Metrics Report: Classics

I. Program Overview

A. Departmental Profile (faculty, students, and curriculum)

The department has nine regular faculty, three joint appointment faculty, and two visiting faculty. Currently, there are 38 undergraduate majors and 5 undergraduate minors.

The department offers four undergraduate major degrees (minors also): Classics, Classical Civilization, Greek, and Latin. The department also offers four joint majors: Classics and English, Classics and history, Classics and Philosophy, Classics Civilization and Religion. The department does not have a graduate program. However, given its three joint appointment faculty, several graduate students do utilize the library resources as would graduate students in a classics doctoral program.

The department’s research strengths are Greek and Latin literature but they are in the process of developing strengths in ancient fiction and ancient medicine.

B. Coordination / Collaborative Relationships

1. Emory’s Classics Department sends a faculty member to speak at Corpus Christi at Oxford twice a year. Likewise, Corpus Christi sends, twice a year, a faculty member to speak at Emory. These speakers are incorporated into the Classics Department’s Colloquium series, which consists of 5-7 speakers.

2. Seven faulty and the three joint appointment faculty are in the interdisciplinary program in Ancient Meditation Studies

3. Each year the department organizes a conference.

II. Description of Materials Collected

A. Scope of the Collection

a. Subject Areas: The bulk of the classics collection is classed in PA 1-2995 (Classical Philology), PA 3000-3049 (Classical Literature), PA 3050-4500 (Greek Literature), PA 5000-5665 (Byzantine & Modern Greek Literature), PA 6000-7041 (Latin Literature), PA 8001-8595 (Medieval and Modern Latin Literature), DE (History: Mediterranean Region, Greco-Roman World), and B 69-789 (Philosophy: History and Systems, Ancient through Renaissance).

Other important subject areas not included in this report are CC 1-960 (Archaeology), CJ (Numismatics), DF 1-500 (Ancient Greece), DG 1-400 (Ancient Italy, Rome to
b. Chronology: Ancient to Contemporary.

c. Language: Emory collects primary materials in their original language, which principally includes Greek and Latin. These primary sources are also collected in English translation when available. Secondary sources are collected in English, French, German, and Italian.

d. Date of Publication: Currently, most works added to the collection are new publications.

e. Geographic Areas: Most of the collection is from the United States and Europe.

B. Formats and Publication Type

a. Monographs and Texts: Most monographs and texts are acquired through approval plans, standing orders, firm orders, and gifts. Textbooks are rarely acquired.

b. Serials: In print and electronic serials are collected.

c. Electronic Publications: The library has several on-line database tools such as Annee Philologique and DYABOLA: A Database of the Ancient World. E-books are not collected much but electronic serials are used by faculty and students.

d. Microforms: Not a high priority but some texts are available in microform and duplications of original source material are sometimes purchased as microforms.

e. Multimedia: Not a high priority.

f. Government Publications: N/A

g. Exclusions: No textbooks

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1 The NATC data deals with large LC ranges. Consequently, in some cases, areas within a collection cannot be compared to other institutions. For example, NB (69-169) is too narrow and must be left out of this report.