1. General Information

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

1.1 Collection Purpose
The collection supports the teaching, research and learning of Philosophy and Religious Studies within the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences at undergraduate, honours and graduate diploma, masters and PhD levels. Students from the graduate level are encouraged to pursue research projects in collaboration with staff. The collection also supports other disciplines.

1.2 Primary User Groups
The primary users of the collection are undergraduates, graduates and staff of the Philosophy Programme and the Religious Studies Programme.

1.3 Teaching and Research interests include:
- aesthetics
- American philosophy
- analytical philosophy
- applied ethics, particularly professional ethics, research ethics and health ethics
- artificial intelligence; formal ontology
- cognitive science
- critical reasoning
- environmental ethics
- ethical theory
- ethics at work
- feminist philosophy
- logic; informal logic
- metaphysics; epistemology
- philosophical methodology
- philosophy of language
- philosophy of mind
- philosophy of religion
- philosophy of science; philosophy of biology
- political philosophy
- pragmatics
- semiotics
- Wittgenstein
1.4 Interdisciplinary Relationships
The collection also supports relevant courses and research in Education, Environmental Planning, History, Law, Linguistics, Literature, Management Communication, Psychology, Science, Screen and Media Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies.

2. Description of Existing Collection

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

B Philosophy (general), ancient, medieval, renaissance, modern
BC Logic
BD Philosophical works (general), metaphysics, epistemology, methodology, ontology, cosmology
BH Aesthetics
BJ Ethics (including environmental, legal, professional, religion and science)
P106 Philosophy of language and linguistics
Q174-175 Philosophy of science

Increasingly, e-books are being purchased.

The Library provides access to scholarly journals, in electronic and print format, and to indexing and full text databases.

Databases with relevant content include:
Biography in Context
Credo
EBSCO Religion and Philosophy Collection
JSTOR
Oxford Journals, Humanities
Philosophers’ Index
Project Muse
Scopus
Web of Science Core Collection

3. Scope of Collecting

3.1 Chronological Periods
Collecting focuses on material relating to the teaching and research interests as noted above. British material relating to the 17th, 18th centuries, American philosophy from the 19th century and analytic philosophy from the early 20th century is collected. The emphasis is on upper level and graduate texts, research monographs, professional society publications and journals. Prose is collected, artistic works are not collected. Videos and DVDs may be used but these are selected from the Screen and Media Studies collection and are not purchased specifically for Philosophy.

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
Geographical areas do not apply to Philosophy.
3.4 Languages
English is the primary language of the collection. Some existing material is in French, Latin, Greek, Spanish and Asian language but new material in these languages is not collected. Current staff use material written in English and German for teaching and research purposes.

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.

4. University of Waikato at Tauranga

Currently, PHIL103, Critical Reasoning, and an ethics paper in the Social Work programme are taught there. Responsibility for this collection lies with the academic staff and the Subject Librarian.