

**Penn State Dickinson School of Law:
Collection Development Policy excerpts concerning foreign & international law**

As for our collection policy in international and foreign law, we do collect FCIL materials and will continue to do so in the future but our policy is currently under serious revision. I have excerpted relevant parts of the most recent policy (2008) from our web page (http://law.psu.edu/library/collection_development_policy) and made some slight edits to reflect what I know will be implemented in the near future. Since 2006 we have had two law school locations, which has completely changed our thinking about collections and inspired us to consider the increased benefits of using electronic resources, free or subscription, to deliver equal access to information regardless of where the user is located. So, we are continually assessing our print acquisitions to determine whether there are reliable electronic resources that can replace some print titles. Thus, in the process we have acquired and/or rely on many electronic resources and databases focusing on FCIL resources: Hein, Oxford, HRD online, MOML, and many others including IGO website like UN, EU, COE, etc. But I can tell you that we have not directed our full attention to specific subject areas or even broad categories (like FCIL) yet. When we do, I suspect that I might find that we own and collect a very different, broader FCIL collection than is reflected in our existing policy.

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- A. Treatises are purchased guided by the following emphasis in subject areas. Treatises which involve frequent and expensive updating unsupported by curricular needs or research interests are avoided.
 1. Subject areas of strong emphasis:
 - a. ADR/Arbitration
 - b. Advocacy
 - c. Commercial Law
 - d. Corporate/Business/Securities/Antitrust Law
 - e. Constitutional Law - especially U.S. Supreme Court materials including biographies of Justices
 - f. Elder Law
 - g. Human Rights
 - h. International Law
 - i. Native American Law
 - j. Professional Responsibility - including comparative law materials
 - k. Tax Law
 2. Subject areas of intermediate collection efforts:
 - a. Elder Law
 - b. Native American Law
 - c. All other subjects offered in the curriculum
 3. Subject areas of only general interest:
 - a. Canon Law
 - b. Criminology
 - c. General Works
 - d. Trials

- B. British and Commonwealth Materials: Selected English statutes, case law, digest and materials of historical importance are acquired. Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and other Commonwealth materials are acquired selectively. Lexis is relied on for more complete coverage.
- C. Foreign Law: Cases and statutes from a few selected jurisdictions are acquired. Codes from civil law countries (especially those from which we draw LL.M. students) are purchased. Emphasis is placed on Austria , France , Italy and Germany . Treatises from Russia.
- D. International Documents: United Nations, European Union and Unidroit materials are collected.