Social Work and Social Policy
Collection Development Policy

Introduction

The collection is located at the Manawatū, Albany and Wellington campuses and supports the teaching and research from undergraduate to doctoral level. Programmes are offered either internally (Social Work is taught internally from the Manawatū and Albany Campuses), and/or by Distance learning. Massey is the only university in New Zealand where students can study for a BSW degree through distance learning.

History of the collection

Social Work as an academic discipline was established at the University in the mid 1970’s. Originally offered from within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Social Policy and Social Work were foundation programmes at the newly established Albany campus in 1993 and the collection was seeded by books from Manawatū.

In 2015 the School of Social Work is one of five collaborative units within The College of Health (established in 2013). The School offers internationally recognised qualifications and research in a range of disciplines including social policy and social work, and social service supervision.

Description of collection

- **Monographs**
  Massey University Library holds 8,500+ books on topics broadly related to social policy and social work. Of these books, 1,800+ are available electronically. Collections in the related subject areas of Māori health, psychology, culture, and education, Pacific Island health and development, public health, counselling, social science theory and social research methodology, diverse populations and social issues, psychology and education contribute to supporting the teaching, learning and research needs of these staff and students.

  In addition to book materials, 200+ Research Reports (submitted as a requirement for the MASW) also make up this collection.

- **Journals/Databases**
  The Library provides access to 270+ journal titles in the areas of social policy and social work, including core research journals.

  The journal/database collection currently provides access to all of the top 20 ranked journals in the social work subject category (Journal Citation Reports 2014). In the subject category of
Health Policy and Services access to 16 of the top 20 ranked journals is currently provided (Journal Citation Reports 2014).

This collection is supported by a wealth of other social sciences titles.

Online access is provided to the major databases relevant to social policy and social work, the most significant of these being: Academic Search Premier, Social Services Abstracts, Social Work Toolkit, Sociological Abstracts, PsycINFO, Westlaw, Index New Zealand and Newztext.

- **Other Media**
  The Library provides access to the following documentary resources: *Counseling and Therapy in Video* and *eTV*.

**Collection Priorities**

Monograph collecting should reflect the subjects of the papers taught, i.e.: social and community work theories and practice; community health and development (including social problems); Maori development and the social services; wellbeing of Pacific People in New Zealand; social service supervision; diverse populations and social issues; social policy concepts theories analysis and evaluation; government policy, planning and administration; law; management in the social services; social research;

Current (2015) areas of research - *Staff have undertaken research and are interested in pursuing research opportunities in regard to:*

- Social work profession, including: Leadership and management; Maori social workers; Pasifika social workers; Social work education; Social work workforce development; Social worker well-being and professional development; Social workers in schools

- Social work practices including: Cultural competence; Evaluation of social work practices; Maori models of practice; Pasifika models of practice; Practice encounters and interactions; Professional supervision; Restorative practices; Veterinary social work

- Diverse populations and the impact of social problems including: (African migrant and refugee health; Citizenship Participation; Disability; Family violence; Gender equality; HIV/AIDS; Human rights; Maori development; Maori mental health; Mental health; Quality of life of older persons; Regional human rights arrangements in the Pacific; Sexual and gender minorities; Sexual violence; Social and health programme evaluation, particularly in Pacific nations; Youth studies; and involuntary migration

New Journal and database titles should be advocated for when requested by faculty.
Recent and Future Developments

New qualifications in this collection area for 2015 include:

- Doctor of Social Work
- Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work

Accreditation

The following qualifications are currently recognised by the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB) for the purposes of registration under the Social Workers Registration Act 2003:

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Master of Applied Social Work

Withdrawal and weeding

A 5 year weeding cycle across all campuses has been established. This collection is covered by the overarching weeding principles for the College of Health.

Related Collection Development Policies

Nursing and Public Health; New Zealand and Pacific; Maori; Law; Politics; Sociology and Social Anthropology; Psychology.