The Subject 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 documents.

1. General Information

1.1 Collection Purpose
The collection supports the learning, teaching and research of staff and students in the Geography, Tourism and Environmental Planning programmes within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Papers offered include undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate certificates and diplomas to masters and PhD.

1.2 Primary User Groups
The main users of the collection are students and staff of the Geography, Tourism and Environmental Planning programmes.

1.3 The Programme’s research interests include:
- Geographies of development
- Gender, place and culture
- Geographic Information Systems
- Cartography
- Indigenous geographies
- Migration and ethnic Relations
- Environmental studies
- Resources and environmental planning
- Tourism studies

1.4 Interdisciplinary Relationships
Geography, Tourism and Environmental Planning programmes overlap with environmental science (Earth and Ocean Science), tourism and hospitality management, economics, (WMS), sport and leisure studies (School of Education) demography and population studies, politics, environmental ethics and social policy (School of Social Sciences).
Description of Existing Collection

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

- G Some held in the Map Library
- G155 Tourism
- GA Mathematical geography, Cartography
- GE Environmental Sciences
- GF Human ecology. Anthropogeography
- GV Recreation. Leisure
- HT Communities. Classes. Races
- HV551-553 Emergency management. Relief in cases of disasters

Additional material is held in the Map Library and relevant New Zealand material is held in the New Zealand Collection. New Zealand legislation pertaining to the Resource Management Act is held in the Law Library.

Increasingly e-books are being purchased.

The Library provides access to scholarly journals, electronically or in print, and to relevant databases, including:

- Ebsco
- ProQuest
- Sage
- ScienceDirect (Elsevier)
- Scopus
- Taylor and Francis
- Web of Science
- Wiley

Scope of Collecting

3.1 Chronological Periods
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.

3.2 Formats and Types of Material
Print and/or electronic formats are collected but other types of material may be considered.
3.3 Geographical Areas
The geographic area is not relevant to the study of human geography, cartography and geographic information systems, however there are courses which examine the effects of New Zealand legislation, resource management, Pacific Islands and Maori lands and communities.

3.4 Languages
English is the primary language of the collection including current purchases.

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.

3.6 Special Considerations
Pacific material – see Pacific Collection Policy.

4. University of Waikato at Tauranga Collection
The Tauranga collection supports the teaching and learning of Tourism Studies at an undergraduate level and GIS elective paper for the Bachelor of Science (BSc).

Responsibility for this collection lies with the academic staff and the Subject Librarian.