Executive Summary
Languages and Related Literatures Collection Assessment
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INTRODUCTION

The Languages and Related Literatures collection is adequate to support the courses taught in the B.A. in English and Foreign Languages and the M.A. for English. Complete conspectus sheets and checklists are available upon request for a more detailed examination of the collection.

HOLDINGS

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PERIODICALS AND SERIALS

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Languages and Related Literatures is an interdisciplinary subject that extends 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 Art.

Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the Languages and Related Literatures Classifications:

Classification	Category	Totals
N 1-9211	Visual Arts	5,085
NX 1-820	Arts in General	833

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 P- PN	YBP New Titles Report[1]	Percentage
2012-2013	321	4,045	8%
2013-2014	293	4,343	7%
2014-2015	305	4,271	7%
2015-2016	227	3,440	7%
2016-2017	242	4,647	5%
Total	**1,388**	**20,746**	**7%**

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

CHECKLIST SUMMARIES

Bibliographies including *Choice's* Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs) and *Resources for College Libraries* 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 Languages and Related Literatures.

Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2013-2017			
Year	**Collected**	**Listed**	**Percent Held**
2013	33	37	89%
2014	28	31	90%
2015	25	30	83%
2016	22	29	76%
2017	21	24	88%
TOTALS	**129**	**151**	**85%**

Resources for College Libraries 2012-2017			
LC CLASS	**Collected**	**Listed**	**Percentage Held**
P- PN	196	288	68%

WITHDRAWALS

As currency of information is very important in the Languages and Related Literatures collection, older books are withdrawn on a regular basis or as newer editions supercede them, and new books are ordered to fill gaps as curriculum requirements change. The table below shows withdrawals from the P-PN classifications.

Fiscal Year	P-PN Titles Withdrawn
2012-2013	2
2013-2014	312
2014-2015	259
2015-2016	20
2016-2017	258
Total	**851**

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The following indexes and bibliographies were checked against the Library's holdings for serial titles pertaining to Languages and Related Literatures revealing the corresponding percentages:

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Magazines for Libraries 23rd Edition 2015	226	324	70%

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SUMMARY

Strengths:
Total holdings, conspectus evaluation, and checklist comparisons indicate the overall Languages and Related Literatures collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheet are the holdings in the subject areas of Linguistics with 2,331 titles, English with 3,842 titles, Russian literature with 1,340 titles, and Prose fiction with 997 titles.

A review of the journal holdings reveals that the Languages and Related Literatures collection is adequate to support the curriculum.

Weaknesses:
Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the Languages and Related Literatures subject areas are: Medieval and modern Greek Language, Early Modern English, Arabic, and Languages of South America.

Recommendations:
The growth rate of the Languages and Related Literatures Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for the B.A. in English and Foreign Languages and the M.A. in English. 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.