Collection Policy for Spanish language and literature, including Latin America

1. Overview
This policy is informed by the Bodleian Libraries Collection Management Policy and supporting documents.

1.1 General coverage of subject
Library resources for the study of Spanish language and of the literatures of Spain and Latin America are primarily located in the Taylor Institution on St. Giles’. The Taylor Institution Library is the major source of research material in Oxford for the study of these subjects.

The Taylorian houses two main collections; the Teaching Collection and the Research Collection. Besides literary texts, often in numerous editions, good provision is made of critical studies, reference books, bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, linguistic atlases, and memoirs. There are also sections on palaeography and bibliography.

The Bodleian Library also houses material relating to Spanish language and the literatures of Spain and Latin America, including a considerable number of early editions of Spanish literary and linguistic works.

1.2 Legal deposit
Material relating to Spanish language and the literatures of Spain and Latin America received via legal deposit is housed in the bookstack of the Bodleian Library. There is no open shelf location for this material in the Bodleian. Readers may also find that some legal deposit material which has particular relevance has been transferred to the Taylorian and is on open access. However, all legal deposit material, regardless of location, is currently for reference use only and may not be borrowed.

At midnight on 5/6 April 2013, new legislation came into force allowing the Bodleian Libraries and the other Legal Deposit Libraries in the UK and Ireland, to access electronic books, articles, web pages and other electronic documents published in the UK. The 2013 Regulations are being implemented gradually over several years, as the Legal Deposit Libraries agree collectively to accept electronic versions from each UK publisher.

1.3 Electronic resources
Electronic resources for the study of Spanish language and literature include electronic journals, bibliographic and full text databases, as well as a number of e-books. In consultation with the Spanish Sub-Faculty, the subject consultant reviews subject-specific subscription databases on a regular basis. Free scholarly resources are also evaluated and added to the resource provision if appropriate. These resources can be accessed via OxLIP+.
Examples of some important electronic resources for Spanish language and literature are as follows:

- Bibliographic databases
  - MLA International Bibliography
  - Dialnet
- Full text databases
  - JSTOR (for journals)
  - Teatro Español del Siglo de Oro (primary texts)
- Electronic books
  - The E-Book Library (EBL)
  - ACLS Humanities E-book
  - Cambridge Collections Online

1.4 Notes about particular formats or collections
The Taylor Institution Library holds a small number of Spanish manuscripts and early books, as well as some fine facsimile editions. Some material is also held on microform (e.g. periodicals, theses and copies of manuscripts) and on compact disc. Linguistic atlases for Spain and Latin America are also collected.

The Bodleian Library also holds a number of early items of Hispanic interest. For more details see *A catalogue of Hispanic manuscripts and books before 1700* (Oxford: Dolpin, 1962).

1.5 Languages
The language and literature collections include works in and about Spanish from across the Spanish-speaking world, as well as smaller collections for Catalan, Galician and Basque. Bilingual works and linguistic studies of the indigenous languages of Latin America are also collected on a small scale.

2. Teaching Collection
The Teaching Collection supports undergraduate and taught postgraduate courses in Spanish language and the literatures of Spain and Latin America.

  2.1 Core texts
  Books are selected in line with the syllabus and recommended authors. Key texts on reading lists are made available, in multiple copies where possible. Where reading list titles are out of print, every effort is made to purchase second-hand copies. Circulation statistics are also used to identify popular titles in order to purchase extra copies. If an e-book version is available this will be considered for purchase.

  2.2 Reference material
  Good provision is made in the reference room of the Teaching Collection of encyclopaedias, dictionaries and grammars for the study of peninsular and Latin American Spanish.
2.3 Newspapers
The Library subscribes to the Spanish daily newspaper *El País* (termtime only) which is kept for six months. Online access to a number of Spanish language newspapers from Spain and Latin America can be accessed through Nexis UK, via OxLIP+.

2.4 Audiovisual material
There is a large collection of films from Spain and Latin America (see Film Studies).

3. Research Collection
The Research Collection of the Taylor Institution Library includes material on the language and literature of Spain and Latin America, with particular strengths in medieval, Golden Age and contemporary Peninsular literature as well as in contemporary Latin American literature in Spanish. There are also small collections of Catalan, Galician and Basque literature.

3.1 Research monographs (individual)
In the first instance, the Library aims to collect material in support of the research of graduate students, postgraduate researchers and the current Sub-Faculty of Spanish, as well as ensuring good provision across a wide range of topics to meet future research needs.

The majority of material is on open access in the main stack and may be borrowed. Undergraduates are not permitted to enter the stack, but may request and borrow items if necessary.

There is a small collection of confined material kept behind the main enquiry desk, comprising items that are regularly in high demand. This is to supplement multiple copies of key texts kept in the MLF, and ensures that a copy is available in the library for reference use only.

An increasingly large volume of Taylor material is housed in offsite storage facilities. New material is sent offsite unless it is considered a key work or has been specifically requested by a reader.

3.2 Monograph series/standing orders
The library has approximately 70 standing orders for Hispanic monograph series and conference proceedings, including ‘complete works’ series for important authors.

3.3 Journals
The Library holds approximately 100 journal subscriptions covering the languages and literatures of peninsular Spain and Latin America. Electronic access is considered a high priority. Effort is made to limit unnecessary duplication with journals received by the Bodleian via legal deposit.
3.4 Reference material
The Italian, Portuguese and Hispanic reading room houses a large collection of Spanish dictionaries on open shelves, from general to specialist topics as well as bi- and monolingual editions. Literary histories, bibliographies, reference grammars and manuals, and catalogues of libraries with important Hispanic collections are also purchased. The Spanish-speaking Latin American countries are well-covered, as are Galician and Catalan. Basque is represented, and there is reference material for Basque held in the Bodleian Library and in other offsite locations.

4. Special Collections

**Martin collection**
Given to the Library in May 1895 by Miss W.M. Martin of Newland Hurst, this collection consisted of 777 titles in 1178 vols. Spanish titles predominate, Portuguese is also substantially represented. German is represented by 18 titles (in 25 vols) mainly from the first half of the 19th century. 9 German titles were published in Spain. There are early editions of Cervantes, Calderón and Lope de Vega as well as works on historical and religious topics. The collection is only partially kept together.

**Butler Clarke collection**
Henry Butler Clarke (1863-1904) was Taylorian Teacher in Spanish from 1890 to 1894, and Fellow of St John’s College. His library, consisting of Latin, Arabic and Spanish books on Spanish civilisation before the re-discovery of America was given by his family to St John’s College after his suicide. In 1933 the college deposited most of the collection, together with other Spanish works on loan to the Taylorian. The collection now comprises 414 titles in 614 vols. 293 titles are in Spanish, with 4 of the 19th-century items being published in Germany. 43 titles are in French, 28 in English and 13 in German (all 19th century). Latin accounts for 2 titles from the 16th century (1 published in Frankfurt), 2 from the 17th century (one published in Strasburg, 1 in Frankfurt), 4 from the 18th century (1 in Leipzig) and 6 from the 19th century, 5 of which are German published. There are also Italian, Portuguese and Arabic items. The works deal chiefly with Spanish history and some with literature. A number of volumes have been transferred to other collections. This collection is housed offsite.

**Pring-Mill collection**
Robert Pring-Mill (1924-2005) was appointed to a university lectureship in Spanish in 1952. This he held until his retirement in 1988, together with a tutorial fellowship at St Catherine’s College (1965-88) and college lectureships at New College (1956-88) and Exeter College (1963-81). General donations were made to the library throughout his life, as well as the main collection in three parts left to the Taylorian as a bequest.

The Pring-Mill bequest has three main areas of focus; Pablo Neruda (including the manuscript of his Canto General), Ernesto Cardenal and Nicaraguan poetry,
and Spanish American committed poetry. There are a number of books and political pamphlets relating to the Nicaraguan Revolution and general Latin American history and politics. The bequest also includes a range of background works and literary criticism covering Pring-Mill’s other areas of interest, from Ramon Llull through to Spanish Golden Age drama and poetry. The collection comprises some audio-visual and ephemeral material.

5. Subject coverage of purchased material
As with other language specialisms, the volume of useful material received via legal deposit is smaller than in other subjects. As such, purchased material makes up a large percentage of the Taylorian Spanish collections (excluding donations and transferred legal deposit material).

The following table details the subject coverage of purchased material selected for the Taylor Institution Library. The Library intends to cover literary works from the Iberian Peninsula from the medieval period to the present day, and literary works from pre-Colombian times to the present day for Latin America.

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