

Collection Development Policy

The mission of the Law Library is to collect, organize, and provide access to information resources that support the instructional, and research programs of the faculty, students, and staff of the university.

Research and education

The Law Library purchases books, journals and electronic sources to support the research and education of three institutes of the Faculty of Law: Amsterdam Research Institute for Legal Studies (ARILS), the College of Law and the Graduate School of Law.

The faculty administers the Bachelor's programmes in Dutch Law, Tax Law, and, the English-language Bachelors' programme PPLE (Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics) and offers 18 Master's degree programmes. The collection policy is to purchase all compulsory course books in E-book format when available. Secondary literature will be purchased to meet the needs of bachelor and master students.

The collection policy for research purposes focuses on the faculty's (interdisciplinary) research programs in the areas of:

European Studies

Humane AI

Global Health

Organisational Ethics

Energy Transition through the Lens of the SDGs (ENLENS) Sustainable Development

Priorities

The Law Library acquires materials in a wide range of subject areas of law. Below, we provide a brief description of the main topics included in the collection. These topics are presented in more detail in the Research Guides.

Labor Law and Social Security Law

The collection contains literature on employment law, dismissal law, social security law, employment contracts and employee participation law. For the sub-fields, not only literature on Dutch law, but also literature on European law and French, German and Belgian law is acquired to support scholarly research of comparative law.

Private law

The collection of private law consists of Dutch and foreign civil law and commercial law, in particular contract law, company law and insurance law. Health law, juvenile law, construction law and transport law have also been included in this collection. Foreign private law mainly consists of civil law and commercial law of Belgium, Germany, France and the

United Kingdom. Within the area of European private law, the library has a special collection on European contract law.

Private International law and comparative law

The collection contains literature on the theory of Private International law, general introductions of the legal systems of France, Germany, United Kingdom and the United States with regard to conflict of laws, international commercial law, contract law and personal and family law. The library collection covers both national law and treaties and EU regulations and fits in well with ARILS research projects, which focus on comparative law.

Tax Law

The collection's emphasis is on Dutch tax law. The collection development policy focuses on income tax, corporate tax, VAT and international tax law. The tax law collection also includes books on law and economics.

History of law

The collection of history of law mainly consists of: Roman law, sources of ancient law, the works of Hugo Grotius, history of law of the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, England, France and European history of law.

Philosophy of law

The collection of philosophy of law chiefly contains works in the field of theory of law, methodology, ethics and justice.

Intellectual property, media and information law

The collection includes literature on Dutch and foreign law on intellectual property in general and copyright, trademark law and patent law in particular. Moreover, there is literature on artificial intelligence, internet law and media and information law. The Institute for Information Law (IViR) has a well-stocked documentation centre that is open to staff and students.

Sociology of law

With sociology of law the emphasis is on epistemology and law, law and social order, legal pluralism and anthropology of law.

Criminal Law

The collection of criminal law consists of literature concerning Dutch, transnational and international criminal law and law of criminal procedure, penology and military law.

Constitutional Law and Administrative Law

The Law Library acquires materials in the field of constitutional issues, Europeanisation of administrative law, suffrage and electoral systems, fundamental rights, freedom of

expression, comparative constitutional law, administrative procedural law, immigration law and issues at the intersection of administrative law and private law. The primary jurisdictional focus of the Law Library collection is the Netherlands. The Law Library also collects materials for other national jurisdictions. Foremost among these are the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France and Belgium.

Public International Law

The Law Library's collection focuses on the activities of the United Nations and the European Union. Various sub-areas are represented in the collection, including sources of law, history of international law, dispute resolution, humanitarian law, human rights, non-state actors, law of international organisations, state liability, theory of international law, law of the treaties and water law.

European Law

The collection of works in the field of European Union law in all its aspects, institutional and substantive law, has the highest priority. Material with regard to both European integration and Brexit can be found in the library. In particular, the acquiring focuses on European competition law.

International Economic Law

The collection of books contains material in the field of the law of international economic relations, including the law of various international (e.g. GATT/WTO) and regional economic organisations (in particular the European Union), international commercial law, investment law and the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).