PHYSICS, ASTRONOMY & GEOSCIENCES COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Library Collection Development Objective

The purpose of this collection is to support the instructional and research needs of the undergraduate programs in Astronomy, Engineering Technology, Geosciences, and Physics.

B. Description of User Groups Supported

The user groups supported include undergraduates and faculty. Note the following program changes over the last 5 years.

Astronomy	The number of astronomy majors (and minors) is increasing. Most astronomy majors also major in physics.
Physics	The number of physics majors is increasing.
Geosciences	The number of geoscience majors has decreased.
Engineering	A new degree program in Engineering technology was approved in Fall 2019.

C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

Astronomy:	Observational techniques, asteroids, history of astronomy
Physics:	computational physics, molecular dynamics, condensed matter

II. TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Depth

Geosciences

SUBJECT SUBDIVISIONS	COLLECTING LEVEL
Cartography	3
Clay	3
Climate	3
Climate change	3
Economic geography	3
Environmental geography	3
Geochemistry	3
Geographic information systems	3
Geology—Georgia	3
Geology, Economic	3
Geology, Structural	3

Chronological focus: Current: extensively. 20th century, and 19th century: selectively. Earlier: excluded.

Languages collected: English: extensively. Other: selectively, by faculty request.

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