

Acquisitions Policy of St Antony's College Library

The aim of St Antony's College Library is to provide support for the core reading lists of Master's courses taken by substantial numbers of the College's students, while maintaining the historic strengths of the collection.

In all fields, suggestions are welcome and will be carefully considered. The Library is committed to respond as quickly as possible to requests for books from students and Fellows.

Acquisitions are limited by the resources provided to the Library by the College and external benefactors. The availability of particular publications elsewhere in the University will be taken into account. The Library will not take on new subscriptions to any journals available to members online.

The College Library collects books which cover the below topics. Emphasis is placed on the study of contemporary Europe, including Russia and the former Soviet Union, Africa, China, and South Asia.

- Politics and international relations
- Public policy
- Global governance and diplomacy
- Migration and refugees
- Economics and development
- Modern history (mainly 1850-present, with reference to courses undertaken by current members)
- Sociology
- Social and cultural anthropology
- Comparative and international education
- Research methods and study skills
- Materials which refer specifically to St Antony's College, including biographies of the College's Fellows (past and present), its art, and architecture
- Topical books of general interest in the College's fields

The College Library does not collect works which relate primarily to subjects covered by other libraries on site (i.e. Latin America, Japan, Russian-language materials on Russia/Eurasia, or the Middle East).

Texts must be in English or other Western European languages; the Library will purchase materials in non-Western languages when there are exceptional reasons to do so only.

The College Library does not ordinarily acquire works on literary subjects, or learning languages, but will provide such materials should they feature on the reading lists of core courses taken by substantial numbers of members.

The Library does not collect audiovisual materials.