1. General Information

The Anthropology Programme’s Collection Policy is bound by the general principles detailed in the Library’s Collection Policy. It is not a stand-alone document and should be read in conjunction with the Library’s Collection Policy, the Pacific Collection Policy and any other subject specific collection documents.

1.1 Collection Purpose

The emphasis at the University of Waikato is socio-cultural anthropology – that is, the comparative study of the whole range of contemporary human societies and cultures, from tribal and peasant through to industrial and global. The Pacific region, with its diverse peoples and lifeways, both indigenous and settler, is the main focus of teaching and research.

The collection supports the teaching, research and learning of anthropology within the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, at undergraduate, honours, graduate diploma and master’s levels. The collection also supports other disciplines.

1.2 Primary User Groups

The primary users of the collection are undergraduates, graduates and staff of the Anthropology Programme.

1.3 The Programme’s research interests include:

- Cultural studies
- Gender studies
- Ethnicity and race
- Economic anthropology and development
- Family and village organisation
- Historical anthropology
- The anthropology of mining
- Political anthropology
- Migrant communities
- The Pacific
- Language, discourse analysis, oral tradition with Pacific reference
- Religion and missionary history
- Research methodology
- Emotion in social life in the Pacific
- Medical anthropology and cross cultural health studies
- The anthropology of industrial life
1.4 Interdisciplinary Relationships

The collection also supports relevant courses and research in other programmes within the School of Social Sciences.

2. Description of Existing Collection

Relevant material is held in the following LC classification areas in the Central Library’s general collection:

- GN Anthropology, Ethnology and Ethnography
- GR Folklore
- GT Manners and customs (General)
- BJ1801-2194 Social usages, Etiquette
- PN6400-6699 Proverbs

Additional material is held in the New Zealand Collection. Increasingly e-books are being purchased.

The Library provides access to a strong collection of scholarly journals, electronically or in print, and to a range of databases, including:

- ProQuest Social Sciences
- JSTOR: The Scholarly Journal Archive
- Web of Science
- Scopus
- Nuistext

3. Scope of Collection

3.1 Chronological Periods

Collecting focuses on the main theoretical innovations in social and cultural anthropology since the beginning of the 20th century.

3.2 Formats and Types of Material

Print and/or electronic formats are collected but other types of material may be considered.

3.3 Geographical Areas

Collecting focuses on Oceanic material, especially material relating to Australia and the Pacific Islands. Material relating to New Zealand and Pacific peoples in New Zealand is the responsibility of the New Zealand Collection Librarian (see 3.7).

3.4 Languages
English is the primary language of the collection but other languages may be selected.

3.5 Publication Dates

Collecting focuses on recent and current imprints to support the teaching and research areas of the Department. Retrospective collecting may be undertaken to support new teaching and research programmes.

3.6 Special Considerations

Earlier material (late 19th and early 20th centuries) can be as important as more recently published material. Scholarly treatises, critical works, journal articles, conference papers and proceedings and transactions of learned societies are useful tools.

3.7 Location of Pacific Material

- Material relating to New Zealand and the Pacific is held in the New Zealand Collection if it has significant New Zealand content.
- All other Pacific material is held in the relevant part of the General Collection.

4. University of Waikato at Tauranga

Anthropology is not currently being taught at Tauranga and no courses are planned.