

Iowa State University Library
Collection Development Policies
Architecture

I. General Purpose

To provide library resources for undergraduate and graduate instruction as well as student and faculty research. The Architecture Department offers a five-year undergraduate degree (B.Arch.) as well as a Master's Degree (M.Arch.). Double degree programs also exist with Community and Regional Planning (M.Arch./M.C.R.P) and the College of Business (M.Arch./M.B.A.)

II. History

Architecture began in 1919 as part of the College of Engineering and became part of the College of Design in 1978.

III. Iowa State University Program

Architecture at ISU is committed to the study of architecture as a cultural discipline in which issues of practice, of the social formations in which buildings exist, and the environmental impact are blended with the subject matter of building design--construction, space, material, form, and use.

IV. Subject Boundaries

Especially focuses on American, European and Asian architectural topics and questions, with attention also devoted to other parts of the world to a lesser extent.

General Collection Guidelines

A. Linguistic.

English is the primary language for acquisitions, although materials are also purchased in German, French, Spanish, Dutch, and occasionally in Russian and other languages.

B. Geographical Areas.

No geographic limits, although the most attention is given to United States, Europe and Asia. Other parts of the world are collected at a less intense level.

C. Types of Materials Collected.

Monographs and journals are the primary type of material collected. Microformats and electronic resources are also acquired where appropriate. Architectural blueprints are collected where appropriate.

D. Format of Materials Collected

Paper is the major format collected, with limited acquisition of microformats. Selected electronic resources are also included.

VI. Specific Collection Guidelines

VII. Detailed Subject Areas

VIII. Other Resources Available

IX. Cross-references to Collection Policies

X. Creation date

June 2000

XI. Revision History

November 2005 (Reviewed)

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XII. LC Class(es), if applicable.

Library of Congress class NA is the most prominent.

XIII. Bibliographer name

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