

Assessment of Library Collections

Psychology

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The library's collections in Psychology appear to be in good shape. The essential question for any program is whether collection development is keeping pace with the faculty's needs, given the need for resources and services to be commensurate with FIU's Research One ranking. To build research-level collections, the library-faculty collaborations can be significant—as noted in this report on some initiatives undertaken with a collection assessment in 2003.

Books

Green Library of University Park campus has a fairly comprehensive book approval plan in the social sciences (and humanities) that covers nearly all of academic- and professional-level book publishing in the US and UK. In Psychology, the library receives about a quarter of total book output. That is a sufficient level on two counts: the psychology literature includes a great deal of non-essential, popular-level and practitioner titles; and the approval plan has no substantive subject limitations (that would constrain cross-disciplinary interests of psychology).

The Psychology faculty requested and received about \$750 of additional books in FY07. The library is committed to meet all requests (the faculty fund has no departmental limits).

Online books: of the 56,000 *NetLibrary* electronic books owned by the library, 1,885 have the truncated form of *psycholog?* as a keyword descriptor.

Journals

Comparison of the library's collections to the citation-ranked literature of Developmental Psychology: of those 47 journals, FIU has 39 (83%); none of the other eight was identified by the faculty as an acquisitions priority in a 2003 review.

Comparison of the collections to the citation-ranked literature of Applied Psychology: of those 50 journals, the library has 39 (78%); of the other 11, three were identified as acquisitions priorities:

- *Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology*
- *Group and Organizational Management*
- *Applied Psychology: An International Review*.

Comparison of the collections to the citation-ranked literature of Clinical Psychology: of those 83 journals, the library has 59 (71%); none of the other 24 was identified as an acquisitions priority.

Comparison of the collections to the citation-ranked literature of Psychiatry: of those 88 journals, the library has 39 (44%); of the other 49, four were identified as acquisitions priorities; one was acquired, the *Journal of Child Psychology*, and *Psychiatry and Allied Disciplines*; three remain as acquisitions priorities:

- *Journal of Psychopharmacology*
- *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology*
- *Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience*.

Comparison of the collections to the citation-ranked literature of Industrial and Organizational Relations: of those 17 journals, FIU has 13 (76%); none of the other four titles was identified as an acquisitions priority.

Comparison of the collections to the citation-ranked literature of Crime and Penology: of those 22 titles, FIU has 18 (82%); none of the other four was identified as an acquisitions priority.

Online-journal Packages

PsycARTICLES: when the library subscribed to this American Psychological Association (APA) package in 2004, there were 50 journals in it; now there are 61.

Other packages in the collections relevant to Psychology include those of the American Anthropological Association, Berkeley Electronic Press, Blackwell Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Elsevier, Emerald Press, Haworth Press, Ingenta, Kluwer, Nature Online, OCLC FirstSearch, Oxford University Press, Project MUSE, Sage, Springer, University of Chicago Press, and Wiley.

Online journal archives: the library has JSTOR Arts & Sciences I-V.

Databases

The library's databases, about 300 in number, include the following of interest to Psychology: *PsycINFO*; *PsycARTICLES*; *Animal Behavior Abstracts*, *Chemoreception Abstracts*, *Health and Psychosocial Instruments*, *Bioethics*, *Mental Measurements Yearbook*, *Neurosciences Abstracts*, *CINAHL*, *Criminal Justice Periodicals*, *Health and Human Resources*, *Science Citation Index*, and *Social Sciences Citation Index*.

Collection Development Initiatives

In fall 2003, the Psychology Department (through its faculty liaison to the library at that time, Marilyn Montgomery) made a complete review of the collections of interest. This review had three main outcomes:

- The cancellation of all print subscriptions to American Psychological Association journals to defray the cost of the online-journal package.
- The acquisition of journals to support the Center for Infant Development.

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- A review of monographs in the field of legal psychology (confirming that three series of interest—two published by APA, *Law and Public Policy* and *Law and Mental Health Professionals*, and one by Kluwer, *Psychology and Law*—are all on standing order.

Apart from several multi-disciplinary online-journal packages acquired in more recent years, the one other new resource of direct interest to Psychology is the *Mental Measurements Yearbook with Tests in Print*.

The last general report on the collections to the Department on Psychology was April 18, 2007.