

Executive Summary
Social Work Collection Assessment
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INTRODUCTION

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Complete details are available in the full assessment, which is available upon request or at <http://bit.ly/2fyeMMU>.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Social Work is composed of interdisciplinary subjects that extend beyond the boundaries of the discipline. Supplemental support for research includes a wide range of subject areas, including the holdings in the related subject collections of Biology, Criminal Justice, Education, Ethics, History, Law, Nursing, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, and Religion.

Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the Social Work Classifications:

Classification	Category	Total
B	Philosophy	4,171
BF	Psychology	10,156
BJ	Ethics	1,378
BL-BX	Religion	14,796
D-F	History	105,745
HV6001-HV9960	Criminal Justice	15,651
J	Political Science and Public Administration	22,940
K	Law	14,028
L	Education	38,364
QH301-QH705.5	Biology	4,339
RT	Nursing	1,661
Total		233,229

PEER INSTITUTION COMPARISON

Houston Cole Library's monograph collection compares well with other institutions of similar size and location that currently have an accredited Master of Social Work degree offering.

Social Work Collection: Peer Institutions Comparison Table

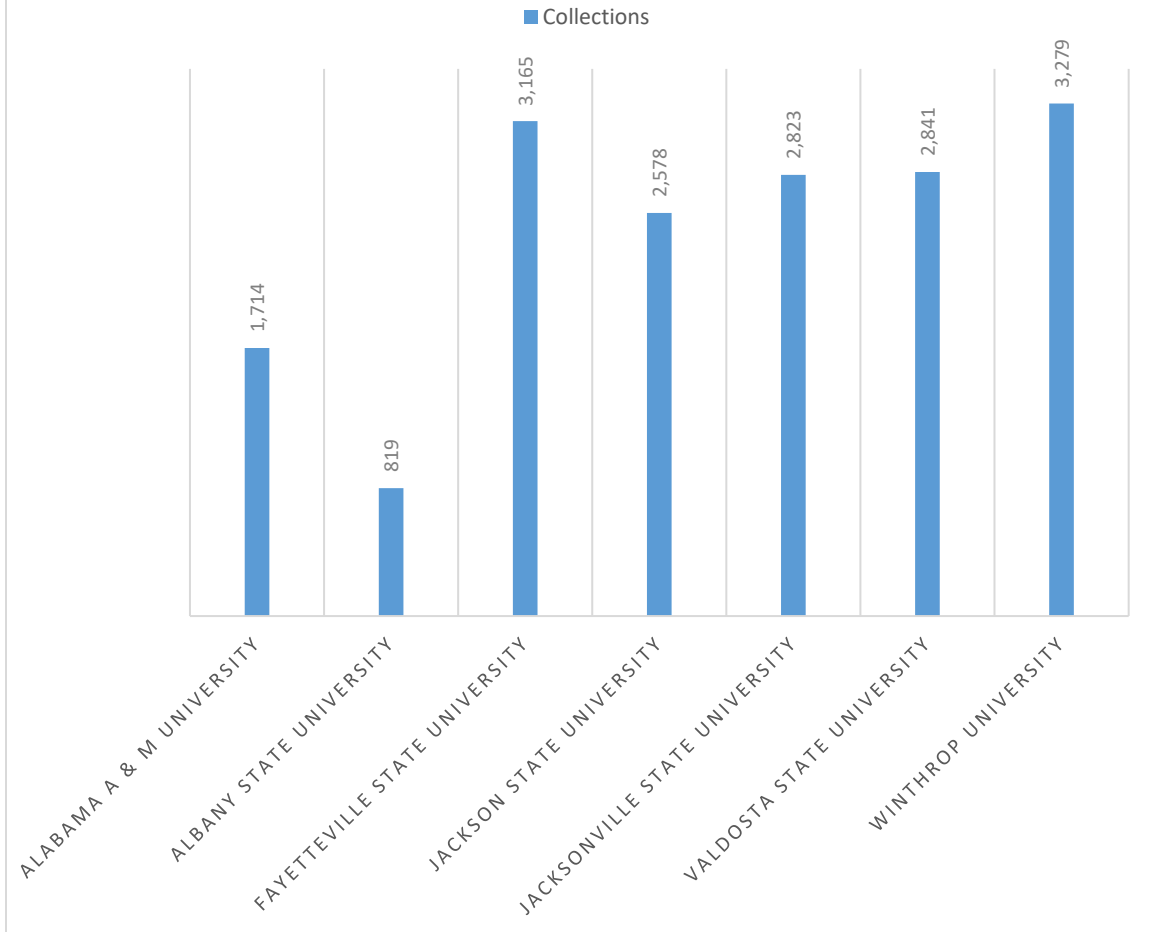
OCLC Code*	Library Name**	Social Work Collection***
MWT	Alabama A & M University	1,714
ALQ	Albany State University	819
NFS	Fayetteville State University	3,165
MJU	Jackson State University	2,578
AJB	Jacksonville State University	2,823
GYG	Valdosta State University	2,841
SWW	Winthrop University	3,279

* Code: from <http://www.oclc.org/contacts/libraries/>

** Libraries: those with the same "Basic" and "Size and Setting" Carnegie Classifications, from <http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/lookup/lookup.php>, and those with an accredited MSW program from <http://www.cswe.org/default.aspx?id=17491>, located in the Southeastern United States.

*** Social Work Collection: from WorldCat with Keyword search terms "social work" were used.

SOCIAL WORK COLLECTIONS OF CSWE ACCREDITED, PEER INSTUTIONS



TITLES ADDED/TITLES PUBLISHED

Below is a comparison of the number of book titles added to the Houston Cole Library collection versus those made available for sale each fiscal year through GOBI.

Monographs Added Versus Published Comparison

Fiscal Year	Added to Collections H, HM – HV5840	YBP New Titles Report¹ H, HM – HV	Percentage
2012 – 2013	542	3,616	15%
2013 – 2014	408	3,751	11%
2014 – 2015	399	3,822	10%
2015 – 2016	416	4,006	10%
2016 – 2017	308	4,083	8%
2017 - 2018	232	4,267	5%
Total	2305	23545	10%

CHECKLIST SUMMARIES

Bibliographies including *American Reference Books Annual* and *Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs)* were used to measure the quality of the Library's collection. In checking the bibliographies against the Library's catalog, the following percentages were revealed in the subject area of Social Work.

<i>American Reference Books Annual</i>		
Collected	Listed	Percent Held
33	58	57%

<i>Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2012-2018</i>		
Collected	Listed	Percent Held
141	200	71%

¹ GOBI New Titles Report
(https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitlereport_us.html)

WITHDRAWALS

As currency of information is very important in the Social Work collection, older books are withdrawn on a regular basis or as newer editions supersede them, and new books are ordered to fill gaps as curriculum requirements change. The table below shows withdrawals from the H – HA, HM – HV6000, and HX classifications.

Fiscal Year	H – HA	HM – HV6000, HX
2012 – 2013	5	9
2013 – 2014	4	28
2014 – 2015	5	211
2015 – 2016	36	71
2016 – 2017	2	54
2017 – 2018	7	33
Total	59	406

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The following indexes and bibliographies were checked against the Library's holdings for serial titles pertaining to Social Work, revealing the corresponding percentages:

Titles	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
Magazines for Libraries 23 rd Edition 2015	104	107	97%

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Through partnerships, such as the one with the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), the Library is able to obtain more content. Resources provided to the Library by the AVL are designated with the AVL icon.

SUMMARY

Strengths:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluation, and checklist comparisons indicate the overall Social Work collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheets are the holdings in the subject areas of: Races and Disaster Relief, Refugees.

A review of the journal holdings reveals that the Social Work collection is adequate to support the curriculum.

Weaknesses:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the Social Work subject areas are: Social Sciences-General; Urban Groups, The City, Urban Sociology; Rural Sociology; and Alcoholism.

Recommendations:

The growth rate of the Social Work Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for the Bachelor and Master of Social Work degree programs. The monograph collection should be generally increased, based on budget, with a strong focus on core and outstanding titles. The periodical collection available via databases is substantial and should be maintained. The weak subject areas (noted above) should also be addressed in future additions to the collection.