

- a. Collection Levels (Collection Depth) – In determining the levels of collection development appropriate for the Alvin Sherman Library, the following categories have been established:

0 Out of Scope

Library does not intentionally collect materials in any format for this subject.

1 Minimal Information Introductory

Supports general inquiries about the subject. Materials should be current, classic, or standard retrospectives. Material should introduce and define a subject and indicate the variety of information available elsewhere. The print collection may include dictionaries, encyclopedias, standard and significant core works, handbooks, manuals, films, and sound recordings.

1a Basic Information Augmented

Includes basic information on a wider range of topics and with more depth, to support students in basic undergraduate courses. Material should include a broader selection of basic explanatory works, historical descriptions, and reference works that introduce and define the subject.

2 Instructional Support

Contains a broad range of resources adequate to support upper-level undergraduate instruction, sustained independent study, work-based interests, or specialized inquiries. Adequate to impart and maintain knowledge of a subject at less than research intensity. The collection includes a wide range of basic works, fundamental reference works and bibliographic works, significant number of classic retrospective materials, complete collections of works of more important authors, selections from the works of secondary writers, and a selection of works to represent adequately a wide variety of perspectives.

3 Research

The collection supports postgraduate and independent research and includes all major published source materials. A very extensive collection of general and specialized monographs and reference works. Extensive collections of the works of better-known writers as well as other important but less well-known writers. Extensive collections of appropriate foreign-language materials.

4 Comprehensive

The collection supports postgraduate and independent research and acquires all published materials in all formats to provide an all-inclusive holding on a subject area.