



Resource Guide

Criminal Justice

Electronic Databases

Criminal Justice Periodicals

Coverage: 1981 - current

Full Text: Yes

Description: Provides citations and some full text for 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: No

Description: Provides citations and summaries of international journal articles, books, and governmental and non-governmental reports on a wide range of topics in criminal justice. Topics covered include: 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, Office of Justice Programs, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the OJP Program Offices. It also supports the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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 U.S. Supreme Court cases as well as State Codes and Case Law. The statistical search engine is a resource that provides statistics from many government and other entities.

Academic Search Premier

Coverage: 1975 - current

Full Text: Yes

Description: Full-text database of peer-reviewed, scholarly, and academic journals. Also included are abstracts and indexing for many journals in a multitude of academic study areas with searchable cited references. Sources include Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Behavior & Mental Health, Criminal Justice Ethics, Criminal Justice International, Criminology, and Criminology & Public Policy. Updated daily.

PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Services)

Coverage: 1972 - current

Full Text: Full text linking is available

Description: Contains citations to books, articles, statistics, grey literature, research and conference reports, and publications of international agencies from over 120 countries. Topics covered include affirmative action, AIDS, child sexual exploitation, climate change, globalization, 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; the U.S. justice system, including 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 and has 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 600 tables of data, searchable by keyword. Categories include: system characteristics, public opinion, crime victims, , arrests, prosecution and sentencing, and corrections. The most current version available is for 2003.

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.

Dictionary of American Penology by Vergil L. Williams (REF HV9304 .W54 1996)

Description: Revision of 1979 edition. Coverage of the federal correctional system and concise information on the correctional system of each state, tables from publications of the US Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of Criminology by Richard A. Wright, ed. (REF HV6017 .E5295 2005).

Coverage: 3 volumes

Description: Provides quick reference to essays covering the scope of the criminology profession, including history, traditions, types of criminal behavior, victimization, theories, cross-cultural and professional issues.

Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice (REF HV 6017 .E52 2002)

Coverage: 4 volumes

Description: This encyclopedia deals with not only law, but also sociology, psychology, history and economics. Entries range widely from abortion to rape, to family violence and wiretapping. Vol. 4 includes a general and legal index.

Encyclopedia of Organized Crime in the United States: from Capone's Chicago to the New Urban Underworld, by Robert J. Kelly (REF HV 6446 .K43 2000)

Description: Reference source on the developmental history of organized crime in America. Discusses trends and follows different ethnic organized crime organizations, including street gangs, with an emphasis on the people involved in organized crime. Most entries include suggested readings and are cross-referenced.

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

Coverage: 2 volumes

Description: Over 1000 entries on theories, concepts, biographies and organizations in criminal justice. Cross-referenced, this source contains a list of sources consulted and a historical chronology.

The Encyclopedia of Terrorism, by Harvey Kushner. (REF HV 6431.K883 2003)

Description: Provides over 300 in-depth entries reflecting global terrorism. Includes a comprehensive list of terrorist events.

Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice, Marilyn D. McShane, Frank P. Williams III, eds. (REF HV 9104 .E59 2003)

Description: Over 200 concise entries ranging from boot camps to truancy. The editors cover historical and contemporary theories, concepts, and real-world practices of juvenile justice in the United States.

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.

Encyclopedia of DNA and the United States Criminal Justice System, by Louis J. Palmer, Jr. (REF RA 1057.55 .P34 2004)

Description: Discusses issues of law, scientific terms, public policy, and related topics. Legal statutes and important cases are covered.

Profiling and Criminal Justice in America: a Reference Handbook, by Jeffrey B. Bumgarner. (REF HV9950 .B86 2004).

An overview of Profiling in the United States, with reviews of court cases, state statutes, and individuals with a bearing on the development of profiling by law enforcement.

Indexes

Criminal Justice Abstracts (Ref HV 6001.C67)

Coverage: Vol. 10 (1978) to current

[Also 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 username and student ID.]

Criminal Justice Periodical Index (Rev HV 6001.C68)

Coverage: 1975 to 1998

[Also available 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 username and student ID.]

Psychological Abstracts (Ref Z 7201.P65)

Coverage: Vol. 1 (1927) to current

[Also available 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 username and student ID.]

Sociological Abstracts (Ref Z 7164.S68 S68)

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

Social Sciences Index (REF AI 3.S61)

Coverage: 1907 to current

Note: Previous titles International Index to Periodicals and Social Sciences and Humanities Index.

[Also available online from 1993 to current as **Web of Science** from Bell Library's "Search All Databases" Page, <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/metalib/metalib.html> off campus users must enter username and student ID.]

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 print edition 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

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.

Texas State Documents

Texas State Library

Location: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/search/index.html>

Description: Links to areas of general interest, an online catalog for seven state agencies including the Texas State Law Library, indexes to archival holdings and Texshare databases.

For More Information

For more information and assistance in researching topics related to criminal justice, please contact the following librarian at the Bell Library:

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