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Acquisition Policy

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Gustavianum, Uppsala University Museum manages collections of coins, art, archaeological material, objects related to the history of science, and more.

The Coin Cabinet's collections include coins, banknotes and other means of payment, as well as medals. Particularly significant are the collections of older Swedish coins and medals, Viking Age and early European coins.

Gustavianum's Historical Collections include: classical archeology and egyptology with objects from, for example, Greece, Italy and Egypt; Nordic archeology with objects from excavations in areas around Uppsala; history and the history of science, particularly in relation to Uppsala University; as well as the anatomical collection, objects from the former the anatomical department which, among other things, includes human remains (see Guidelines for handling human remains at Uppsala University's museums 2021).

The Art Collection is one of Sweden's largest in terms of early modern art and contains a number of significant Swedish and European works, as well as older artworks connected to Swedish history, the history of science and Uppsala University.

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The following criteria apply to acquisitions made through purchases and through gifts and donations:

- The object is judged to be particularly representative, interesting and/or fulfills an educational function for the collections.
- The object complements the existing collections.

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- The object is considered to be of importance to Uppsala University's history, or has a provenance linked to the University.
- The object has particular significance for the history of science or is of general historical interest.
- The Nordic Archeology collection is composed primarily of objects that have been allocated to the Museum by the Swedish National Heritage Board.
- The object's provenance should be documented and substantiated to the extent deemed relevant.
- The object must have entered Sweden under conditions that do not conflict with the Historic Environment Act (1988:950).
- If there is suspicion of illegal entry into the country, or other irregularities, the Museum will follow UNESCO's guidelines for the illicit trafficking of cultural heritage objects (according to the UNESCO 1970 Convention).
- The Museum will not accept an object, if reservations or conditions are attached.
- Only the legal owner of an object will be accepted as a donor.
- Compensation is never paid for gifts and donations.
- The Museum does not accept objects, photographs or archival material without prior agreement.
- The Museum reserves the right to refuse items that are not deemed relevant to the collections.
- All final decisions about accessions into the collections are taken by the Museum Director.