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Guidelines for Forensic Science

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1. Purpose.

Collections in Chemistry support a research agenda consistent with research enterprise at a Doctoral University: Highest Research Activity, under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

The Department of Forensic Science offers B.S. degrees with concentration in forensic biology, forensic chemistry, and physical evidence. The department also offers M.S. degrees with concentration in forensic biology, forensic chemistry/drugs and toxicology, forensic chemistry/trace, and forensic physical analysis. A new course focuses on 3-D scanning technology for investigating crime scenes.

2. General Collection Guidelines.

A. Language.

English is the primary language of the collection. Foreign or multi-language monographic and serial titles are collected selectively, particularly research works of international importance or value.

B. Chronology.

No restrictions.



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C. Geography.

No restrictions

D. Publication Date.

Emphasis is on current imprints, particularly the latest editions of core texts. Older materials, for example, classics, are added to the collection whenever necessary. Journal backfiles are purchased to fill gaps and to augment the collection.

E. Treatment of Subject.

Primary emphasis is on graduate and professional texts reporting current research. Upper division texts are acquired selectively. Lower division textbooks are not generally acquired.

F. Types of Materials and Formats.

Primary emphasis is on monographs and periodicals with a preference for electronic formats. Conference proceedings and symposia are also collected as are video materials and other streaming media that support teaching, learning, and research.

3. Area Resources.

There are no comparable resources in the area.

4. Subjects and Collecting Levels.

Resources for Chemistry are collected at a research level (4).