Library Policy Statements

Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology

I. PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology supports the interdisciplinary nature of modern biomedical research and exposes both medical and graduate students to the type of research environment they will encounter in their professional career. The department offers undergraduate courses in anatomy as a service to the University at large to support several paramedical disciplines, plays a formal role in graduate instruction for students in the M.D. program, and provides graduate programs leading to the MS or PhD degrees in anatomy and physiology. Students seeking health-related careers in areas such as dentistry, medicine, nursing, nutrition, physical therapy, public health, and the social sciences need many of the department’s physiology courses. The MS and PhD degree title is Biomedical Sciences (physiology). Several of the undergraduate courses taught in the department are cross-listed with the physiology and biochemistry departments. There is no undergraduate degree offered in either anatomy or physiology. Program emphasis is on the PhD, rather than on the MS. A concurrent degree program for students enrolled as MD candidates can also be arranged. The concentration of the department is in the areas of anatomy, physiology, and reproductive biology as well as biochemistry. The department’s anatomy and reproductive biology faculty are world renowned for their research in the areas of fertilization, reproductive endocrinology, and neurobiology of sexual behavior. Department faculty established the Institute for Biogenesis Research and pioneered the successful “Honolulu Technique” cloning technology. The biochemistry faculty offer laboratory and research in areas such as clinical biochemistry, bioenergetics, biochemistry of reproduction, and chemical carcinogenesis. The department also includes several faculty members of the Pacific Biosciences Research Center and the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii.
II. COORDINATION OF COLLECTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The collections at several of the hospital libraries act as supplementary resources for faculty and students in the field of anatomy and physiology. Many of the more clinically oriented journals, which are not held by Hamilton Library, are disbursed among these libraries. Publications of the National Institutes of Health and other medically related government publications are available through Hamilton Library's Government Documents Collection.

III. GUIDELINES TO MATERIALS COLLECTED OR EXCLUDED

Language:

English language material predominates.

Chronological:

Acquisition emphasis is almost exclusively on current (past five years) research publications. The knowledge base upon which the field of reproductive biology is founded changes relatively rapidly and, therefore, current information is most desirable.

Geographic:

Not relevant.

Date of Publication:

Current.

Types/Formats of Materials Collected:

Monographs on current research in the field, Conference Proceedings, Handbooks, Dictionaries; Indexes, Abstracts, and Bibliographies (paper/electronic); Periodicals (electronic access preferred), Government
Documents, Textbooks. Excluded are manuscripts, reprints of articles from serials, textbooks, house organs and newsletters, and dissertations.

**Treatment:**

Bibliographical, reference, statistical and mathematical material, legal, ethical and medical aspects, and reports on scientific experimental results.

**IV. GIFTS**

Books that document scholarly research and university-level textbooks no more than five years old may be accepted. Gifts in other formats that are relevant to the research or instruction mission of anatomy, biochemistry and physiology will also be reviewed. Popular magazines, short journal runs, materials that duplicate items already in our collections, and materials in poor condition generally are not accepted. Contact the librarian who collects for anatomy, biochemistry, and physiology (http://www.hawaii.edu/reference.html) to discuss the nature, extent and timing of your donation. Gifts of archival materials that relate to the history of the university should be discussed with the University Archives (http://libweb.hawaii.edu/libdept/archives/).

When donated items are accepted by the UH Manoa Library they become the property of the Library. The Library reserves the right to make decisions about the disposition of these materials. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to donors, but the Library cannot provide monetary appraisals of gifts.

[Note: Biochemistry and Biophysics used to be separate departments; they are currently folded into the Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology department.]

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