

上智大学図書館貴重資料及び準貴重資料の指定基準

Sophia University Library Criteria for Designating Rare Materials and Semi-rare Materials

(Purpose)

Article 1

Criteria for designating rare materials and semi-rare materials at the Sophia University Library shall be stipulated herein.

(Designation)

Article 2

The Head Librarian shall designate rare material and semi-rare material pursuant to the criteria stipulated in Article 3.

2 The Head Librarian may cancel the designation of rare material and semi-rare material stipulated in the preceding paragraph as needed.

(Criteria for designation)

Article 3

The criteria for designating rare material and semi-rare material are as follows:

I. Criteria for designating rare materials

- (1) For Japanese books, publications and manuscripts dated before the Keicho period (1614)
- (2) For Chinese books (including books from Eastern countries), publications and manuscripts dated before the reign of Zhèngdé during the Ming Dynasty (1521)
- (3) Materials printed or copied after the periods provided above which exist in extreme scarcity and which the Head Librarian deems to be highly valuable both academically and as source material

II. Criteria for designating semi-rare materials

- (1) Materials which are not included among rare books in terms of their historical period of origin but are equally valuable as rare materials both academically and as source material
- (2) Limited editions, self-published books, first editions and expensive books which bear high value both culturally and as source material
- (3) Materials whose value as source material has been deemed to have increased as a result of notes handwritten by prominent persons
- (4) Calligraphy and drawings, old maps, and block prints, which exist in scarcity and are deemed to bear artistic value or value as source material
- (5) Handwritten manuscripts, documents and records which are deemed to be highly valuable both academically and as source material
- (6) Materials that are collectively treated as a particular collection and to which the items below apply:
 - i. Collective treatment increases the collection's value as source material.

ii. A missing volume undermines the Materials' value as a collection and replacement is difficult.

(7) Other Materials that the Head Librarian deems necessary.

Supplementary provision

These criteria for designation are effective as of July 1, 2002.

Note: The English translation is provided for information. The original Japanese version remains the sole official version. If there is any discrepancy between the two versions, the Japanese original should take precedence.