

QUT Library Collection Development Manual

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3.6.5d Special Collecting Areas: Maps

1. Purpose and scope

Maps are purchased as requested in various formats - electronic, canvas and paper - to support the teaching and research in the University. There is a preference for the purchase of electronic products.

Maps are most heavily used by students and staff from the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering.

Hardcopy maps are housed in separate collections, however at Kelvin Grove Library they are incorporated into the hanging files in the Curriculum Collection.

Maps in the hanging files at Kelvin Grove have the call number prefix of "H". Maps in the Gardens Point collection have the call number prefix of "MAP".

2. Description of existing collection

Maps in the Gardens Point collection mainly cover the South East Queensland area.

Maps in the Kelvin Grove collection are purchased according to curriculum requirements.

Paper maps are collected in series appropriate to teaching programs, including a series of topographic maps for use by the School of Design.

3. Scope of current collecting

Since the 1990s the use of the map collection in print has reduced. The current availability of electronic products allows increased accessibility along with the ability to manipulate data to specific requirements.

Current collecting is specifically targeted to the requirements of current teaching programs. QUT Library does not collect maps to create a comprehensive collection. Requests for purchase will be initiated by Academic staff as needed for teaching projects.

4. Access

The QUT Library collection of maps is supplemented by some specialised local collections, to which QUT staff and students have access. These include collections at the Natural Resources and Mines Library, State Library of Queensland and University of Queensland, Dorothy Hill Physical Sciences and Engineering Library.

All maps are catalogued into the Library's collection.

Maps with prefix "MAP" are not available for loan. Maps with the prefix "H" are available for loan.

5. Weeding

See [Weeding Policy](#).

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