

ACQUISITION POLICY FOR UMEÅ UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Criteria for acquisition

Umeå University Library is the largest academic library in northern Sweden. Our role is to meet the information needs of the University's research and teaching areas.

Acquisitions are based on subject breadth and scholarly relevance to current and future research and teaching. The library gives special priority to material connected through content or authorship to Sweden's four northernmost counties, publications in the northern minority languages, and Umeå University's own output and strategic areas.

The library primarily acquires information resources such as databases, journals, books, archives, and manuscripts.

Target groups and acquisition methods

The library's primary target groups are researchers, teachers, students, and other employees at Umeå University. The library aims to acquire material that is relevant to these target groups in their studies or professional practice.

The library decides whether an information resource should be acquired or not, alternatively obtained through interlibrary loan.

Basis for the Acquisition Policy

The library's Acquisition Policy is ultimately based on the basic values of central government authorities and the Swedish Library Act (SFS 2013:801). Acquisition decisions are also guided by the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100) and the Language Act (2009:600), and the University's vision, core values and research orientation. When choosing formats or deciding between acquisition and interlibrary loan, the library also takes equal opportunities and environmental aspects into account to promote sustainable development.

This Acquisition Policy replaces the previous Media Policy and comes into effect on 1 April 2026. The policy applies until further notice.

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