Europe, United States, Far East, and Southeast Asia.

Chronological Periods: No limits.

Types of Material Collected: Dictionaries, encyclopedias, monographs, serials, some textbooks, some pamphlets, sound recordings, directories, and handbooks. Electronic sources might include online databases, CD-ROMs, and evaluated Internet web sites.

Types of Materials Excluded: Most non-print or unpublished items (with the exception of sound recordings).

Other Factors: Related disciplines include philosophy, history, political science, sociology, mythology, and literature. Staff agency supported: Chaplains' office. DFH also offers a History of Christianity course.

Subjects and Collecting Levels: The course offered is "Great Religions of the World." Collecting scope: working collection of basic reference books, basic monographs, collections of sacred texts, and representative journals. Current events and political science are taken into consideration.

Weeding Criteria: Material does not generally become outdated. Holdings listed in Books for College Libraries are retained unless superseded by more recent editions. Books not listed there that are not used and are not directly related to some academic course should be considered for weeding. Superseded editions and unused duplicates are weeded.

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