

# **Collection Subject Statement: Psychology**

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The Psychology major is one of the most popular majors at the University of Pittsburgh, with over 500 undergraduate degrees awarded per year from the Pittsburgh campus. The Psychology collections at the University of Pittsburgh Library System support the academic programs and research needs of students, faculty, and staff in departments and programs of Psychology across all five campuses, as well as related subjects such as Sociology, Education, Medicine, and Social Work. Relevant collections for this subject can be found at multiple University Library System (ULS) locations including Bevier Science & Engineering Library, Hanley Library, Hillman Library, Millstein Library, Owen Library, and Thomas Blvd Library.

## **Purpose/Audiences**

The university offers undergraduate majors in Psychology at the Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Pittsburgh campuses and graduate as well as undergraduate study at the Pittsburgh campus. The library collections in this subject include materials that aid research, teaching, and learning of the science of Psychology.

## **Guiding Principles and Areas of Focus**

The Psychology collections offer a wide range of materials that cover different social, economic, medical, religious, scientific and social topics; thereby encouraging discovery and inquiry across multiple programs of study. New acquisitions in print and electronic format are informed by thoughtful review and selection of materials, with additional items acquired upon request for research and teaching purposes. Materials are selected based on their academic quality, relevance to the curriculum, and contributions to the field of Psychology.

The collections are intended to represent and align with the teaching, research, and creative activity of faculty and graduate students in Psychology. Bridging the various areas of Psychology, the collections incorporate interdisciplinary topics relevant to the study of clinical, cognitive, developmental, educational, social, experimental and biological psychology.

## **Scope**

Comprehensive resources on theory, research, and practice in the form of scholarly monographs are prioritized. eBook format is preferred for specific use cases that support broadly available access. Textbooks and handbooks are acquired selectively or upon request. The collections include a wide selection of peer-reviewed journals and trade publications in both print and electronic formats, discoverable through databases.

The primary geographic focus for the collections is on materials from the United States and Western Europe. However, the library also strives to maintain resources from diverse global perspectives. The majority of the Psychology collections are in English; however, materials in other languages, especially those in French, Spanish, German, and other major world languages, are selectively acquired to support interdisciplinary research and study.

### **Library of Congress Classification**

#### **B (Philosophy, Psychology and Religion)**

- **BF 1-990:** Psychology
- **BF7 12-724.85:** Developmental psychology Including infant psychology, child psychology, adolescence, adulthood
- **BF 309-499:** Consciousness. Cognition Including learning, attention, comprehension, memory, imagination, genius, intelligence, thought and thinking, psycholinguistics, mental fatigue
- **BF 1001-1389:** Parapsychology

#### **H (Social Sciences)**

- **HF 5548.7-5548.85:** Industrial Psychology
- **HM:** Sociology
- **HN:** Social history and conditions. Social problems. Social reform
- **HQ 1-2044:** The Family. Marriage. Women
- **HT 251-265:** Mental and moral life
- **HV 547:** Self-help groups
- **HV 1551-3024:** People with disabilities Including blind, deaf, people with physical and mental disabilities
- **HV 6035-6197:** Criminal anthropology Including criminal types, criminal psychology, prison psychology, causes of crime

#### **L (Education)**

- **LB 1050.9-1091:** Educational Psychology
- **LC 4001-4806.5:** Children and youth with disabilities. Learning disabled children and youth

#### **M (Music)**

- **ML 3830-3840:** Psychology (of Music)
- **ML 3919-3920:** Moral influence of music. Therapeutic use of music

#### **Q (Science)**

- **QP 351-495:** Neurophysiology and neuropsychology

#### **R (Medicine)**

- **R 726.5-726.8:** Medicine and disease in relation to psychology. Terminal care. Dying

- **RA 418-418.5:** Public aspects of medicine
- **RA 790-790.95:** Mental health. Mental illness prevention
- **RC 49-52:** Psychosomatic medicine
- **RC 475-489:** Therapeutics. Psychotherapy
- **RC 500-510:** Psychoanalysis
- **RC 512-569.5:** Psychopathology
- **RC 512-528:** Psychoses
- **RC 530-552:** Neuroses
- **RC 554-569.5:** Personality disorders. Behavior problems Including sexual problems, drug abuse, suicide, child abuse
- **RG 801-871:** Puerperal state (post partem)

### **Connections & Collaborations**

The ULS collaborates with other institutions and consortia to acquire specialized materials that support research, teaching, and learning in the subject of Psychology, particularly in areas where shared resources improve accessibility to rare or costly materials. Regionally and nationally, the ULS participates in several consortia for collection development (EAST, Hathi Trust, CRL) and resource sharing (PALCI EZBorrow, OCLC Interlibrary Loan, RapidILL) that shape strategy for the Psychology collections.

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### **Sources of Information**

<https://www.psychology.pitt.edu/>

<https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/academics/psychology>

<https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/academics/majors-programs/natural-sciences/psychology>

<https://www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/psychology-bs>