

# Library Collection Policy

## Department of Economics

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### Policy Goals

This policy aims to support the curriculum and research of students and faculty in the Department of Economics.

The department of Economics is jointly administered by the College of Agriculture and the College of Business. Some faculty members have appointments that include an extension role, and many faculty members have research projects supported by the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station.

At the undergraduate level within the major areas of Agribusiness, International Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, and Economics, students may choose an emphasis in:

- Agribusiness: Business, Agricultural Systems
- Economics: Economic Theory, Managerial Economics, Prelaw Economics

The PhD program focuses on Trade and Development and Environmental and Resource Economics, corresponding to the major research interests on the faculty.

The four core missions of the Economics department are undergraduate training, graduate training, research, and extension and community service.<sup>1</sup> A goal of this policy is to articulate the library's support to the department in fulfilling the four missions.

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<sup>1</sup> Economics Department Compact Plan, February 28, 2003.  
<http://www.econ.usu.edu/Department/mission/Econ%20Compact%20Plan%202002-28-03.pdf>

### Subject Librarian:

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### Department Profile 2006:

Chair: Chris Fawson  
Undergraduate students: 96  
Graduate students: 31 (15 PhD, 16 MA)  
Faculty: 22  
Website: [www.econ.usu.edu](http://www.econ.usu.edu)

### Degrees Offered

BS – Agribusiness  
BA – International Agribusiness  
BS – Agricultural Economics  
BS, BA – Economics

PhD – Economics  
MS – Economics  
MA – Economics  
MS – Applied Economics

### Participates in:

Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
International MBA in Food and Agribusiness

## **Subject Guidelines**

Materials to support faculty and graduate student research in the following subject areas will be given major priority:

- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Agricultural Economics
- International Trade Economics
- Developmental Economics
- Regional Economics
- Water Economics/Water Development Issues

In addition, general materials for undergraduates and standard reference works in economics will be purchased as funds and the curriculum dictate. The collection will not emphasize the history of economics.

## **Chronological Guidelines**

Collecting will focus on current materials.

## **Format Guidelines**

Documents produced and published by government, NGOs, and international bodies relevant to economics research are collected within the Government Documents policy. Working papers and reports relevant to the faculty research areas are collected. Statistical resources in print format will be replaced with electronic databases and datasets when feasible. Journals in electronic format will be acquired whenever possible.

## **Geographic Guidelines**

Coverage of scholarly materials will focus primarily on the United States and the developing world. Material from other regions, such as the European Union, will be collected at the specific request of the faculty.

## **Language Guidelines**

English language materials are of primary interest. Select works in other languages will be purchased at the request of a faculty member.

## **Databases**

EconLit serves as the major research database. Full text for selected economics journals is available in Project Muse. Stat-USA and IDEAS: Research Papers in Economics serve as supplemental databases. Business Source Premier provides indexing/abstracting and full-text for general business resources.

## **Growing Interests, Trends & Developments**

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Economics library liaison and updated according to changing research areas of faculty and graduate students, as well as modifications to the undergraduate curriculum.

## Collection Strengths

Call Number Range	Subject Area	Level of Strength
HA	Statistics	3
HB	Economic theory	1
HC	Economic history	1
HC - HD	Economic Growth and Development	4
HD	Land Use, Land Use Planning	4
HD	Agriculture – Economic Aspects	4
HF	International economics, Trade	4
HG, HJ	Financial Institutions, Fiscal Policy	2

## Stat Classes

1010	Agricultural Economics
2040	Economics

## Special Funds Available

Each department in the College of Business has access to funds deposited annually in an account via First Security in the amount of \$200 per department; these funds accrue annually. Economics faculty members can request the economics subject librarian purchase specific materials with these funds.

## Affiliated Interdisciplinary Programs

College of Agriculture

## Related Collection Policies

Business General (2000)  
Accounting (2010)  
Business Administration (2020)  
Economics (2040)  
Management and Human Resources (2080)  
Agriculture (1000)  
Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (6060)  
Government Documents (9100)  
International Documents (9105)