

Collection Subject Statement: Economics

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The Economics collection at the University of Pittsburgh supports research and instruction in microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, and related interdisciplinary fields. Since its beginning, the collection has evolved to include both classic works and current scholarship reflecting global economic trends. The materials are primarily housed at Hillman Library and the Thomas Blvd Library.

Purpose and Audience

The Economics collection supports the research and educational needs of students, faculty, and scholars in the Detrich School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh. The Department of Economics offers programs at the [undergraduate](#), [master's](#) and [Ph.D.](#) levels including:

- BA in Economics
- BS in Economics
- BS in Mathematics- Economics
- BS in Economics - Statistics
- Minor in Economics
- STEM Master of Science in Quantitative Economics and STEM Ph.D.

The department's research focuses on six areas: econometrics, experimental and behavioral economics, labor/ development, macroeconomics/ international economics, microeconomic theory and urban/ public/ history.

The Department of Economics houses two research centers including the Pittsburgh Experimental Economics Laboratory (PEEL), a leading center for experimental economics research founded in 1988 by Professors John Kagel and Alvin Roth, Nobel Laureate in Economics and the Behavioral Economics Design Initiative (BEDI), launched in 2020 to promote the science and practice of economic design within the areas of women's advancement, charitable giving, health economics, labor markets, and market design.

Guiding Principles and Areas of Focus

The library acquires scholarly materials in formats that best support the research and curricular needs of the campus. Approval plans, standing orders, user requests, and publisher notifications account for most of the material purchased.

The following are the principal publishers of economics resources: EBSCO, Lexis Nexis, London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), Taylor & Francis, Bloomberg, UPenn/Wharton, S&P Global, government resources, Elsevier, Thomson Financial, Edward Elgar, Palgrave, Ashgate, Sage, Free Press, Jossey-Bass, Wiley, Frank Fabozzi, Harvard Business School

Publishing, other university presses as appropriate, Oxford, Cambridge, Proquest, and Blackwell.

Scope

Types of Materials and Formats

The types of materials and formats included in the collection are monographs (print and electronic), serials (electronic), magazines, conference proceedings, working papers, datasets, statistical materials published by the central banks, government agencies and intergovernmental organizations, censuses (population, housing, and agricultural), economic surveys and statistical yearbooks, and electronic databases. Textbooks are only occasionally added.

Electronic formats are preferred, but acquisition of e-resources may be contingent on platform usability, acceptable license terms, cost, and other factors. Electronic items with reduced barriers to access are preferred, such as DRM-free e-books or multi-user licenses.

Languages

The collection is largely in English and English language is preferred. Foreign language titles are purchased rarely.

Chronological

Current publications with an emphasis on current information, data, and research are preferred. Historical items are purchased selectively.

Geographical

Materials on all countries are collected. The electronic database collections provide a more international focus, specifically on GDP, trade and other topics in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Europe.

Library of Congress Classification and Collection RLG level (or at the LC class)

Call number ranges, HA - HT

Subjects and Collection Levels

- A = Basic level
- B = Study or instructional level
- C = Research level
- D = Advanced research/comprehensive
- E = Intensive level

| Subject | Collection Level | LC Class |
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| Statistics (General) | A | HA |

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| Statistics (Economics Related) | D | HA |
| Economic Theory | D | HB |
| History of economics | B | HB75-130 |
| Economic History and Conditions, by region/country | D | HC |
| Industrial productivity, Location of industry | C | HD56-58 |
| Economic growth, development, planning | D | HD72-88 |
| Land use | B | HD101-1395 |
| Agriculture | B | HD1401-2210 |
| Industry, Industrialization | C | HD2321-3575 |
| Industrial policy | D | HD3611-4730 |
| Labor, Work, Working class | C | HD4801-8943 |
| Transportation and communications | A | HE |
| Commerce | D | HF1-4055 |
| Banking | C | HG1501-3550 |
| Foreign exchange, International monetary system | D | HG3810-4000 |
| Public Finance (theoretical or economic aspects) | C | HJ |
| Urban and Regional Economics | D | HT161-395 |

Connections & Collaborations

Other Relevant Subjects

The Economics collection overlaps significantly with the collections that support the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) and Pitt Business programs. Topics such as international economic relations and trade, development economics, environmental economics, regional and urban economics, and economic policy, statistics, economic methodologies would be of interest to economists.

University and External Partnerships

The ULS participates in several consortia for collection development (NERL, EAST, Hathi Trust, CRL) and resource sharing (PALCI EZBorrow, OCLC Interlibrary Loan, RapidILL).

Subject Experts

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Sources of information:

<https://www.econ.pitt.edu/about>

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