

**SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE LIBRARY
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY
FOR
ECONOMICS MATERIALS**

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To support the curriculum of the **Economics Department**, materials will be acquired to keep the collection current on new theories, movements, and developments in the field of economics. At the same time, materials of historical significance or written by renowned writers in the field will be retained to provide a complete overview of growth and development in economics.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

Language: English will be the primary language of the collection, unless there is a special documented need for foreign language materials to support a specific departmental program or course offering.

Geography: Although publications related to the United States will be emphasized, foreign or world-based materials will be purchased as needed.

Chronology: Emphasis is placed on the purchase of materials published within the last five years, except in areas covering the history of the subject or materials written by renowned authors in the field.

MATERIAL TYPES:

All formats may be considered for purchase. Serials are heavily relied upon for current, updated material and specialized information. Although textbooks provide excellent background information, they will not be considered for purchase if currently in use at San Antonio College. Audiovisual materials will be reviewed for selective additions. CD-ROM and DVD products are generally included as accompanying material with print sources, but may be purchased separately if available and important to the collection. HTML and other web-based materials will be authored as needed to augment the library's overall resources.

SELECTION TOOLS:

Materials for selections will be identified through recommendations in or from:

- a) Departments or individual faculty members
- b) Reviews in periodicals sources
 - 1) **Booklist**
 - 2) **Choice**
 - 3) **Library Journal**
- d) Reviews in reference sources
 - 1) **[Guide to Reference Books](#)** [REF Z 1035.1 G89 1996]
 - 2) **[Books for College Libraries](#)** [REF Z 1039 .C65 B67 1988]
- e) Specialized reference sources [e.g. Essay & General Literature Index]
- f) Publishers' catalogs and notices
- b) Students

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RETENTION POLICY:

In the area of economics, all materials will be considered for de-selection after five years of publication. All superseded editions will be removed from the shelves unless transferred from the reference collection to the circulating collection. Only material containing historic value, consumer interest, or "classics in the field" will be retained beyond the five year period. Classics in the field are defined as those books either written by renowned economists or recognized as especially noteworthy in the field. Examples might include Nobel Prize winning authors / books or historical landmark sources such as Adam Smith's **An inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations.**

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This **Collection Development Policy for Economics Materials** will take effect on June 9, 2008.

SUBMITTED BY:

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