

**Executive Summary**  
**Emergency Management Collection Assessment**  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT**

Emergency Management is an interdisciplinary subject that extends 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 Law; Sociology and Social Work; Biology; Medicine; Technology, Ethics, Forensic Sciences; Psychology;

Political Science and Public Administration; Geography; Military Science; Business; and Criminal Justice are also important areas of research. These and other Subject Assessments can be found at this link:

[http://www.jsu.edu/library/information/collection\\_assessments.html](http://www.jsu.edu/library/information/collection_assessments.html).

**Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the Emergency Management Classifications:**

Classification	Category	2014	2020 Totals	Growth Increase	Percentage Increase
BF1-BF990	Psychology	8,728	9,260	532	6%
BJ1-BJ2195	Ethics	1,318	1,397	79	5%
G1-GF900	Geography	6,600	6,857	257	3%
HM1-HM1281	Sociology	4,478	4,726	248	5%
HV1-HV5840	Social Work	6,953	7,420	467	6%
HV6000-HV9960	Criminal Justice	15,096	15,662	566	3%
J1-JZ9999	Political Science and Public Administration	22,339	23,040	701	3%
K1-KZ9999	Law	13,525	13,740	215	1%
QH301-QR502	Biology	19,031	19,885	854	4%
R1-RZ9999	Medicine	23,473	24,131	658	2%
T1-TP9999	Technology	16,235	16,930	695	4%
U1-VM9999	Military Science	7,200	7,821	621	8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>144,976</b>	<b>150,869</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>4%</b>

**PEER INSTITUTION COMPARISON**

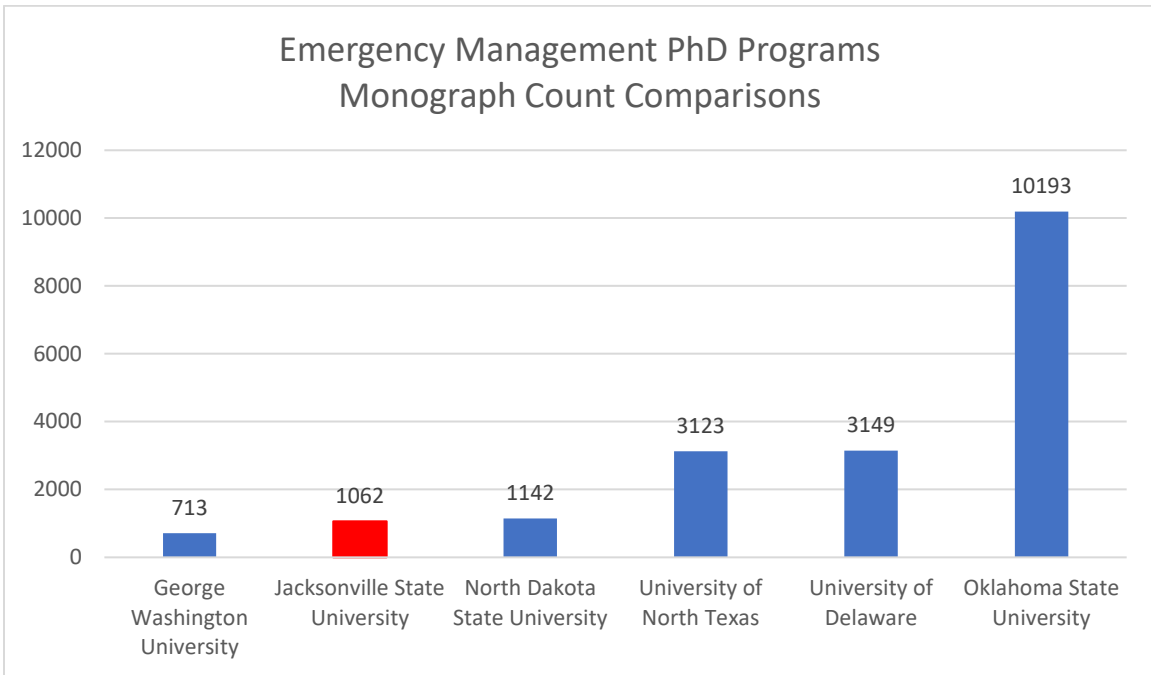
Below is a table comparing book collections of public and private universities who offer Emergency Management PhD Programs recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency<sup>1</sup>.

Emergency Management book collections were examined in the WorldCat database using the Keyword term “emergency management” at <http://lib-proxy.jsu.edu/login?url=http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org/dbname=WorldCat;done=referer;FSIP>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist/emdoctorlevel/>

**National Comparison with PhD Emergency Management Programs**

With the exception of Oklahoma State Libraries, 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**

Fiscal Year	Added to Collections GB, HC, HD, HV, & RC	YBP New Titles Report <sup>2</sup>	Percentage
2018/19	428	6,369	7%
2017/18	416	6,781	6%
2016/17	566	6,868	8%
2015/16	764	6,668	11%
2014/15	765	6,459	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>33,145</b>	<b>9%</b>

**CHECKLIST SUMMARIES**

Bibliographies including *Choice’s Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs)* and *Resources for College Libraries* were used to measure the quality of the Library’s collection.

<sup>2</sup> GOBI New Titles Report ([https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitlereport\\_us.html](https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitlereport_us.html))

Monographs were selected from the bibliography of *Emergency Management: Concepts and Strategies for Effective Programs, Second Edition*, and the suggested readings of *Emergency Management: The American Experience*, as benchmarks, due to their importance in the field, their broad coverage of Emergency Management topics, and their currency. Currently, there is a lack of dedicated, current bibliographic texts or outstanding published lists in the field. In checking the bibliographies against the Library's catalog, the following percentages were revealed in the subject area of Emergency Management.

<b>Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percent Held</b>
Search in RCL database subject keywords emergenc* or disaster*	25	27	93%

<b>Resources for College Libraries</b>			
<b>LC CLASS</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percentage Held</b>
GB5000-5030	30	35	86%
HD49	3	3	100%
HD61	2	3	67%
HV551.2-639	21	25	84%
HV6429-HV6433	83	108	77%
RC86-216	31	50	62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>76%</b>

<b>Emergency Management: Concepts and Strategies for Effective Programs, Second Edition by Lucien G. Canton</b>		
<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percent Held</b>
25	38	66%

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### **WITHDRAWALS**

As currency of information is very important in the Emergency Management 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 HB – HJ, HM – HV6000, HX, and HV6001 – HV9960 classifications.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>HB – HJ</b>	<b>HM – HV6000, HX</b>	<b>HV6001 – HV9960</b>	<b>Total HB – HJ, HM – HV6000, HX, and HV6001 – HV9960 Titles Withdrawn</b>
2014 – 2015	387	211	56	654
2015 – 2016	590	71	36	697
2016 – 2017	199	98	54	351
2017 – 2018	58	33	3	94
2018 – 2019	572	137	88	797
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>2,593</b>

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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.

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## **SUMMARY**

### **Strengths:**

Total holdings, conspectus evaluation, and checklist comparisons indicate the overall Emergency Management collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheets are the holdings in the subject areas of: Crisis Management, Emergency Management; Emergency Management; Terrorism.

A review of the journal holdings reveals that the Emergency Management collection is adequate to support the curriculum.

### **Weaknesses:**

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the Emergency Management subject areas are: Economic Impact of Disasters.

### **Recommendations:**

The growth rate of the Emergency Management Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for the bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degree programs in Emergency Management. 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.