

SOCIAL WORK  
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I. DESCRIPTION

A. Purpose: To support the teaching and research requirements of the School of Social Work. The School's M.S.W. curriculum includes concentrations in child advocacy, community mental health, school social work, health care, social policy, and planning and administration as well as a generic track which gives preparation for a variety of jobs. The Ph.D. program is interdisciplinary with a strong research emphasis, preparing candidates for teaching, research, and policy analysis, development, and implementation. In addition, undergraduate instruction is supported by the purchase of certain materials which supplement the collection in the Undergraduate Library.

B. History of Collection: Social welfare emerged as an academic discipline at the turn of the century and the Library acquired the major works in the field from that time forward because of their relevancy to programs in education, psychology, and sociology. The in-depth collection began in the 1930s when the Depression made social welfare a national issue. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences began to offer graduate professional training during the middle years of the decade. The University Library expanded the collection to support the new program. The School of Social Work was established in 1948. Prior to 1964/65 when the present Education and Social Science Library was created, responsibility for the collection was divided between the Education, Psychology and Philosophy Library and the Commerce and Sociology Library. The Education and Social Science Library has subsequently been responsible for social work, physically unifying a collection of current materials and placing it with that of the closely related fields of sociology, psychology, and education.

C. Estimate of Holdings: 30,000 volumes.

D. State, Regional, and National Importance: A unique collection of primary source material on social work in India is housed uncatalogued in the Asian Library. Assembled by Mrs. Shuda Mazumdar who was involved in social work in India for more than 50 years, the items number nearly 1,000 and include diaries, journals, correspondence, and newspaper clippings. The general collection of materials in social work is one of the largest in the Midwest.

E. Unit Responsible for Collecting: Education and Social Science Library.

F. Location of Materials: Approximately 4,000 volumes constituted by the high demand English language monographs and the last ten years of most serial runs are located in the Education and Social Science Library. Other materials are housed in the Bookstacks.

G. Citations of Works Describing the Collection:

Downs, p. 211.

## II. GENERAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

A. Languages: Standard statement. English translations are normally preferred to original foreign language texts.

B. Chronological Guidelines: No restrictions. Social work as it is currently practiced has largely developed in the twentieth century, as social welfare became a national concern and governments began to fund programs. The emphasis is on contemporary issues and developments.

C. Geographical Guidelines: No restrictions. However, the emphasis is on the United States and Great Britain.

D. Treatment of Subject: Standard statement. The varied and interdisciplinary nature of the social work profession makes library materials from fields of study other than social work itself basic to graduate level training. Works in psychology, education, and sociology as well as certain therapeutic and non-medical aspects of the health sciences are of particular importance. Materials from these related disciplines will normally be purchased on the appropriate fund, but in exceptional cases may be purchased from social work monies.

E. Types of Materials: Standard statement. In addition, social welfare programs are highly dependent on government legislation, especially legislation enacted at the federal and state levels. Government documents from federal social service related agencies in the United States and state social service related agencies in Illinois are received as depository items in the Documents Library and, in some cases, in the Law Library as well. Government documents from national social service related agencies in Great Britain are collected extensively as are United Nations documents concerned with social welfare which are not received on U.N. depository. Government documents from states other than Illinois, federal governments of western Europe, and local governments are collected selectively.

F. Date of Publication: Standard statement.

G. Place of Publication: No restrictions.

III. COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITY BY SUBJECT SUBDIVISIONS WITH QUALIFICATIONS,  
LEVELS OF COLLECTING INTENSITY, AND ASSIGNMENTS

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>DL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>
Alcoholism and drug related problems	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK/ applied life
Child advocacy	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Community services and welfare	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Family services and welfare	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Gerontology	4	4	4	APPLIED LIFE/ SOCIAL WORK
Health care programs, medical and rehabilitation programs, and mental health services as they are practiced in the context of social work	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Private social work practice	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
School social work	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Services to older adults	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social casework	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social service policy analysis, planning, development, and implementation	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social problems and public welfare	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social service administration	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social service delivery	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social welfare related legislation as it pertains to applied social service programs	4	4	4	DOCUMENTS/ social work
Social work profession	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK
Social work theory and methods	4	4	4	SOCIAL WORK