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## Collection Development Policy, Women's Studies

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## Collection Development Statement

Department: Women's and Gender Studies

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### Collection Purpose

The primary purpose of the Women's and Gender Studies collection is to serve the learning, instructional, and research needs of the students and faculty in the Women's and Gender Studies Department, other students taking courses in the programs, and faculty and students throughout the university. Additionally, the collection provides opportunities for enrichment by community members for both professional and personal interests.

### Graduate Programs

Gender Studies Certificate

"The Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies is designed to provide students with a foundation in feminist theory and research, focusing on the study of gender and its relationship to cultural, social and political institutions and systems of meaning. The program is open to both degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking graduate students."

UCF Women's and Gender Studies Program

<http://womensstudies.cah.ucf.edu/graduate.php>

### Undergraduate Programs

Interdisciplinary Studies: Women's Studies Track B.A.

"Interdisciplinary Studies - Women's and Gender Studies track is a broadly based interdisciplinary curriculum that leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. The program is administered through the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Women's Studies Program in the College of Arts and Humanities."

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## Women's Studies Minor

The Women's and Gender Studies minor provides students with an opportunity to learn about women's historical and contemporary roles, gain a working knowledge of interdisciplinary feminist scholarship, and reflect critically on their life experiences as shaped by gender and other forms of diversity. Courses are drawn from various departments and schools, including Anthropology, Art, Communication, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, Film, English, Exceptional and Physical Education, Health Professions and Physical Therapy, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Nursing, Social Work, Sociology, Theatre, and the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

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## Women's Studies Certificate

"The certificate program in Women's and Gender Studies is designed to provide students with a basic, working knowledge of gender roles and women's issues. The certificate program is particularly beneficial to students in professional degree programs who will serve women and/or girls as a client population, but whose elective hours are restricted."

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## Collection Description

Previous areas of "general education" that included some deficits associated with women and gender (e.g., women's literature and history) have been the focus of more recent additions to the collection. Additional areas of focus have included areas, such as feminism and sex roles and emerging areas of study. The size and strength of the overall collection is adequate to support a bachelor's program.

Of special interest to the collection are additional materials in Special Collections and University Archives that include the *Judith and Warren Kaplan Collection, Women's and Gender Studies*. This collection is comprised of a broad spectrum of materials representing Ms. Kaplan's women's history materials and also includes the Judith Kaplan Papers, reflecting Ms. Kaplan's women's rights activism, her business interests, as well as her personal collection of stamps pertaining to women's history, as well as correspondence, pamphlets, news clippings, and a women's history monograph collection.

## Monographs and Media

Monographs are predominant in the collection. Monographs focusing on literature, history, and emerging areas of Women's and Gender Studies are the focus of current collection development expansion to reflect wider coverage. Media is chosen selectively with a focus on documentaries and titles requested by program faculty and to support online courses in the programs. Recent additions to media collections (2014-2015) have included streaming video content and DVDs in areas associated with media and communications topics, history, and activism.

## Journals and Databases

The libraries provide access to a large number of scholarly journals either in print or through one of our subject databases. The library is missing four titles from the list of ranked journals; two are published in English and have been placed on a wish list and they include: Asian Women and Radical Philosophy.

### Journals

Abafazi: The Simmons College Journal of Women of African Descent

***Affilia – Journal of Women and Social Work***

***Asian Journal of Women's Studies***

Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal

***Australian feminist studies***

Canadian Woman Studies

Columbia Journal of Gender and the Law

***Differences***

***European Journal of Women's Studies***

***Feminism & Psychology***

[Feminist Collections](#)

***Feminist Economics***

***Feminist Review***

[Feminist Studies](#)

[Feminist Teacher](#)

[Feminist Theology](#)

[Feminist Theory](#)

***Frontiers***

Gender and Development

Gender and Education

Gender and History

***Gender & Society***

Gender Issues

***Gender, Place, and Culture***

Gender, Technology & Development

***Gender, Work and Organization***

Hastings Women's Law

***Health Care for Women International***

Hecate: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Women's Liberation

Herizons: Women's News and Feminist Views

[Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy](#)

[Indian Journal of Gender Studies](#)

[International Feminist Journal of Politics](#)

Intersections: Gender, History & Culture in the Asian Context

Iris

Journal of Couple & relationship therapy

[Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion](#)

***Journal of Gender Studies***

Journal of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

Journal of International Women's Studies

***Journal of Women, politics, and policy***

***Journal of Women's Health***

Journal of Women's History

[Meridians; Feminism, Race, Transnationalism](#)

Michigan Feminist Studies

[Michigan Journal of Gender & Law](#)

Ms.

[NWSA Journal](#) - National Women's Studies Association

Nin. Journal of Gender Studies in Antiquity

Nora: Nordic Journal of Women's Studies

[Outskirts: Feminisms along the Edge](#)

***Politics & Gender***

***Psychology of Women Quarterly***

Resources for Feminist Research

***Sex Roles***

Sexualities, Evolution & Gender

***Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society***

[Social Politics: International studies in gender, state, and society](#)

[Southern California Review of Law and Women's Studies](#)

[Studies in Gender and Sexuality](#)

[Studies on Women and Gender Abstracts](#)

***Violence against Women***

Women: A Cultural Review

Women & Environments International  
Magazine  
**Women & Health**  
**Women & Therapy**  
**Women's Health Issues**  
Women's History Review

[The Women's Quarterly](#): The Journal of the  
Independent Women's Forum  
Women's Studies: an Interdisciplinary  
Journal  
[Women's Studies International Forum](#)  
Women's Studies Quarterly

## Databases

Academic Search Premier  
Alternative Press Index  
America: History and Life  
Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts  
(ASSIA)  
CINAHL  
Contemporary Women's Issues  
Ethnic NewsWatch  
FRANCIS (Humanities & Social Sciences)  
FMG: Films on Demand  
GenderWatch  
Historical Abstracts  
JSTOR  
LexisNexis Academic, Congressional, and  
Statistical  
Literature Resource Center  
Medline  
North American Women's Drama  
PAIS International

Project Muse  
PsycInfo, PsycBooks, and PsycArticles  
Sage Premier  
Science Direct  
Social Sciences Full Text (Wilson)  
Social Services Abstracts  
Sociological Abstracts  
Web of Science:  
    Arts & Humanities Citation Index (1975-  
    present)  
    Science Citation Index Expanded (1965-  
    present)  
    Social Sciences Citation Index (1965-  
    present)  
Wiley Online Library  
Women Writers Online  
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

## Collection Guidelines

- **Chronology:** No restrictions. Works representing all time periods are collected.
- **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection.
- **Geographic Areas:** No restrictions. Works representing all geographic areas are collected.

## **Collection Management Issues**

### **Replacement**

Any book lost or stolen, which appears on the Missing titles sheets distributed by the Circulation Department to the library liaison, will be considered for replacement. The title may be ordered directly from the Collection Development replacement budget fund at the discretion of the Head of Acquisitions and the Collection Development Librarian for Finance if the title is essential to the collection. Outdated or superseded editions will not be reordered unless there is a specific need.

### **Retention/Deselection**

The decision to dispose of certain items takes into account such factors as past circulation, date of publication, nature of the material, and the judgment of interested faculty members as to the continued usefulness of the material to their subject areas.

- Outdated, unused and no longer reliable materials are removed from the collection.
- Deteriorated materials can be repaired, replaced or discarded.

Periodicals or electronic resources will be weeded when:

- The libraries have only fragments of a title, which do not justify the cost of filling out the run with an alternative format.
- A title has not been subscribed to for more than ten years and its value is not apparent.
- A title has not been currently subscribed to for at least five years and the related programs have been discontinued.
- A title has been replaced by electronic access (or a different form of electronic access) and its retention is no longer necessary or advisable.

### **Out of Print Acquisitions**

As with other acquisitions, out-of-print titles will be acquired if there is a clear need to have the specific item in the collection and the price is reasonable.

### **Preservation**

The Collection Development Librarian will consult with the Head of Acquisitions & Collection Services on all matters relating to the care, repair, and safekeeping of all circulating library materials regardless of format type.

Preservation issues of importance to the Collection Development Librarian include:

- Collection maintenance of existing materials – rehousing, rebinding, repair, conservation, media transfer
- Deacidification projects - selected titles, whole collections, or partial collections
- Reformatting materials to microfilm or digital images
- Questions related to gifts-in-kind that may require preservation attention before materials are added to the collection.