

Executive Summary
Business & Economics Collection Assessment
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INTRODUCTION

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Business & Economics are interdisciplinary subjects that extend 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 Communication; Education; Law; Mathematics, Computing, and Information Sciences; Political Science and Public Administration; Social Work; Sociology; and Technology.

Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the Business & Economics Classifications:

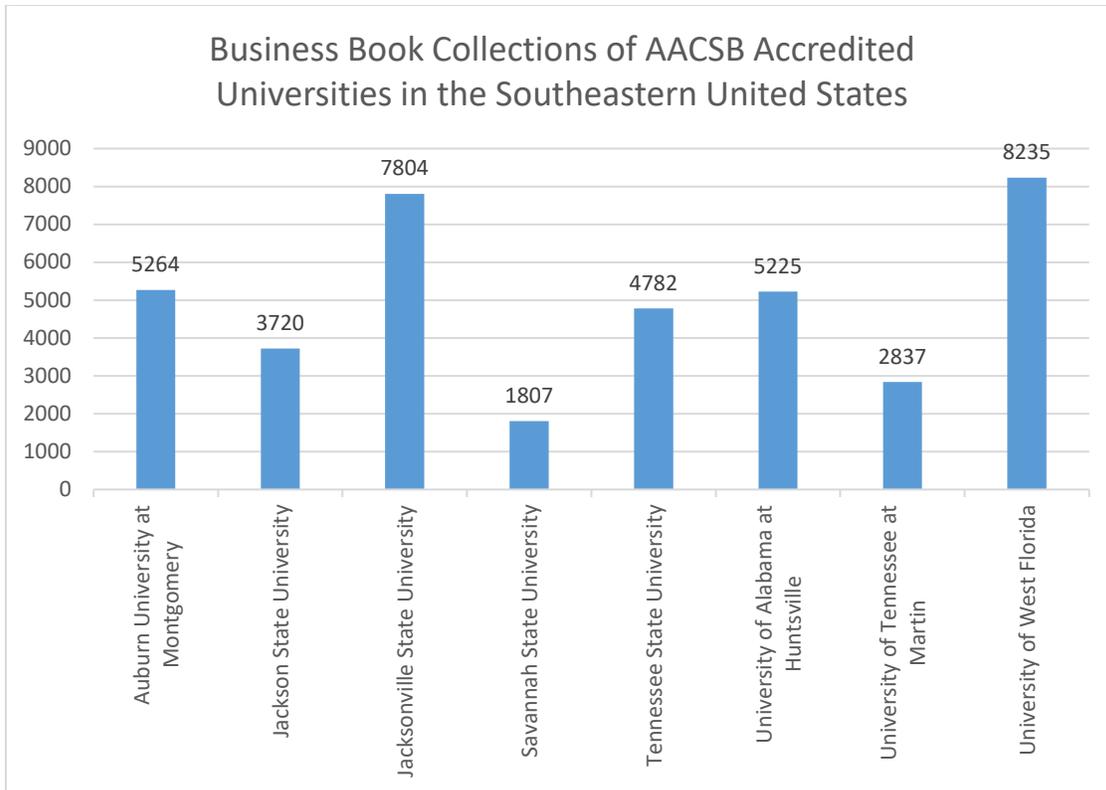
Classification	Category	Totals
HM – HN	Sociology and Social History	8,381
HX	Socialism, Communism, Anarchism	1,807
J	Political Science	23,303
K	Law	13,948
L	Education	38,804
P 1-P 1091	Linguistics and Communication	2,439
QA 1-QA 939	Mathematics	10,708
QA 71-QA 90	Computing and Information Sciences	2,537
T 1-TX 1465	Technology	29,938

PEER INSTITUTION COMPARISON

Below is a table comparing book collections of universities who offer AACSB¹ accredited Master’s degree programs in the Southeastern United States.

Business book collections were examined in the WorldCat database using the Subject term “business” at <https://libguides.jsu.edu/resources/oclcfirstsearchworldcat>.

¹ AACSB schools accredited in business: <https://www.aacsb.edu/accredited>.



With the exception of the University of West Florida, the Houston Cole Library (AJB) monograph collection compares favorably with the others in the number of books held.

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 FY2017 – FY2022

Fiscal Year	Added to Collections HA - HJ	YBP New Titles Report for HA - HJ²	Percentage
FY 2017	338	5,625	6%
FY 2018	310	5,518	6%
FY 2019	230	5,425	4%
FY 2020	265	4,605	6%
FY 2021	334	5,230	6%
FY 2022	229	5,331	4%
Total	1,706	26,403	6%

² GOBI New Titles Report

(https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitle_report_us.html)

CHECKLIST SUMMARIES

Bibliographies including *Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs)* and *Resources for College Libraries* and *Axiom Business Book Awards*³ 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 Business & Economics.

<i>Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2017 - 2022</i>			
Classification	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
HA1 – HB9999	28	48	58%
HC1 – HD9999	155	375	41%
HE1 – HF9999	60	141	43%
HG1 – HJ9999	33	67	49%
TOTALS	276	631	44%

<i>Axiom Business Book Awards 2017 - 2022</i>			
Year	Collected	Listed	Percentage Held
2017	23	76	30%
2018	25	76	33%
2019	16	75	21%
2020	27	83	33%
2021	29	89	33%
2022	14	84	17%
TOTALS	134	483	28%

WITHDRAWALS

As currency of information is very important in the Business & Economics collection, older books are withdrawn on a regular basis or as newer editions supersede them, and new books are ordered to fill gaps as curriculum requirements change. The table below shows withdrawals from the H - HJ classifications.

Fiscal Year	H - HA Titles Withdrawn	HB - HJ Titles Withdrawn	Total H - HJ Titles Withdrawn
FY 2017 - 2018	7	58	65
FY 2018 - 2019	26	572	598
FY 2019 - 2020	120	767	887
FY 2020 - 2021	0	6	6
FY 2021 - 2022	121	40	161
Total	274	1,443	1,717

³ AXIOM Business Book Award Medalists (<https://axiomawards.com/65/award-medalists>)

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The following indexes and bibliographies were checked against the Library's holdings for serial titles pertaining to Business & Economics, revealing the corresponding percentages:

Titles	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
Australian Business Deans Council Journal Quality List, 'A' Rank	732	849	86%

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Through partnerships, such as the one with the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), the Library is able to obtain more content. Resources provided to the Library by the AVL are designated with the AVL icon.

SUMMARY

Strengths:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluation, and checklist comparisons indicate the overall Business & Economics collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheets are the holdings in the subject areas of: Computer Industry; Industrial Cooperation, Mutuality; and Radio, Television, Telephone. A review of the journal holdings reveals that the Business & Economics collection is adequate to support the curriculum.

Weaknesses:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the Business & Economics subject areas are: Accounting. Auditing. Accounts & Books; Air Transportation; Business, Business Administration; Building Trades & Materials; Corporation Finance; Developing Countries; Insurance; Migrant Workers; and Statistics.

Recommendations:

The growth rate of the Business & Economics Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for the majors and minors in both the Finance, Economics, and Accounting and in the Management and Marketing degree programs. 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.