

Iowa State University Library

Collection Development Policy

Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

I. General Purpose

Collection activities at Parks Library will support research and instruction at all levels in all academic programs that are part of the Iowa State University interdisciplinary Applied Linguistics program. In its collecting activities, the library will address present research and instructional needs for the Applied Linguistics program, as well as anticipate future research and instructional needs. The nature of these activities and their relation to the Applied Linguistics program are described more thoroughly in Part III.

II. History

[This section is pending further information from various Linguistics faculty members.]

III. Iowa State University Program

Linguistics is taught at ISU as both an interdisciplinary undergraduate program and as a Master's level program within the English department, alongside Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). The interdisciplinary program contains components in anthropology, English, computer science, foreign languages and literatures, philosophy, psychology, and speech communication, with instructors from each department teaching courses in Linguistics. In addition to a Bachelor's degree, a Graduate Minor is also available in Linguistics. By contrast, the Master's level Applied Linguistics program is not interdisciplinary, although it does have various options for areas of concentration, including Computer-Assisted Language Learning, Language Assessment, and Literacy.

IV. Subject Boundaries

This section exists to illustrate the collection development priorities relating to the interdisciplinary linguistics and Applied Linguistics programs, to describe the areas generally excluded from collection activities, and to outline shared responsibilities with other bibliographers.

Materials concerning practical applications of linguistic studies receive top collection development priority, with emphasis to linguistic studies based in English. Materials concerning the linguistic analysis of Romance languages will

be considered depending on the type of analysis involved – practical studies will take precedence over more theoretical linguistic works. For the purposes of maintaining a well-rounded collection that serves both linguistics programs at ISU, the Linguistics Bibliographer will regularly consult with the bibliographers for other relevant areas mentioned above – namely the Bibliographers for Psychology, Computer Science, Anthropology, Foreign Languages and Literatures, as well as the Diversity Bibliographer.

V. General Collection Guidelines

A. Linguistic.

Preference will be given first to materials written and/or published in English. Materials concerning linguistic analyses of other languages will be purchased in English whenever possible. Materials written in foreign languages dealing with the linguistic content of English or Romance languages will be considered as appropriate.

B. Geographical Areas.

There are no geographical areas that fall outside of the scope of collecting, but priority will be given to English and Romance language speaking geographical areas.

C. Types of Materials Collected.

The primary focus is on collecting monographs and serials. For the library's purposes, journals are defined as serials, as are monographs that extend over a range of (definite or indefinite) volumes. Full-text online journals are given as much consideration as their print counterparts, and decisions will be made on the basis of access and cost. Indexes and abstracts are collected in both print and online formats, as well as electronic databases, but these are secondary to the primary goal of collecting monographs and serials.

Dissertations are not collected, as such, although revised and commercially published dissertations are treated as any other form of critical publication. Other materials not collected include undergraduate level textbooks, festschriften (with exceptions based on the importance of individual essays contained within)

D. Format of Materials Collected

Materials are primarily collected in printed (books and journals) format. Every attempt will be made to purchase hardcover books when such a choice exists. Microform materials, videotapes, compact discs (audio and CD-ROM), digital video discs (DVDs) and audiocassettes are also purchased when appropriate. It

is also a policy to review online databases for possible subscription, and to “collect” and catalog relevant free World Wide Web resources. Particular attention will be paid to audiocassettes and compact discs that deal with linguistic analysis.

VI. Specific Collection Guidelines

The Linguistics Bibliographer will continue to collect materials according to the guidelines listed elsewhere in this policy. Future changes in the curriculum may necessitate changes in these guidelines, and it is the responsibility of the Department Chair and/or the Chair(s) of the appropriate academic program(s), the library liaison, and the bibliographer to communicate regarding necessary changes.

VII. Other Resources Available

- ❑ *MLA Bibliography* <<http://www.lib.iastate.edu/scholar/db/mlaxxx.html>>.
- ❑ *Social Sciences Citation Index*:
CD-ROM available in the Reference Area of Parks Library
Print: Reference Tables: REF H50 S26
- ❑ *Arts & Humanities Citation Index*: REF AI3. A28
- ❑ *Dissertation Abstracts* <<http://www.lib.iastate.edu/scholar/db/dissab.html>>
- ❑ *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*: REF P1 .L2631x
- ❑ *Foreign Languages and Literatures Resources on the Web*
<<http://www.lib.iastate.edu/scholar/bib/forlng.html>>

VIII. Cross-references to Collection Policies

- ❑ ISU Library General Collection Development Policy
- ❑ ISU Reference Collection Development Policy
- ❑ ISU Library Special Collections Department Collection Development Policy
- ❑ ISU Library Gift Policy
- ❑ ISU Library Electronic Materials Collection Development Policy
- ❑ ISU Library Approval Plans
- ❑ American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*
- ❑ Existing English Department Strategic Plans, Mission Statements, and Curriculum Guides

IX. Creation date

September 27, 2000

X. Revision History

None.

XI. LC Class(es), if applicable.

P	General language studies, language acquisition
PB – PM	World languages
PE	English
QA	Natural language processing

XII. Bibliographer name

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