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4 **Rules for the Acquisition of Archaeological and Art Objects**
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6 The following general principles are to govern the University with respect to the acquisition
7 (whether by gift, bequest, or purchase, or through the activities of scientific or archaeological
8 expeditions) of works of art and antiquities:
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- 10 1. The faculty member, museum director, librarian, curator, or other University officer
11 responsible for making an acquisition or who will have custody of the acquisition, should
12 assure himself that the University can acquire valid title to the object in question. This
13 means that the circumstances of the transaction must be such as to give him adequate
14 assurance that the seller or donor has valid title to convey.
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- 16 2. In making a significant acquisition, there should be reasonable assurance under the
17 circumstances that the object has not, within a recent time, been exported from its country
18 of origin (and/or the country where it was last legally owned) in violation of that
19 country's laws.
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- 21 3. In any event, there should be reasonable assurance under the circumstances that the
22 object was not exported after the date this policy was approved in violation of the laws of
23 the country of origin and/or the country where it was last legally owned.
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- 25 4. The University will refuse to acquire objects in any case where there is reasonable cause
26 to believe that the circumstances of their recovery involved the recent unscientific or
27 intentional destruction of sites or monuments, or which have otherwise been acquired
28 illegally; these restrictions shall also apply to archaeological objects excavated or
29 collected in the United States.
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- 31 5. If there is doubt about the relevant determinations under paragraphs I - 4, consultation
32 should be as wide as possible. Particular care should be taken to consult colleagues in
33 other parts of the University whose collecting, research, or other activities may be
34 affected by a decision to acquire an object. Where appropriate, the legal counsel to the
35 University should be consulted, and, where helpful, a special panel should be created to
36 help pass on the questions raised.
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- 38 6. The University will not acquire (by purchase, bequest, or gift) objects that do not meet the
39 foregoing tests. If appropriate and feasible, the same tests should be taken into account in
40 determining whether to accept loans for exhibition or other purposes.
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- 42 7. Those, making or having custody of acquisitions will be responsible to the President for the
43 observance of these rules. All information obtained about the provenance of an acquisition
44 must be preserved, and unless, in the opinion of the relevant official and the legal counsel
45 to the University, special circumstances exist in a specific instance, all such information

46 shall be available as a public record. Prospective vendors and donors should be informed of
47 this policy.

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49 8. If the University, should in the future come into the possession of an object that can be
50 demonstrated to have exported or acquired in violation of the principles expressed in Rules
51 I - 4 above, the University should, if legally free to do so, seek to return the object to the
52 donor or vendor, or to the proper owner or nation, as found appropriate.

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