Finance Collection Development Policy

Purpose

The collection supports present and anticipated teaching and research in the fields of Economics and Finance and its sub-disciplines. At present, the central focus of the department and the chief interests of the faculty are encompassed in the following areas of teaching and research: Economics - microeconomics and macroeconomics; statistics, forecasting, and econometrics; economic history; regional and urban economics; managerial economics; economic development; international trade and finance; monetary economics; environmental economics; and health economics; Finance - corporate finance; banking and financial institutions; investments, insurance, commodities, options, futures, and real estate; pensions; international finance; and public finance and taxation.

The department offers the following degrees: B.S. in Finance with concentrations in Financial Planning, Financial Analyst, Financial Services or Real Estate, and PhD in Financial Economics, as well as minors in Economics and in Finance. The College of Business offers a B.S. in Business Administration with a Computer Science option. The Finance Department participates in the Master of Business Administration degree program, the Executive Master of Business Administration program, and the Executive Master of Health Care Management program. The Finance Department participates in the Master of Public Administration program, which also includes the Department of Political Science. The Department also participates in the Master of Arts in Arts Administration, an interdisciplinary program which includes the Department of Drama and Communications, the Department of Fine Arts, and the Department of Music.

Undergraduate students in Finance may choose concentrations in Banking and Financial Institutions, Corporate Finance, Insurance, Investments, and Real Estate. Graduate students in the M.B.A. program may choose concentrations in Finance and in Real Estate Finance.

In addition to the support for the specific degree programs of the Economics and Finance Department, the collection also serves as a resource for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty in the other disciplines. Related departments and programs that cover subjects of interest to Economics and Finance include Accounting, Management, Marketing, and Political Science, Sociology, and Urban Studies.

Language

The language of acquisition is English.

Chronological Guidelines

The collection emphasizes current research; however, economic history is significant for collecting purposes.

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Geographical Guidelines

All geographical regions are acceptable for acquisition, but there is an emphasis on the United States, the Pacific Rim, Europe, Latin America, and developing countries in all parts of the world.

Treatment of Subject

Theoretical works and published research are most important. Statistical and mathematical works are collected as are computer applications in economics and finance. Works dealing with the political aspects of economics and finance and the role of government are collected.

Histories are of less importance generally, but in the areas of economic history and the histories of large corporations, they are acquired. Biographies of prominent economists and financiers are also acquired.

Practice and methods and legal aspects of economics and finance are selectively acquired. Elementary textbooks and popularizations, such as "how-to-get rich quick" are not normally acquired, although some books are very selectively acquired in the area of personal finance. Textbooks at the advanced level are acquired on a selective basis.

Types of Material

Monographs and serial publications form the basis for acquisitions in all formats including electronic. Reference materials, including bibliographies, dictionaries, handbooks, and encyclopedias are acquired. Abstracts and indexes covering economics and finance and related subjects are acquired. Law materials including court decisions, digests, citators, and regulations and rulings are acquired. Publications of U.S. government agencies are acquired through the U.S. Federal Depository Program. Other international documents are selectively acquired through the United Nations, the O.E.C.D., the I.M.F., and other international organizations.

Publications and proceedings of national and international organizations and societies are selectively acquired.

Date of Publication

Emphasis is on materials published within the past ten years. Current materials are most important. Retrospective materials may be selectively acquired and may be purchased such as back files of newly acquired serial titles.

Other Resources

The Government Documents collection within Earl K. Long Library is a source of much material that supports the programs of the Economics and Finance Department. Especially important are statistical publications and electronic media of the Commerce Department, Bureau of the Census, Federal Reserve Board, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Also important are legislative materials, and the reports and

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regulations of the federal government's agencies. The Louisiana Collection is also a source of material that supports the programs of the Department.

Corporate annual reports for New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and selected OTC companies from 1978 to present are available on microfiche, as well as access to electronic financial information.

**Related Policy Statements**

- Other information related to Economics and Finance will be found in the following policy statements:
- Accounting: financial accounting
- Management: labor law
- Political Science: politics of developing countries
- Sociology: demographics
- Urban Studies: urban planning, environmental planning, transportation planning, regional planning, and urban law