1. General Information

The Sociology Collection Policy is bound by the general principles detailed in the Library’s Overarching 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 documents.

1.1 Collection Purpose

The collection supports the teaching, research and learning of sociology within the Sociology Programme, which is part of the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, at undergraduate, honours, graduate diploma, masters and doctoral levels. The collection also supports other disciplines.

The emphasis of sociology at the University of Waikato is on the structures and processes of societies, including our own, how people organise and participate in group or collective behaviour and how societies change over time.

The sociology collection encompasses sociology, social history and conditions, social problems, social reform, the family, marriage, women, societies, communities, classes, races, social pathology, social and public welfare, criminology, social policy, ageing, and research methods.

1.2 Primary User Groups

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

1.3 The Programme’s teaching and research interests include:

- Education, inequality and society
- Popular culture
- Sociology of health and illness
- Sociology of family
- Social issues, social policy and social change
- Social science research
- Work and employment
- Crime and deviance

1.4 Interdisciplinary Relationships

The collection also supports relevant courses and research in 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:

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New Zealand 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 relevant databases, including, for Sociology:

- ScienceDirect (Elsevier)
- Web of Science
- ProQuest Social Sciences
- Scopus
- ViVa: a bibliography of Women’s History in Historical and Women’s Studies Journals
- Sociological Abstracts

3. **Scope of Collecting**

Collecting focuses on current and course-related materials and on the research interests of current academic staff.

The emphasis is on all levels of undergraduate and graduate texts, research monographs, professional society publications and journals.

3.1 **Chronological Periods**

Although no chronological period is excluded, the emphasis is on current publications.

3.2 **Types of Material**

Print and/or electronic formats are collected but other types of material may be considered.
3.3 Geographical Areas
New Zealand and worldwide.

3.4 Languages
English is the primary language of the collection. Some Asian language material is collected.

3.5 Publication Dates
Collecting focuses upon 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
The Tauranga collection supports the teaching and research in Sociology and Social Work up to and including 4th year level. Responsibility for this collection lies with academic staff and the Subject Librarian.