

# SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

## I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### A. Library Collection Development Objective

The Library seeks to support curricular, research and lifelong learning needs of all areas in sociology and anthropology. At VSU, sociology and anthropology are combined together to form a single major. The major consists of 18 hours of "foundation" courses and an 18 hour concentration in either sociology or anthropology. The undergraduate program in Sociology focusses on applied and clinical sociology. The Anthropology concentration offers courses covering the four major subfields of the discipline. Opportunities are provided for field experiences in archaeology and cultural anthropology, and internships are encouraged. The program provides students with the skills to succeed in a variety of employment settings as well as a readiness for graduate study. There is also a graduate program in applied sociology, whose students more extensively use the library resources for papers, practice papers, etc. Faculty, active in conducting research and community service with local community and non-profit organizations, also use the library resources. Some alumni who work in the region might also use library services for literature searches, etc.

### B. Description of User Groups Supported

The user groups supported includes undergraduates, graduates, and faculty, both those in one of our departmental programs as well as those in allied professional programs such as social work.

### C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

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D. Areas of Established Specialization

1. Applied Sociology
2. Clinical sociology
3. Race/Class/Gender stratification
4. Organizations

TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Subject Depth

The majority of materials to support the sociological and anthropological collection will be collected at the Instructional Support Level (3).

Subject Subdivisions	Collecting Level
Anthropological Theory (Anthropology —Philosophy)	3
Anthropology of religion	3
Applied sociology	4
Archaeology	3
Cultural anthropology	3
Demography	2
Educational sociology	4
Environmental sociology	4
Ethnic relations	3
Ethnology—Methodology	3
Families	2
Indians of North America	3

B. Specific Delimitations

Formats collected: Electronic, Monographs, and Periodicals, extensively; Annuals and other serials, Audiovisual, selectively; Dissertations, Maps, Microformat collections, Reference tools, Textbooks, and Other, excluded.

Imprint dates collected: Current, 20<sup>th</sup> century, extensively; 19<sup>th</sup> century and earlier excluded.

Chronological focus: Current, 20<sup>th</sup> century extensively; 19<sup>th</sup> century and earlier excluded.

Languages collected: English extensively.

Places of publication : North America extensively; Western Europe, Australia/New Zealand and Worldwide selectively.