

Electronic Databases

Criminal Justice Periodicals

Coverage: 1981 – current

Full Text: Yes

Description: Provides citations and some full text for U.S. and international journal articles relating to criminal justice.

Topics include: corrections administration, law enforcement, social work, industrial security, drug rehabilitation, and criminal and family law. Complete indexing and abstracts for relevant U.S. and international journals. Updated weekly.

Criminal Justice Abstracts

Coverage: 1968 – current

Full Text: Some

Description: Provides citations and summaries of international journal articles, books, governmental and non-governmental reports covering crime trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, police, courts, punishment and sentencing. Updated quarterly.

National Criminal Justice Reference Services

Coverage: 1970's – current

Full Text: Some

Description: An extensive source of information on criminal and juvenile justice, NCJRS is a collection of clearinghouses supporting all bureaus of the U.S. Department of Justice, Offers information on research, policy and program development in the areas of justice and substance abuse.

Sage Journals Online

Coverage: varies, generally 1991 to current

Full Text: Yes

Description: Electronic journal access to key U.S. and international journals in the fields of criminal justice, corrections, juvenile justice, and related journals in psychology, sociology and social work.

WestLaw Campus Research

Coverage: varies

Full Text: Yes

Description: Provides a comprehensive collection of news, business, and law related information. Business information includes newspapers, broadcast transcripts, and company information. Law content includes law reviews and journals and U.S. Federal and state cases and codes, statutes, and regulations.

Lexis-Nexis

Coverage: 1977 – current

Full Text: Yes

Description: Full-text documents from news, business, legal, medical, and reference publications with flexible search options. It includes international law and Shepard's® Citations for all U.S. courts, as well as State Codes and Case Law. The statistical search engine provides statistics from many government and other entities.

Academic Search Complete

Coverage: 1975 – current

Full Text: Yes

Description: Full-text database of peer-reviewed journals, trade journals, magazines and newspapers. Sources include Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Behavior & Mental Health, Criminal Justice Ethics, Criminology, and Criminology & Public Policy. Updated daily.

PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Services)

Coverage: 1972 – current

Full Text: Links

Description: Contains citations to books, articles, statistics, grey literature, conference reports, and publications of international agencies from over 120 countries. Topics covered include, AIDS, child sexual exploitation, gun control, intellectual property rights, political persecution, violence on television, weapon stockpiles, and workplace violence.

Internet Resources

Bureau of Justice Statistics (U.S. Dept. of Justice)

Location: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Description: Statistics on crime and victims; criminal offenders; U.S. justice system law enforcement; courts and corrections. Data available online from the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, juvenile justice statistics, and a link to the Social Statistics Briefing Room.

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Location: <http://www.ncjrs.org/>

Description: NCJRS is a federally-funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy and programs. Coverage includes: corrections, courts, drugs, international, juvenile, law enforcement, victims and statistics.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Location: <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/>

Description: Describes the agency's functions with links to programs, statistical information, publications, assistance for crime victims, guidance for offenders' families, and recruitment. PDF files of state criminal justice publications and research. Some material available in Spanish.

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics (online)

Location: <http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook>

Description: Over 1,000 tables of data, searchable by keyword. Tables are available as PDF files or spreadsheets. Categories include: system characteristics, public opinion, crime victims, arrests, prosecution and sentencing, and corrections. Statistics are updated as they become available.

Print Resources

Dictionaries

The Concise Dictionary of Crime and Justice by Mark S. Davis (REF HV6017 .D38 2002)

Description: Contains over 2,000 key criminal justice terms with a complete, current definition of the term, explanation of common misconceptions or controversies surrounding the term, and cross-references to other entries in the dictionary. Reflects the broader usage of crime terms in the public print and electronic media.

Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement, Larry Sullivan, ed. (REF HV7921 .E53 2005 v.1-3)

Description: 550 topics on all facets of law enforcement on the international, national, state and local levels. Discusses the historical and contemporary practices and theories of policing. Scope is worldwide and interdisciplinary.

Encyclopedia of Police Science, Jack Greene, ed. 3rd ed. (REF HV7901 .E53 2007 v.1-3)

Description: 354 topics with cross-referencing and an extensive index. Covers all aspects of police work with additional focus on new issues such as terrorism, technological advances, and accountability. Each entry includes references and suggestions for further readings.

World of Criminal Justice, Shirelle Phelps, ed. (REF HV 7411.W67 2002, v.1&2)

Description: Over 1000 entries on theories, concepts, biographies and organizations in criminal justice. Also contains a list of sources consulted, a historical chronology and cross references.

Encyclopedia of Forensic Science, by Suzanne Bell. (REF HV 8073 .B425 2004)

Description: Over 600 entries covering concepts and technologies in forensic science, and essays on how forensic science relates to areas such as terrorist attacks, privacy concerns, and drug testing in sports. Some photos and illustrations, and a list of acronyms and abbreviations.

World Encyclopedia of Police Forces and Correctional Systems, Thomas Kurian, ed. 2nd ed. (REF HV7901 .W63 2006 v.1-2)

Description: Covers 198 countries with specific information about police forces regarding law enforcement, human rights, crime and correctional systems. Also includes entries on global themes affecting police forces.

World Police Encyclopedia, by Dilip K. Das, editor. (REF HV7901 .W64 2006, v.1&2)

Description: 193 country profiles including information on police education and training, finance, demographics, organizational descriptions. Each entry includes a bibliography and suggestions for further reading.

Indexes

Criminal Justice Abstracts (Ref HV 6001.C67)

Online: available online: 1968 to current from Bell Library's "Search All Databases" Page, <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/metalib/metalib.html>. Off campus users must enter name and student ID.

Print Coverage: Vol. 10 (1978) to current

Criminal Justice Periodical Index (Rev HV 6001.C68)

Online: from 1981 to current from Bell Library's "Search All Databases"

Page, <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/metalib/metalib.html>. Off campus users must enter name and student ID.

Print Coverage: 1975 to 1998

Psychological Abstracts (Ref Z 7201.P65)

Online: from 1872 to current as **PsycInfo** from Bell Library's "Search All Databases" Page, <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/metalib/metalib.html>. Off campus users must enter name and student ID.

Print Coverage: Vol. 1 (1927) to 2006

Sociological Abstracts (Ref Z 7164.S68 S68)

Online: from 1952 to current. from Bell Library's "Search All Databases" Page,

<http://rattler.tamucc.edu/metalib/metalib.html>. Off campus users must enter name and student ID.

Print Coverage: Vol. 1 (1953) to Vol. 44 (1966)

Government Information

Electronic Resources

Bureau of Justice Statistics (U.S. Dept. of Justice)

Location: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Description: Covers crime and victims, criminal offenders, the U.S. justice system, special topics such as drugs, homicide trends, firearms. Links to FBI Uniform Crime Reports and juvenile justice statistics.

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Location: <http://www.ncjrs.org/>

Description: NCJRS is a federally-funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide. Recent spotlighted topics were: gangs, forensic science, prisoner reentry, school safety, club drugs, drug courts, and hate crime.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Location: <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/>

Description: Describes the agency's functions: programs; statistical information, publications, assistance for crime victims, guidance for offenders' families; and links to other criminal justice sites. PDF files of state criminal justice publications and research.

Federal Documents

Crime in the United States (J 1.14/7:)

Holdings: 1960 – 2001

Location: Most current edition available on line at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>. Print edition available at Reference Desk. Older issues located in government documents section.

Description: Provides data on reported criminal offenses, crimes that have been cleared, people arrested, and law enforcement personnel.

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics (REF HV 6787 .S68)

Holdings: 1974 – 1999

Location: Reference Section

Online: 1998-2003

Description: Includes statistics on the criminal justice system, public attitudes towards crime, characteristics of people arrested, judicial processing of defendants, and people in the correctional system. Available online at

<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/>.

For More Information

For more information and assistance in researching topics related to criminal justice, please contact the following librarian at the Bell Library: Mark Pfeifer, 361-825-3392, mark.pfeifer@tamucc.edu