The Sociology Collection Development Policy follows the guidelines set in the Collection Development Strategies of the Rutgers University Libraries.

**Brief Description and History of the Sociology Collection**

……..to be completed after review of collections.

Sociology Collection at the Rutgers University Libraries reflects the research requirements of faculty, students, and the university community.
Collection Development Policy for Sociology

**Scope**

Selection of Sociology materials supports the course contents of the Graduate, Undergraduate and Certificate programs of Rutgers Department of Sociology.

Collections are acquired in the broad areas of:

Criteria For Selection of Library Materials for Sociology

Suitability

- For the Department of Sociology programs
- For student needs and interests
- For the specialized research needs of faculty
- For general reading or research
- To account for contemporary and interdisciplinary interests within area libraries and/or consortium libraries especially to avoid duplication

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Criteria For Selection of Library Materials for Sociology

- Strengthening weak collection areas in Sociology
- Materials considered to have high standards of quality or literary value
- Positive reviews in established media
- Records in bibliographies or indexes
- Authority and standing of author and publisher
- Materials in English language (with some exceptions?) are the primary choice

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Criteria For Selection of Library Materials for Sociology

- Related periodicals (preferably Electronic and full-text) any duplication avoided
- Frequently cited periodicals in the sociology literature
- Whether the book or periodical provides a significant addition to materials already in the collection
- Completion of a monographic series
- Gifts meeting the requirements of the sociology collection and Collection Development Strategies of the Rutgers University Libraries are added
Organization and Management Services

- Order books and periodical subscriptions for Sociology
- Call for recommendations from faculty and graduate students
- Watch and scrutinize the approval plan for books and adjust sociology profile as necessary
- Maintain and balance budget allocations for sociology collections

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