

Northwestern University Library Collection Development Policy Statement

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I. Brief overview of the collection

- A. *History of the collection*
Not applicable
- B. *Broad subject areas emphasized or de-emphasized*
Strengths in our linguistics collections include: grammar, comparative grammar, and language typology; corpus linguistics; pidgins and creoles; language acquisition; phonetics and phonology; morphology; syntax; and pragmatics.
- C. *Collection locations*
Main stacks.

II. Purpose or objectives

Northwestern University's Department of Linguistics has active programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, though its principal orientation is toward graduate education. Accordingly, there are few undergraduate majors but an active and diverse graduate student population. The Library's collections in linguistics therefore support primarily graduate-level and faculty study and research.

III. Library unit or title of the selector responsible for this collection

Bibliographer, Western Languages and Literatures

IV. Scope of the subject coverage

- A. *Language*
Mainly English-language, with modest attention paid to linguistics research in German, Spanish, and French.
- B. *Geographical scope*
The nature of linguistics research, especially in areas such as pidgins/creoles and comparative linguistics, requires very broad geographic coverage. Dialectology is, however, not regularly emphasized. Northwestern has relatively strong collections in Russian linguistics (in Russian) and pockets of strength in areas that have enjoyed sustained faculty interest over the years, e.g. Catalan and Basque linguistics.
- C. *Chronological scope*
No restrictions, although diachronic studies tend not to be emphasized. Historical language studies are usually within the purview of other departments and their associated collections
- D. *Publication dates collected*
- E. *Formats and genres*
 - 1. *Inclusions*
 - 2. *Exclusions*

V. Acquisitions procedures affecting collection policies

- A. *Standing Orders*
- B. *Approval plans and blanket orders*

C. Gifts and exchanges

~~VI.II.~~ **Duplication with other NU library units** |

~~VII.III.~~ **Expensive purchases** |

~~VIII.IV.~~ **Interdisciplinary collections** |

~~IX.V.~~ **Purchases with endowed funds** |

~~X.VI.~~ **Cooperation with other libraries** |

A. Other resources, including local, regional or national libraries

B. Consortia

~~XI.VII.~~ **Policies for purchasing journal article reprints or electronic files on demand** |

~~XII.VIII.~~ **Other factor of local importance** |

~~XIII.IX.~~ **Collection levels** |