

# The University of Manchester Library Content Development Policy Economics

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## Introduction

This document presents the Content Development Policy for the discipline area of Economics. 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 economics 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. Economics books are shelved at 330-339 and 380-389.

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

**Appendix 2** lists the economics 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 Economics journals indexed by the Social Sciences Citation Index. They have been arranged by impact factor and the top 100 titles are listed. The JRUL subscribes to 99 of these titles.

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

**Appendix 5** gives details of Economics-related material 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 economics 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 economics, the Library acquires material published in the areas listed below:

Macroeconomics, growth and development, business cycles, macroeconomic policy, labour markets

Microeconomics, mathematical economics, decision making, financial economics, industrial organisation, public economics, social choice, business economics, banking and finance

Econometrics, applied economics, modelling time series

Environmental and resource economics, climate change, agro-ecosystems, conservation

Development economics, industrial policy, poverty and inequality, income distribution, technology

The following regional specialisations are also catered for: Latin America, India, Vietnam, Bangladesh, China, European Union

Economics introductory textbooks are acquired only on the recommendation of course givers. No attempt is made to acquire publications of this type which are not being used in teaching in the discipline area.

## 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 Economics 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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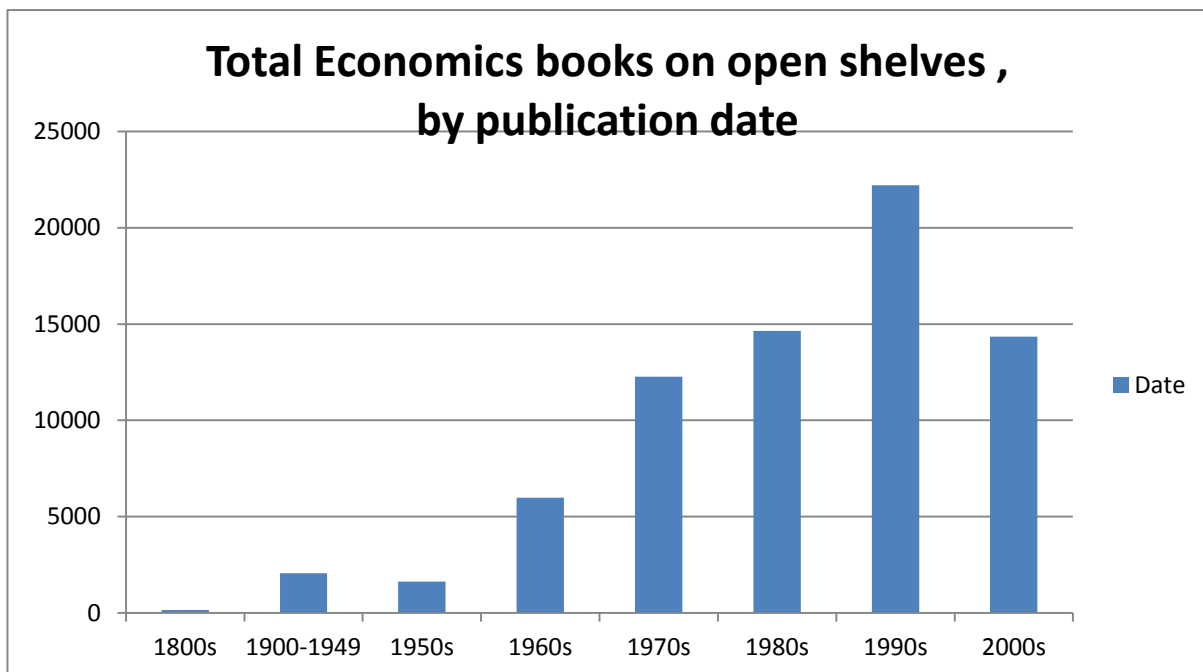
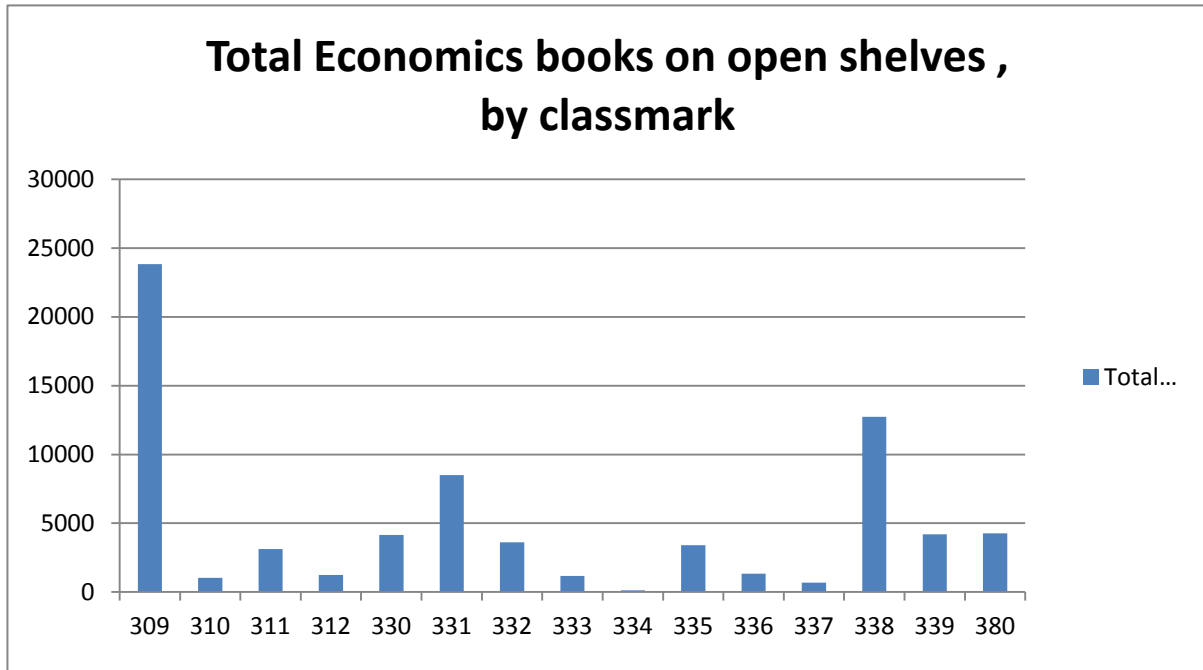
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# Appendices

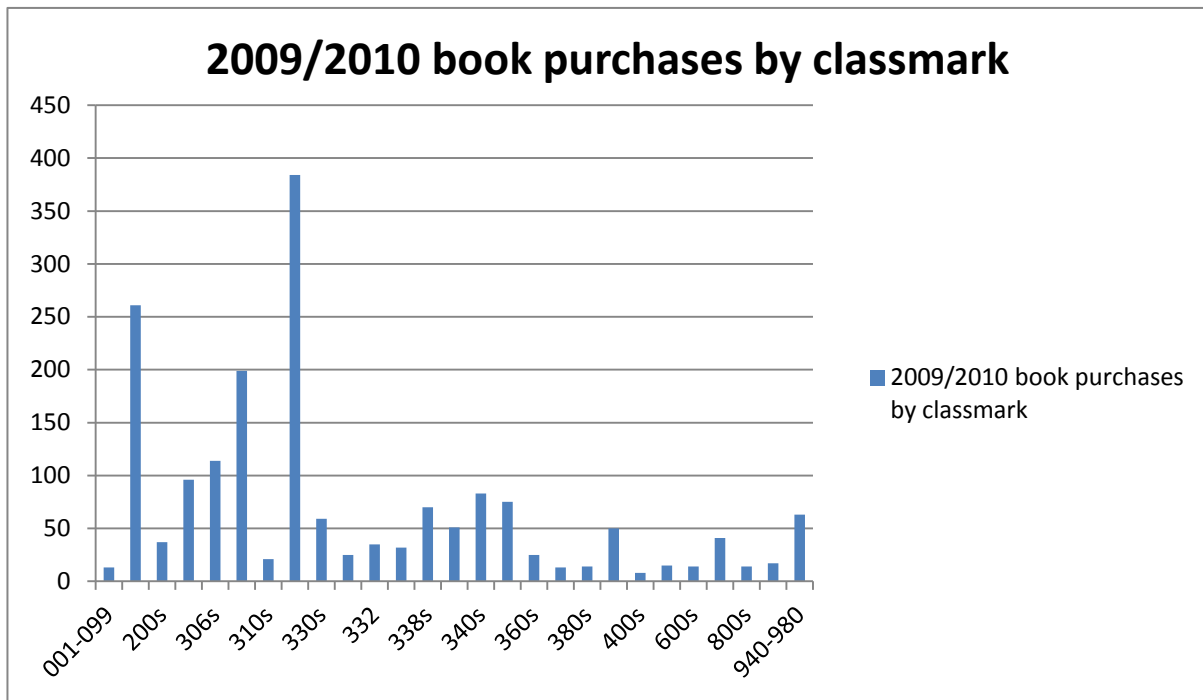
## Appendix 1

Stock Overview.



## Appendix 2

All Social Sciences Book Purchases, last financial year.



## Appendix 3

Current Journal Subscriptions.

Top 100 Economics journals by Impact Factor

Journal Citation Reports 2009.

Titles marked with an asterisk are *not* held at JRUL (1 title)

Journal of Economic Literature

Quarterly Journal of Economics

Journal of Financial Economics

Econometrica

Journal of Economic Geography

Journal of Political Economy

Journal of Finance

Review of Environmental Economics and Policy

Journal of Economic Perspectives

Economic Geography

Experimental Economics

Journal of Economic Growth

Value in Health

Review of Economic Studies

Pharmacoeconomics

Journal of Accounting and Economics

Journal of Environmental Economics and Management

Review of Economics and Statistics

American Economic Review

Ecological Economics

Economic Policy

Energy Economics

Journal of International Economics

Brookings Papers on Economic Activity

Economics and Human Biology

Journal of Business Economics and Management

Health Economics

Journal of Agrarian Change

Journal of Law Economics and Organization

Journal of Urban Economics

Journal of Banking and Finance

Economic Journal

Journal of Econometrics

Journal of Health Economics

Journal of Human Resources

Energy Journal

Journal of Development Economics

World Bank Economic Review

Journal of Monetary Economics

Econometric Reviews

Journal of Law and Economics

Journal of Applied Econometrics

Food Policy

Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis

Journal of Business and Economic Statistics

Land Economics  
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management  
Economy and Society  
Journal of Risk and Uncertainty  
Industrial and Corporate Change  
Journal of Labor Economics  
World Bank Research Observer  
Journal of Economic Psychology  
Journal of the European Economic Association  
Small Business Economics  
Journal of Comparative Economics  
Work Employment and Society  
European Journal of Health Economics  
Resource and Energy Economics  
Journal of Common Market Studies  
Environmental and Resource Economics  
Rand Journal of Economics  
Review of International Political Economy  
Games and Economic Behavior  
Journal of Economics and Management Strategy  
Journal of Public Economics  
Journal of Economic Surveys  
World Development  
Mathematical Finance  
Feminist Economics  
Transformations in Business and Economics\*

QME – Quantitative Marketing and Economics  
Journal of Money Credit and Banking  
Economica  
World Economics  
Journal of Agricultural Economics  
Journal of Regional Science  
European Economic Review  
Journal of Industrial Economics  
Journal of Forest Economics  
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control  
Journal of Economic Theory  
Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics  
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization  
Econ Journal Watch  
China Economic Review  
International Journal of Forecasting  
Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
American Journal of Agricultural Economics  
Asian Economic Policy Review  
International Economic Review  
Labour Economics  
Kyklos  
Review of Economic Dynamics  
Economic Inquiry  
Insurance Mathematics and Economics  
Journal of Evolutionary Economics

Journal of Housing Economics

Geneva Risk and Insurance Review

International Journal of Industrial Organization

Source: Journal Citation Reports: Social Sciences. 2009

## Appendix 4

### Other Subscriptions.

#### Subscription bibliographic databases:

EconLit

International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

Social Sciences Citation Index

Scopus (Elsevier)

Business Source Premier

ABI Inform

Web of knowledge/Social Science Citation Index

#### Subscription eJournal collections

SourceOECD/OECD iLibrary

Elsevier Science Direct

Wiley-Blackwell E-Journals

Springer E-Journals

Taylor and Francis E-Journals

JSTOR Complete package.

Cambridge University Press Electronic Journals

#### Subscription eBook collections

Oxford Scholarship Online – Economics and Finance collection

Blackwell Reference Online: Economics collection

Oxford Reference Online

OECD Books

Springer eBook Collection

NetLibrary

Elsevier Science Direct

## Appendix 5

### Special Collections

The Library does not actively collect Special Collections material in this area, and purchases of material are generally considered a low priority. However we will give careful consideration to any offers to donate or deposit Special Collections material in this area.

Special Collections has several collections, printed and archival, which relate to the history of economics and economic thought. Printed material is relatively limited, but includes the library of Lord Morley where nineteenth century political economy is well represented.

Archival collections include the important collection of papers of William Stanley Jevons (1835-1882), one of the founders of neoclassical economics.