

The University of Manchester Library Content Development Policy Philosophy

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Introduction

This document presents the Content Development Policy for the discipline area of Philosophy. It includes a description of the Library's existing collections and an outline of current collecting areas.

Set within the context provided by an overall Content Development Policy and a related Collection Management Policy, its purpose is to ensure that the selection of resources – books, journals and other kinds of material - whether print, electronic or other format, reflects the teaching and research priorities of the discipline and provides best value in both financial and academic terms.

Collection evaluation

The Library has substantial collections in many fields of Philosophy which include books and journals in print and digital formats. The principal collection of printed books is kept on Blue 3 in the Main Library. Reading list material in heavy demand is housed, on request, in the High Demand collection on Blue Ground. Philosophy books are shelved at 100-129, 140-149, 160-179.

Appendix 1 provides an over view of the Philosophy bookstock by classmark and date of publication.

Appendix 2 lists the Philosophy books purchased from the School of Social Sciences bookfund during the 2009-2010 financial year, excluding items purchased as part of other subscriptions.

Appendix 3 contains a core list of philosophy journals taken by JRUL.

Appendix 4 lists other relevant subscriptions to bibliographic databases and book collections in the area.

Appendix 5 gives details of relevant philosophy held in Special Collections.

Bookfund and resource allocations

Bookfunds are allocated in June/July of each year for the following financial year (August-July). This bookfund is to provide for all non-subscription library materials included printed textbooks and research monographs, electronic books and any other one-off purchases. Books in Philosophy are purchased out a fund allocated to the School of Social Sciences which is not subject to any further allocations to discipline area level.

Journals and other subscription items are purchased from a separate fund which, at present, accounts for over 85% of the cost of all purchases.

Collection areas

To support teaching and research activities in Philosophy, the Library acquires material published in the areas listed below:

Aesthetics

Epistemology

Ethics

Political Philosophy

History of Philosophy: in particular, early modern philosophy, phenomenology and twentieth century analytic philosophy.

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Mind and Psychology

Logic and Philosophical Logic

Philosophy of Science

Philosophy of Mathematics

Philosophy of the Social Sciences

Document Supply Service and Inter-Library Loans

Although the Library will try to accommodate all requests for purchase, books which lie outside the areas listed above or are out of print can be obtained on loan from another library through the Document Supply Service. Such books are usually borrowable for up to 6 weeks at a time. Journal articles and other material not available from the Library's collections can also be obtained through this service.

Teaching and Learning

The Library will support all taught course modules.

Multiple copies and/or electronic copies of texts will be purchased or subscribed to as appropriate. Subject to copyright restrictions, the Library will digitize materials, for instance book chapters or journal articles not otherwise available electronically, if required for taught course modules.

Reading lists and estimated student numbers should be sent to the Faculty Team Librarian responsible for Philosophy by July 31 and November 30 each year so any new material can be purchased and processed in time for the forthcoming semester.

Reading lists will be added to the Library's reading list system, Link2Lists which provides links to catalogue entries and directly to electronic texts where they are available. Course modules within the Blackboard VLE can link to Link2Lists.

Reading list texts can be 7-day loan or put into the High Demand Collection from where they can be borrowed for shorter periods.

Digitisation

Subject to copyright restrictions, the Library will digitize material according to its Digitization Policy. Priorities include reading list items – book chapters or journal articles – and items from Special Collections.

Manchester e-Scholar

The University's institutional repository, Manchester eScholar, manages and disseminates the intellectual outputs of the University. Since the beginning of 2010 all accepted PhD theses have been added to the repository.

Stock editing

Most stock is kept on the Library's open shelves. As space is at a premium, especially in the Main Library, periodic weeding is used to remove less-well used material to store from where it can be retrieved, usually within one working day.

Unused duplicates are disposed of from time to time.

Weeding and withdrawal criteria are described in the Collection Management Policy.

Donations

Offers of donations are welcome but they can normally only be considered for acceptance if they are within the collection areas detailed above and do not duplicate existing holdings.

Other factors taken into account in deciding upon acceptance are listed in the Collection Management Policy

Recommendations

The Library welcomes recommendations for the purchase of books from staff and students in the discipline area. Purchases are normally made if:

Recommendations fall within the scope of the policy as described above

- Funds are available
- The item is not already in stock
- Usually only a single copy of a printed book is purchased which must be of an appropriate academic standard. For reading list texts, multiple copies and electronic versions will be considered as appropriate.
- Recommendations can be made directly to the Faculty Team Librarian.

Journal recommendations are considered twice a year in May and November. Because of the forward financial commitment involved, journal subscriptions usually have to be balanced by savings elsewhere in the subscription budget.

Contacts

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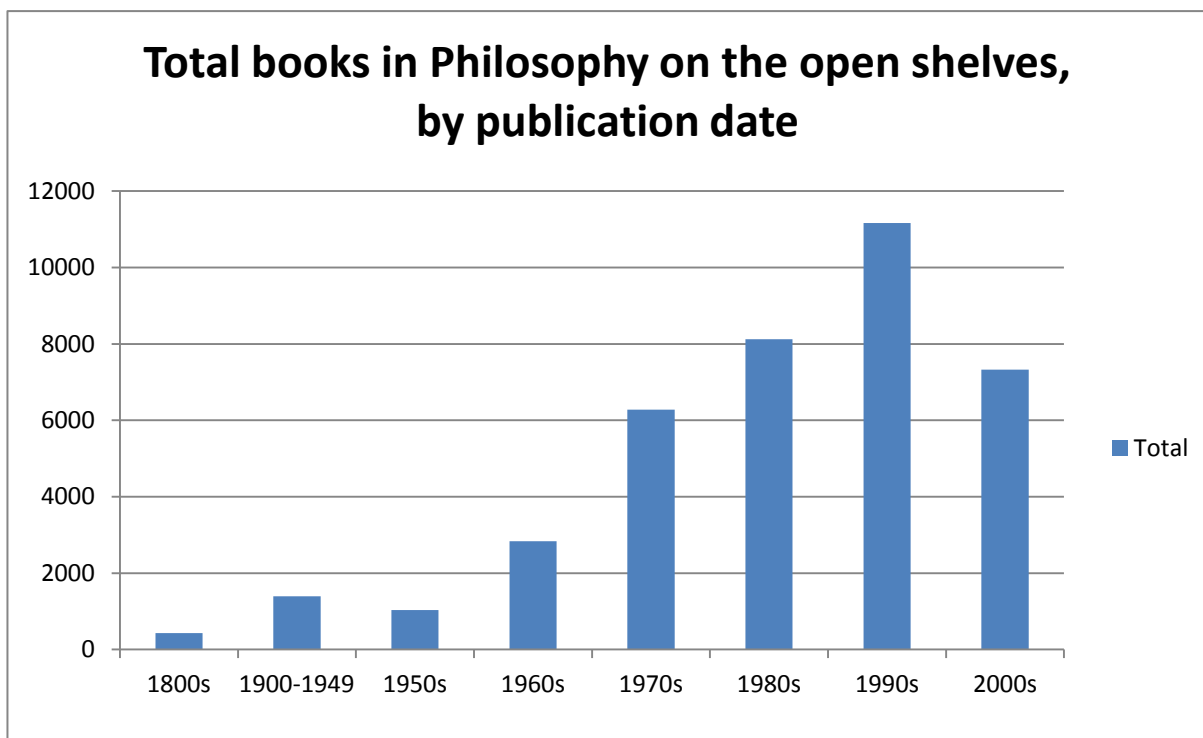
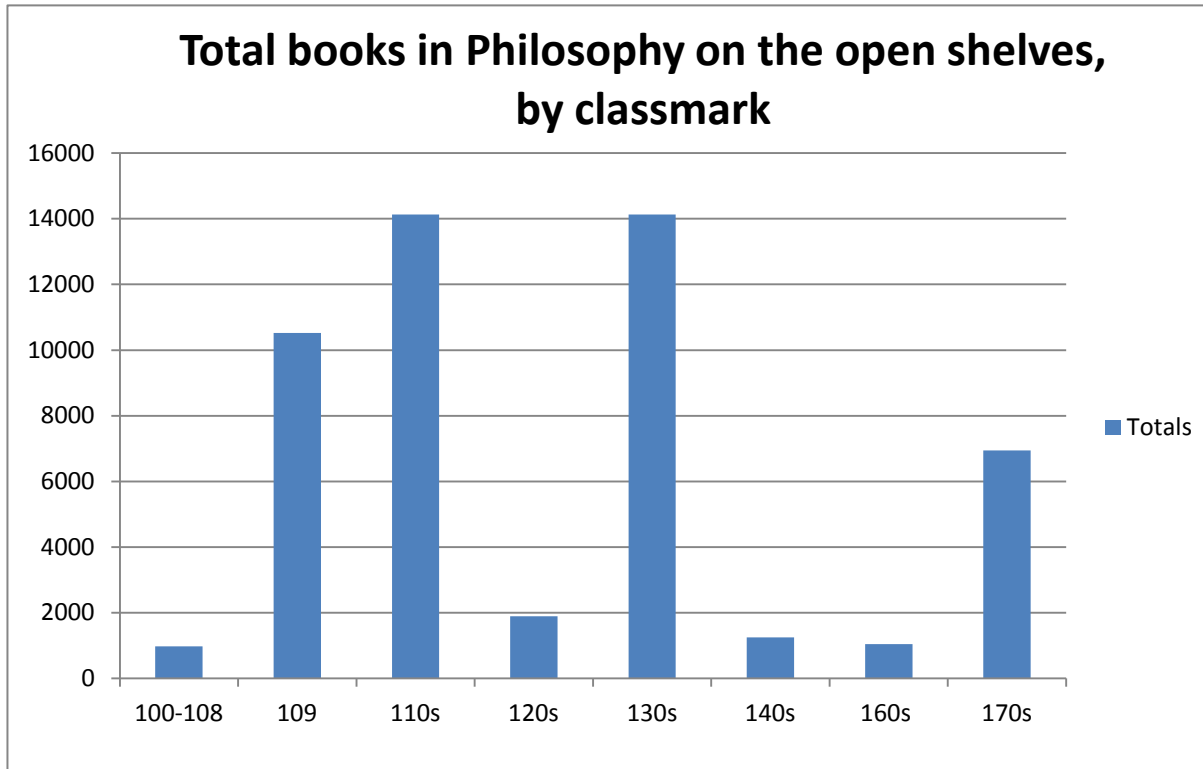
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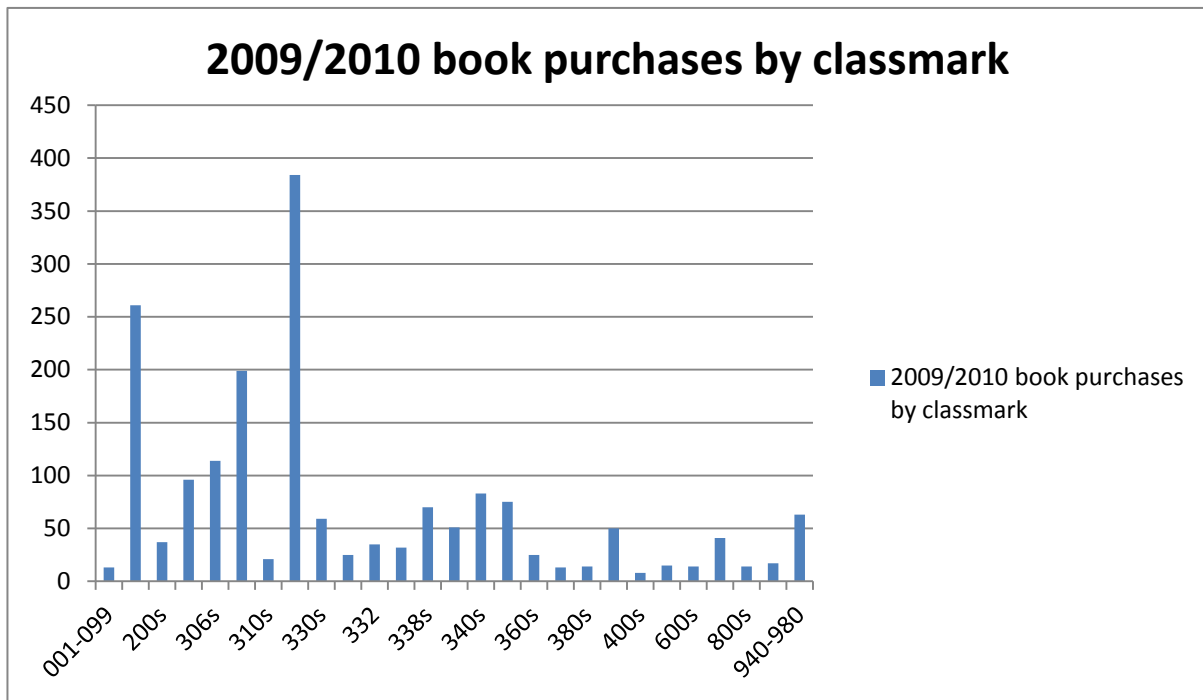
Appendix 1

Stock Overview.



Appendix 2

All Social Sciences Book Purchases, last financial year.



Appendix 3

Current Journal Subscriptions.

The European Science Foundation's list of Philosophy Journals:

Category A

American Philosophical Quarterly

Analysis

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Biology and Philosophy

British Journal for the History of Philosophy

British Journal for the Philosophy of Science

Economics and Philosophy

Ethics

Journal of Philosophy

Kantian Review *

Kant-Studien

Law and Philosophy

Linguistics and Philosophy

Midwest Studies in Philosophy

Mind

Mind and Language

Monist

Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*

Nous

Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*

Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

Philosophical Perspectives (Nous Supplement)

Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Review
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Philosophy and Public Affairs
Philosophy of Science
Phronesis
Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society
Social Philosophy and Policy
Synthese

Category B

Ancient Philosophy*
Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie
Argumentation
Asian Philosophy
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Croatian Journal of Philosophy
Environmental Ethics
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
European Journal of Philosophy
Faith and Philosophy
Grazer Philosophische Studien
Inquiry
International Journal of Philosophical Studies

International Journal for Philosophy of Religion

Journal of Applied Philosophy

Journal of Consciousness Studies

Journal of Ethics

Journal of Medical Ethics

Journal of Moral Philosophy*

Journal of Political Philosophy

Journal of Value Inquiry

Legal Theory

Logique et Analyse

Metaphilosophy

Metaphysica

Minds and Machines

Modern Schoolman*

Nietzsche Studien

Philosophia

Philosophical Issues (Nous Supplement)

Philosophical Papers*

Philosophical Topics

Political Theory

Ratio

Res Publica

Review of Metaphysics

Social Theory and Practice

Southern Journal of Philosophy

Utilitas

JRUL subscribes to 29 of the 32 titles in group A and 36 of the 39 titles in Group B

Titles *not held* are marked with an asterisk*

Appendix 4

Other Subscriptions

Subscription databases:

Philosopher's Index

Humanities Index

Web of Knowledge/Arts and Humanities Citation Index

International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

Scopus (Elsevier)

Subscription eBook collections

ACLS Humanities E-book Collection

Blackwell Reference Online: Philosophy collection

Cambridge Companions Online: Philosophy, Religion and Culture collection

NetLibrary

Oxford Reference Online

Oxford Scholarship Online: Philosophy

Subscription eJournal collections

Elsevier Science Direct

Wiley-Blackwell E-Journals

Springer E-Journals

Taylor and Francis E-Journals

JSTOR Complete package.

Cambridge University Press Electronic Journals

Appendix 5

Special Collections

Philosophy

The Library does not actively collect Special Collections material in this area, and purchases of material are generally considered a low priority (with the exception of significant editions of major philosophers). However we will give careful consideration to any offers to donate or deposit Special Collections material in this area.

The Library has significant Special Collections holdings, both printed and manuscript or archival, relating to the history of the discipline. Classical philosophers are represented in the outstanding collection of Renaissance editions. Philosophers of the early modern period are also well represented in the printed collections. There is extensive coverage of the philosophy of science, logic, etc in pre-19th century printed collections.

In terms of archive collections, Special Collections has custody of the personal papers of the philosophers William Stanley Jevons, Samuel Alexander, Robert Adamson and A.C. Ewing.