

The University of Manchester Library Content Development Policy Politics

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Introduction

This document presents the Content Development Policy for the discipline area of Politics. 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 Politics which include books and journals in print and digital formats. The principal collection of printed books is kept on Blue 2 in the Main Library. Reading list material in heavy demand is housed, on request, in the High Demand collection on Blue Ground. Politics books are shelved at 320-329 and 350-354.

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

Appendix 2 lists the Politics 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 lists Sociology journals indexed by the Social Sciences Citation Index. These are arranged by impact factor and the top 100 titles are listed. JRUL subscribes to 85% of these titles. Those not subscribed to are indicated by an asterisk

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

Appendix 5 gives details of material of relevance to Politics 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 Politics 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 Politics, the Library acquires material published in the areas listed below:

Comparative politics, public policy, regulation, governance, social policy

International politics, foreign policy, international theory, global governance, human rights, regionalism, environment, gender

Political theory, political philosophy, theories of justice, democracy, equality, bureaucracy, international ethics, war and violence

Elections, voting behaviour, public opinion, political parties, electoral systems, social movements

Global political economy, international trade

Africa, Europe, East Asia, Latin America, India, Oceania, United States

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 Politics 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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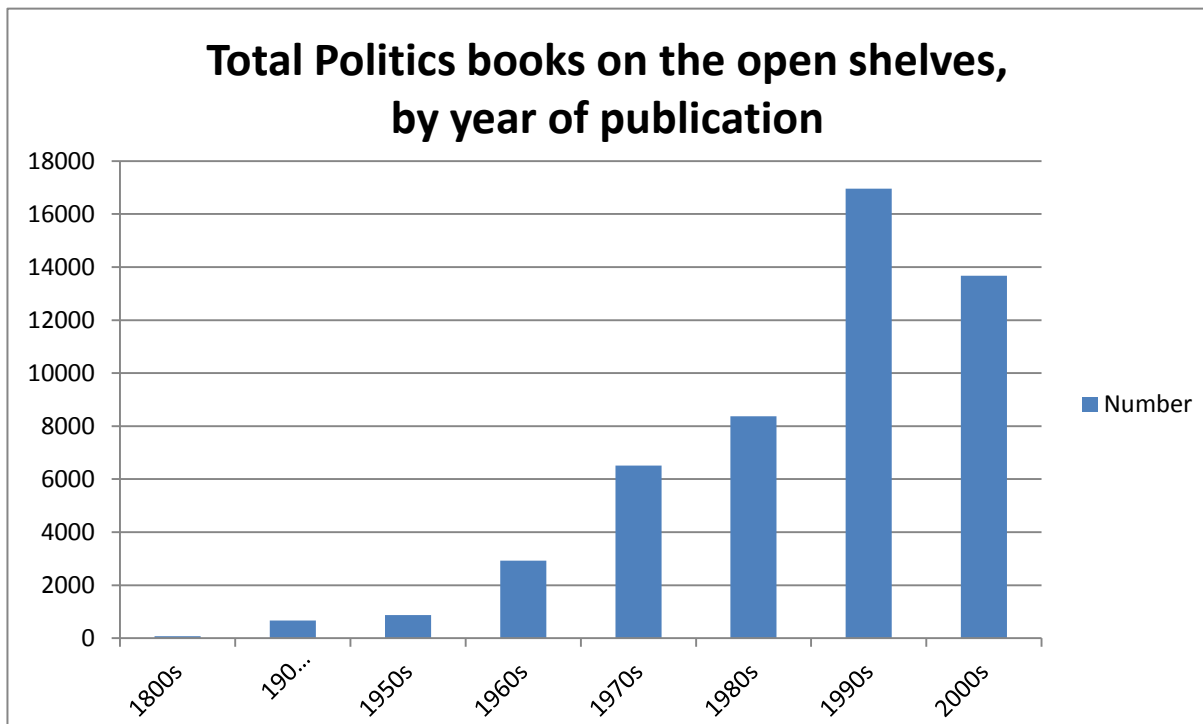
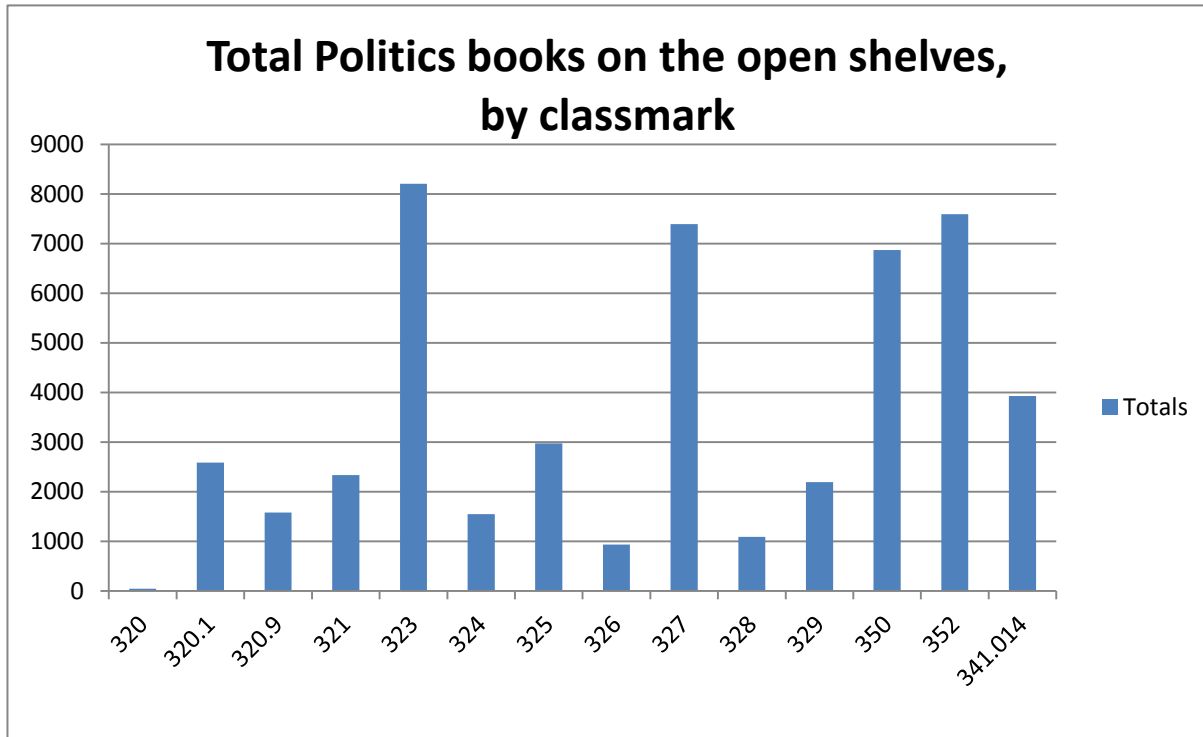
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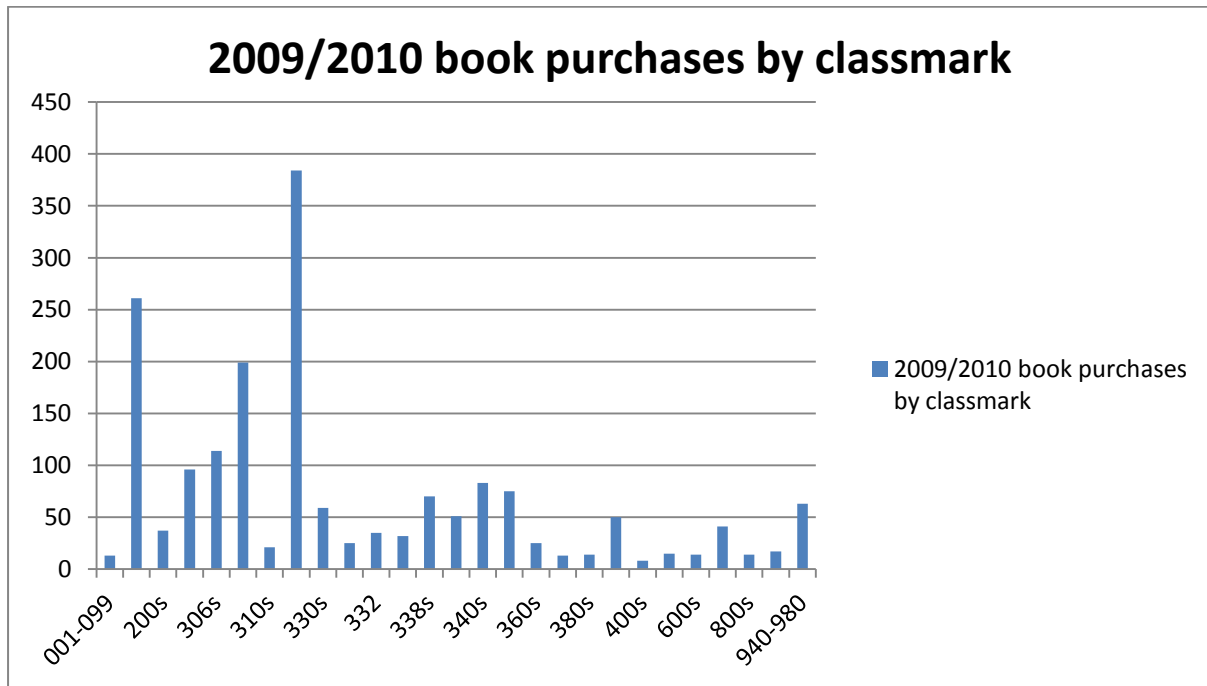
Appendix 1

Stock Overview.



Appendix 2

All Social Sciences Book Purchases, last financial year.



Appendix 3

Current Journal Subscriptions.

Top 100 Political Science journals by Impact Factor

From Journal Citation Reports 2009.

Titles marked with an asterisk are *not* held at JRUL (14 titles)

Political Analysis

American Political Science Review

Annual Review of Political Science

American Journal of Political Science

Journal of Peace Research

Political Geography

Scandinavian Journal of Political Studies

European Union Politics

Journal of Politics

African Affairs

Governance

International Studies Quarterly

Public Opinion Quarterly

European Journal of Political Research

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Political Sociology

British Journal of Political Science

West European Politics

Comparative Political Studies

New Left Review

Political Psychology
Journal of Democracy
Journal of Common Market Studies
Global Environmental Politics
Review of International Political Economy
Political Communication
Quarterly Journal of Political Science*
Harvard International Journal of Press-Politics
Environmental Politics
Electoral Studies
The State Politics and Policy Quarterly*
Terrorism and Political Violence
Annals of the American Academy of Political Science
Journal of Political Philosophy
Acta Politica*
Political Research Quarterly
Studies in Comparative International Development
Latin American Politics and Society
Political Behavior
Political Studies
Publius
International Journal of Press-Politics
Journal of Theoretical Politics
Politische Vierteljahresschrift*
Geopolitics
New Political Economy

Human Rights Quarterly
Party Politics
Armed Forces and Society
Legislative Studies Quarterly*
Public Choice
Journal of International Relations and Development*
Government and Opposition
Local Government Studies
East European Politics and Society
Mediterranean Politics
American Political Research
Comparative Politics*
Europe-Asia Studies
Policy and Politics
Policy Studies Journal
PS
International Political Science Review
Political Theory
Parliamentary Affairs
Studies in Conflict and Terrorism
Journal of Australian Political Economy*
Survival
Political Science Quarterly
Scottish Journal of Political Economy
Canadian Journal of Political Science
Cooperation and Conflict

Dissent

Politicka Ekonomie*

Political Quarterly

Swiss Political Science Review*

Monthly Review

Historical Materialism

Nation

Communist and Post-Communist Studies

Japanese Journal of Political Science

Politica y Gobierno*

Journal of Strategic Studies

New Republic

Australian Journal of Political Science

Post-Soviet Affairs

Revista de Ciencia Politica*

Problems of Post-Communism

Latin American Perspectives

South European Society and Politics

Forum*

Independent Review

Policy Review

Current History*

Philippine Political Science Journal*

Politikon

Studies in American Political Development

Revue d'Economie Politique

Issues and Studies

European Historical Quarterly

Source : Journal Citation Reports. Social Sciences. 2009

Appendix 4

Other Subscriptions.

Subscription databases:

International Political Science Abstracts

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

PAIS International

Web of Knowledge/Social Sciences Citation Index

Scopus (Elsevier)

Subscription eJournal collections

Sage Full Text Collections : Political Science

Elsevier Science Direct

Wiley-Blackwell E-Journals

Springer E-Journals

Taylor and Francis E-Journals

JSTOR Complete package.

Cambridge University Press E-Journals

Official Publications collections

House of Commons Parliamentary Papers 1715-present

Subscription eBook collections

ACLS Humanities E-book Collection

Blackwell Reference Online: Politics collection

NetLibrary

Oxford Reference Online

Oxford Scholarship Online: Politics

Elsevier Science Direct

Springer eBook Collection

Appendix 5

Special Collections

Special Collections: Politics

The Library does not collect Special Collections material in this area. Special Collections holdings for this subject, both printed and archival, are limited and primarily in the areas of political philosophy and theory, political economy, and international politics.

For the related subject of political history, please consult the Special Collections section of the content development policy for history.