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Guidelines for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

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1. Purpose.

The collection in Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness supports research and teaching for the Bachelor of Arts, the Master of Arts, and the post-baccalaureate graduate certificate program. The major objective of the Bachelor of Arts program is to provide students with both theoretical and practical knowledge that will prepare them for private or public sector employment in the area of homeland security as it relates to international and domestic security, as well as emergency preparedness for both security and non-security related incidents; and/or further study in government, international affairs, law enforcement, policy planning or law. The master's program is an online-only program that expands upon this foundation.

2. General Collection Guidelines.

A. Language.

English is the primary language of the collection.

B. Chronology.

Collection emphasis is on contemporary trends and issues.



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C. Geography.

Emphasis is on the United States but some international material on terrorism and emergency response is collected.

D. Publication Date.

Primary emphasis is on current materials. Some retrospective purchasing takes place to fill in gaps and replace missing items.

E. Treatment of Subject.

Selection is tied directly to the homeland security and emergency preparedness curriculum.

F. Types of Materials and Formats.

Monographs and serial publications in digital format are the principal resources acquired. Additional materials for consideration include data, legal and regulatory publications, and conference proceedings. Print and digital resources are collected. The publications of the United States and Virginia governments are of special interest and are acquired digitally through the Federal Depository Library Program and the State Publications Depository Program.

3. Area Resources.

VCU Libraries is an ASERL (Association of Southeastern Research Libraries) Center of Excellence and holds a comprehensive collection of publications produced by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

4. Related Subject Policy Statements.

See Criminal Justice, Government Documents, and Public Administration.

5. Subjects and Collecting Levels.

Resources on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness relating to the areas of studies in the department are collected at the research level (4). These include but are not limited to national defense, emergency management, law enforcement and policy management.