

Government Information Collections

The Collections, Research and Instructional Services department (CRIS) of the Charles E. Young Research Library (YRL) collects, manages, and provides access to government-produced information from all levels of government. Documents are collected in a wide variety of formats, including books, serials, pamphlets, sheet maps, microfiche, CD-ROMs, and online services.

The collections physically housed in the YRL Reference Reading room consist of atlases, reference materials, and the most current monographs and journal issues. A variety of materials, including congressional hearings, United Nations series symbol documents, and large microfiche sets, are temporarily shelved downstairs with the Henry J. Bruman Map Collection in the A-Level Reading Room. Access to these materials is only available during limited hours.

Non-reference government documents are housed in the stacks of the Young Research Library, the Biomedical Library, the Science and Engineering Library, and the Southern Regional Library Facility.

To locate government information at UCLA, search the UCLA Library Catalog. Search Melvyl, the UC-wide catalog, to see what other UC Campuses have in their collections.

For assistance in locating materials in any of these locations, inquire at the YRL Reference Desk.

Online Government Information, including a variety of online indexes and article databases for this material, can be accessed via the **CRIS Government Information website:** <http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/govinfo/index.htm>

United States Government Information

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The Library is a selective depository for U.S. federal government documents in paper, microfiche, map, and electronic formats. Depository collections date from 1932, but holdings of major historical Congressional and other sets are generally complete from their original starting dates. CRIS has detailed U.S. Decennial Census statistical reports from 1790 to the present, as well as a complete collection of legislative materials.

California State Publications

Librarian: Kris Kasianovitz, krisk@library.ucla.edu / (310) 206-8746

The Library is a complete depository for California State documents, and along with UC Berkeley and the State Library, is one of three historical depositories in the state. The Library's depository status began in 1945, but UCLA did acquire some California documents before that date. Because of its historic depository status, the Library acquires and retains most documents available from California state agencies.

Publications of Other State Governments in the U.S.

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Collecting is selective for other states and for interstate organizations and U.S. territories. Publications collected in this area tend to focus on budget and financial reports, statistics, and various reports in the areas of criminal justice, demographics, education, legislation, and planning. Dates will vary by State.

Publications of Local Governments in the U.S.

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The Library is a depository for California local (i.e. city, town, and county level) government information with holdings beginning in 1939. Collecting is selective for city and county documents from other states.

International Intergovernmental Organization Publications

Interim Librarian: Michael Oppenheim, moppenbe@library.ucla.edu / 310-825-0769

The Library collects materials comprehensively from more than 35 major international organizations. It has been a depository since 1946 for the United Nations, UNESCO (up to 1993), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). CRIS was designated a depository by the European Communities (now European Union) in the early 1960's. It also collects publications from the Council of Europe and the Organization of American States, and has a comprehensive subscription to SourceOECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development).

Publications of Foreign Countries

For Librarian Contact Information see: <http://www2.library.ucla.edu/libraries/2049.cfm>

The Library collects foreign materials at the national level and selectively at the state or provincial level, with emphasis on major world powers and on countries relating to UCLA area studies programs on Africa, Europe and Russia, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, and the Pacific Rim. It has been a selective depository for Canadian documents since 1961, and receives materials from Egypt, India, and Pakistan through a program administered by the Library of Congress.

Non-Governmental Organizations: Reports, Pamphlets, and Newsletters

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The NGO collection consists of current social science publications from private, non-governmental organizations whose work represents a variety of political viewpoints and complements the Library's government agencies collections. Broad subject areas covered include: public policy; government and politics; foreign relations and defense; social welfare; education; health; crime and criminals; economic policy; employment and labor relations; environment and natural resources; population; immigration; human rights, civil rights, minorities and ethnic groups; women; technology; communications; transportation; and housing.

Non-Governmental Organizations: Campaign Literature

Librarian: Gabriella Gray, ggray@library.ucla.edu / (310) 825-4567

UCLA Library Online Campaign Literature Archive Website: <http://digital.library.ucla.edu/campaign/>

The UCLA Library Campaign Literature collection consists of brochures, pamphlets, and other materials issued by various candidates for Los Angeles area and California statewide offices, as well as U.S. congressional and presidential candidates. State and local area ballot measure materials are also collected. Holdings date back to 1908, but coverage is more complete beginning in the 1940's. There are Library Catalog records beginning with the 1986 elections, therefore users will need to visit or phone the Library to check on availability for other holdings. Collection of election websites began in 1998. These sites, plus scanned images of select print materials are available in the UCLA Library Online Campaign Literature Archive.

Maps & GIS

Librarian: David Deckelbaum, ddeckelb@library.ucla.edu / (310)206-6793

Website: <http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/yrl/reference/rco/geographic.htm>

As part of its government information collections, YRL receives a variety of topographic and thematic maps from the U.S. federal government and other governments. These are detailed in CRIS User Guide B2: Henry J. Bruman Map Collection.

Data Archives

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Website: <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/issr/da/index.html>

The Archive maintains a collection of machine-readable data files and their documentation, coordinates the acquisition of additional data from a variety of sources, and provides access to publicly available data.