1. General Information
The History 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 and any other subject specific collection development documents.

1.1 Collection Purpose
The collection supports the teaching, research and learning of the History Programme within the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, at undergraduate, honours, graduate diploma and masters’ and doctoral levels. The collection also supports other disciplines.

The history programme includes papers in world, regional, national, environmental and thematic histories. Methodological and intellectual issues are explored as is the associated historiography at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

1.2 Primary User Groups
The primary users of the collection are undergraduates, graduates and staff of the History Programme, and those undertaking the Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSoSc), Bachelor of Communication Studies (BCS), Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLibS), Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (BA/LLB), Bachelor of Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws (BSoSc/LLB), Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts (BTchg/BA) and Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Social Sciences (BTchg/BSoSc).

1.3 The Programme’s research interests include:
- Asian art and environmental history
- Atlantic history
- Australian social and cultural history from 1788 to the present
- British, and Irish social, political, religious and cultural history
- Digital histories of public and collective memories
- Environmental history
- European cultural, social and intellectual history and imperialism from 1300-1800
- Garden history
- Gender and history
- Global history 1900 to the present
- Health and history
- Historical biography
- Historiography and related methods, theory and research
- History on film
- History of science 1760s-1920s
- Intellectual history in Western Europe the emphasis is on the 18th Century
- Military history and the history of conflict
- New Zealand history, iwi/Māori histories, settlement, migration, armed conflict, political and economic change and social history from 1200 to the present
- Oceania history 1800-1900
- Oral history and oral traditions
- Public history including the application of historical methodology for public audiences
- Social and cultural histories of medicine and illness
- Transnational history global comparative studies
- Twentieth-century world history
- United States history- social, political and economic history from 1607 to the present
- World migrations and world historical systems
- Writing historical fiction

1.4 Interdisciplinary Relationships
The collection also supports relevant courses and research in American Studies, International Relations and Security Studies, Labour Studies, Media Studies, Pacific Studies, Political Science, Screen and Media Studies, Social Science Research, Te Tiriti o Waitangi Akoranga / Treaty of Waitangi Studies, Tikanga Maori. In addition, students in Law, Management, Science, Māori and Pacific Development and Education may use historical material.

2. Description of Existing Collection
Relevant material is held in the following LC classification areas in the Central Library’s general collection:

C - CT Auxiliary sciences of history (archaeology etc.)
D History (General)
   DA Great Britain
   DB-DR Central, Eastern and Northern Europe, Balkans
   DS Asia
   DT Africa
   DU Polynesia and Oceania (excludes NZ)
E America (General), United States
F United States (Local history), Canada, Latin America

There is some material available on microform and the Map Library has maps of historical importance. Material relevant to New Zealand is held in the New Zealand Collection.

The Library provides access to scholarly journals, electronically or in print, and databases, including:
- Current Contents Connect
- Early Experiences in Australasia: Primary Sources and Personal Narratives 1788-1901
- EBSCO
- eTV
- ISI Web of Science
- JSTOR
- MLA
- Project Muse
3. Scope of Collecting

Ancient history, archaeology, economic history, and Islamic studies are not collected, except on staff recommendation.

3.1 Chronological Periods
- Britain and Ireland from pre-Roman times to the present
- Western Europe from the Middle Ages to the present
- United States history from 1607 to the present
- Australia from 1788 to the present
- New Zealand from pre-European Māori society through to the present
- History of the British Empire, 1600-1960s
- World History, 600-2000s
- Asian History, BCE-CE

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 Great Britain, Ireland, the United States, Australia, and the Pacific.

Western Europe, Africa, Asia, Central Europe/Russia, the Middle East Asia and South America are collected selectively.

3.4 Languages

English is the primary language of the collection. Some existing material is in French, German and Spanish but new material in these languages is not normally collected.

3.5 Publication Dates
Collecting focuses upon recent and current imprints to support the teaching and research areas of the Programme. Retrospective collecting may be undertaken to support new teaching and research programmes.

3.6 Special considerations
New Zealand history is purchased by the New Zealand Collection Librarian using the New Zealand Collection fund. The Subject Librarian and New Zealand Collection Librarian consult each other regarding areas of overlap. Primary sources should be retained. The British Parliamentary House of Commons Debates should be retained. Literary works such as periodicals and novels which may no longer be of interest to other disciplines (such as English) should not be automatically withdrawn from the collection on the advice of those disciplines, without consultation, as a number of History staff conduct research in literary, scientific and cultural history and may well have continued use for items collected initially by and for other disciplines. The same is true for material on geographical topics, for whom a historical focus forms the basis of several courses as well as post-graduate and staff research. Published primary source material with publication dates of the early to mid-twentieth century also falls into this category.

4. **University of Waikato at Tauranga Collection**
   History is not currently being taught at Tauranga.