I. PURPOSE/PROGRAM SUPPORT

The European and Eurasian Studies program in the Elliott School of International Affairs offers the graduate degree of Master of Arts. It is multidisciplinary, providing a broad background in the history, politics, and economics of Europe and Eurasia (Russia and other parts of the former Soviet Union) and the analytical tools for understanding the domestic and international dynamics of the region. The program is designed to provide skills-based professional training for students interested in government, business, and related careers in European and Eurasian affairs, with strong academic preparation for those planning to pursue further study.

As of the spring semester 2008, ? faculty members taught in the program. Faculty research interests include . There are ? graduate students enrolled in the program.

II. AREA RESOURCES

A. Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC)

Faculty and students may use the resources of Consortium libraries either on-site or through the Consortium Loan Service of Gelman Library.

B. Other area resources

Resources of the Library of Congress and other local libraries with strong collections in this region play a important role in the research of faculty and graduate students. Reference librarians can provide referrals to primary and secondary resources available elsewhere.

III. GENERAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES
A. Language

English is the preferred language of collection for materials on Western Europe, with foreign language acquired selectively. For Russia, the former Soviet republics, and Eastern Europe, English and Russian are the major languages of collection, but significant amounts of material in Czech, Slovak and other Slavic and East/Central European languages are also acquired.

B. Period of Coverage

All periods are included, but emphasis is placed on the twentieth and twenty-first century.

C. Dates of Publication

Current scholarship is emphasized; older materials are acquired more selectively.

D. Geographical

The collection covers Western and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and its successor states.

E. Treatment of Subject

Scholarly materials, both current and retrospective comprise the mainstay of the collection. Dictionaries and other reference sources are acquired. Popular materials are acquired on a selective basis. Textbooks are normally not purchased unless they are at the graduate level or survey historical periods or geographical areas in which the library has limited coverage.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS AND FORMAT

Print materials include standard reference sources, circulating monographs, multi-author anthologies, monographic series, and periodicals. Videos are considered for purchase upon faculty request contingent on intended repeated use. Electronic databases supporting research are also acquired.

V. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The collections for European Studies (focusing on Western Europe) and Eurasian Studies are separately budgeted and the collection development librarians for these areas are jointly responsible for the collection. Collections in Europe and European Studies are complemented by those in areas such as international relations, business and economics, and the social sciences and humanities, which are independently administered.

The Global Resources Center, the former Information Center for the Former Soviet Union,
Eastern Europe, and East Asia, has materials related to Russian and East European studies.

VI. DUPLICATION

In general, duplicate copies of a title are not purchased, the operating principle being to purchase more titles rather than extra copies of individual titles. However, if demand warrants, e.g. reserve readings, duplicate copies are bought on a case by case basis. Additional copies of titles may be accepted as gifts.

VII. SELECTION METHODS

A. Selection of new materials generally occurs through 5 sources:

1. The approval plan through Blackwell’s Book Services is monitored on a regular basis to ensure the profile meets our needs. Any changes in the curriculum, as indicated through library impact statements, are examined against possible changes in the approval profile.

2. Firm orders are initiated by the collection development librarians. Journals in the field are scanned for relevant reviews. Firm order requests from faculty and students are reviewed and approved by the collection development librarians.

3. Standing orders, memberships and serial requests are initiated by the collection development librarians.

4. Gifts are accepted under the same guidelines as other acquisitions. They must fit the criteria spelled out in this collection development policy.

5. The library participates in the Federal Depository Library Program; collection development librarians review documents available through the U.S.G.P.O. for access or inclusion in the collection.

B. Deselection

The deselection process may be initiated by Gelman staff, by faculty, or by the collection development librarian. Final decisions on deselection are made by the collection development librarian. Items are checked for general condition, availability of newer or replacement editions and the continuing value of the content.

VIII. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION

Most of the material pertaining to this region can be found in parts of the D Library of Congress classification system.