

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH GUIDE



Electronic Resources

The sources listed below have been compiled for students as a starting point for conducting research on the World Wide Web, through subscription databases, and via our online catalog. Students are encouraged to continue their research using the print resources beginning on page number four.

**WestLaw and LexisNexis are the two industry leaders providing reliable legal information, research, and related materials.*

LexisNexis

They offer legal research including case law, and codes and regulations as well as secondary literature from newspapers, magazines, newsletters, and articles from law reviews. You can also conduct searches for local or national news.

Criminal Justice Periodical Index

Updated weekly, provides cover-to-cover access for 59 criminal justice journals frequently consulted by professionals, plus complete abstracts for over 100 additional titles. Publications in CJPI focus primarily on practical issues in crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, police issues, and courtroom procedures, but also includes a number of highly respected theoretical journals as well.

WestLaw Campus

Content includes both primary (case law, decisions, and statutes) and secondary sources (law reviews, summaries, journal articles, and American Jurisprudence, and a comprehensive encyclopedia.)

Security Management Practices

An intelligence resource for Security Executives, critical IT, legal, financial, and physical/enterprise security information. A dozen new reports every month covering topics like deploying network security appliances, using biometric technologies for network and physical security, managing organizational risk, planning for disruptions, securing the enterprise network and more.

EBSCOhost Databases:

Academic Search Premier

This multi-disciplinary database (covering many subjects) offers abstracts and full-text articles from thousands of magazines as well as scholarly publications many are peer-reviewed or scholarly journals. Crime, law, and psychology are just a few of the subjects that they cover.

PsycINFO

Contains summaries of the world's journal literature, of dissertations and technical reports, and of English-language chapters and books in psychology and related disciplines. Covers over 1300 journals in over 30 languages from approximately 50 countries. Full text links to PsycARTICLES.

SocINDEX with Full Text

Sociology research resources including journals, books, and conference papers. Currently, the database contains about 1.6 million items.

Internet Research

Note: When conducting research on the Internet, it will be helpful to consider a few points.

- The Internet is full of information that is not scholarly, updated, and or unbiased.
- Use domain searching (.edu, .gov, .org.) to improve the quality of your searches. You can limit your searches by using the advanced features of search engines such as Google.
- Determine who wrote, gathered, or sponsored the page or information.
- Try to determine if the information is current by looking for a date listed when the site was created or last updated.
- You should be somewhat skeptical of sites that contain a lot of advertising for products or services.

Selected U.S. Government Web Sites:

The United States federal government gathers tremendous amounts of information and statistics on a wide array of subjects. The Websites below are excellent places to start searching for legal and criminal justice information on the World Wide Web.

Bureau of Justice Statistics

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

The United States Department of Justice gathers statistics on crime, criminal offenders, victims, trends, international statistics, and law enforcement information.

Legislative Information on the Internet

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

This site, created by the Library of Congress, provides information on US laws, pending legislation, historical documents, and also offers links to state resources.

NCJRS: National Criminal Justice Reference Service

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

“NCJRS is a federally funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide.” A limited full-text publication search is available for free, as well as abstracts and statistics.

PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=PubMed>)

Of potential use for Forensic Science, particularly in the areas of forensic biology, serology, DNA analysis, toxicology and forensic psychology/psychiatry.

The Uniform Crime Report

<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

The FBI compiles a variety of annual statistics, reports, and publications on crimes in the United States including topics such as Hate Crimes.

The US Governments Official Web Portal

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

Referred to as “The official [online] gateway to all government information.” This site offers a search box, A-Z agency directory, reference center, press releases, and links to state and local agencies.

Selected Websites:

FindLaw for the Public

<http://public.findlaw.com/>

You can access this site from our main library page under “Find Websites” and then choose “Academic Links.” You can also browse their topics alphabetically or by subject area. Choose “Search” to access the **FindLaw LawCrawler** site. This unique “law only” search engine can help you locate good resources on the Internet.

Legal Information Institute

www.law.cornell.edu

Cornell Law School’s web page is an award winning site “of recent and historic U.S. Supreme Court opinions as well as the Supreme Court’s current oral argument schedule. This site also features the full text of the U.S. code, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Federal Rules of Evidence and Civil Procedure.” The front page offers another useful feature, “Law Events in the News.” Hyperlinks lead you to further information.

Prentice Hall’s Cybrary, The World’s Criminal Justice Directory

The cybrary maintains a list of what they consider to be the “Top 100 Picks” of websites related to criminal justice. If you are undecided about a topic for your research paper, you can look through their topical directory (Browse Index) or enter keywords into their site search feature (Search Our Criminal Justice Links.) This site was originally maintained by Dr. Frank Schmallegger. He still sponsors a site at <http://talkjustice.com/> which offers message boards and chat about criminal justice topics.

The Definitive Guide to Criminal Justice and Criminology on the World Wide Web is published both in print and electronic formats. The print copy is behind the reference desk in the Peoples Library. The companion web site is located at <http://talkjustice.com/cybrary.asp>.

Need to find books on a criminal justice paper topic? Consider searching the [Wilmington College Online Catalog](#). If you don't find any books in the Wilmington College Library, try searching the database [WORLDCAT](#) to identify resources available in other libraries around the world. As a MSU faculty or staff member, you can request these materials through [interlibrary loan](#).

If you do not know the **author**, **title**, or **LC subject headings**, try a **keyword or keywords** approach. While reviewing the results, note that most records provide LC subject headings which can also be used to identify more books on the same or similar topics.

Below are some suggested LC subject headings which may prove helpful for those doing general criminal justice research.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CRIMINALS
ARREST (POLICE METHODS)
ASIAN AMERICAN CRIMINALS
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
BIOTERRORISM
BLACK MAFIA
BOMBINGS
BURGLARS
BURGLARY
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
CHEMICAL AGENTS (MUNITIONS)
CHEMICAL WARFARE
CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION
CHILD SEX OFFENDERS
CHINESE AMERICAN CRIMINALS
CIVIL DEFENSE
COMMERCIAL CRIMES
COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS
CORPORATIONS--CORRUPT PRACTICES
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
CORRECTIONAL PERSONNEL
CORRECTIONS
CRIME
CRIME ANALYSIS
CRIME AND CRIMINALS
CRIME AND RACE
CRIME IN MASS MEDIA
CRIME LABORATORIES
CRIME PREVENTION--UNITED STATES
CRIMINAL ANTHROPOLOGY
CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, PREDICTION OF
CRIMINAL COURTS
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ADMINISTRATION OF

CRIMINAL LAW
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY
CRIMINAL STATISTICS
CRIMINALS IDENTIFICATION
CRIMINOLOGY
DEATH ROW INMATES
DEVIANT BEHAVIOR
DISCRIMINATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
DRUG TRAFFIC
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EMPLOYEE THEFT
EXECUTIONS AND EXECUTIONERS
FAMILY VIOLENCE
FEAR OF CRIME
FEMALE GANGS
FEMALE JUVENILE DELINQUENTS
FEMALE OFFENDERS
FIREARMS--LAW AND LEGISLATION
FORENSIC PATHOLOGY
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
FORENSIC SCIENCES
FRAUD
GANG MEMBERS
GANGS
HALFWAY HOUSES
HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION
IMPRISONMENT
INDUSTRIES--SECURITY MEASURES
JUVENILE CORRECTIONS
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS
JUVENILE DETENTION HOMES
JUVENILE JUSTICE, ADMINISTRATION OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT
LAW ENFORCEMENT--VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE--UNITED STATES
LOCAL TRANSIT -- SECURITY MEASURES
LYNCHING
MAFIA
MASS MEDIA AND CRIME
MONEY LAUNDERING
MONEY LAUNDERING INVESTIGATION
MOTORCYCLE GANGS
MURDER
NARCOTICS
OFFENSES AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENT
ORGANIZED CRIME
ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATION
PAROLE
POLICE
POLICE ADMINISTRATION
POLICE BRUTALITY

POLICE DISCRETION
POLICE PATROL
POLICE, PRIVATE
POLICE PURSUIT DRIVING
POLICE QUESTIONING
POLICE SHOOTINGS
POLICE -- UNITED STATES -- EXAMINATIONS, QUESTIONS, ETC.
PRISON ADMINISTRATION
PRISON GANGS
PRISON PSYCHOLOGY
PRISONERS
PRISONERS' FAMILIES
PRISONS
PROBATION
PUBLIC TRANSIT -- SECURITY MEASURES
PUNISHMENT
RACIAL PROFILING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
RACKETEERING
RAPE
RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS
RECIDIVISM
REFORMATORIES FOR WOMEN
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
RESTRAINT OF PRISONERS
SERIAL MURDER INVESTIGATION -- PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS
SERIAL MURDERS
SERIAL MURDERERS -- PSYCHOLOGY
SEX CRIMES
SEX OFFENDERS
STALKING
STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM
SUICIDE BOMBERS
TERRORISM
TERRORISM AND MASS MEDIA
TERRORISM -- PREVENTION
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
TRANSNATIONAL CRIME
TRANSPORTATION -- SECURITY MEASURES
UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
VICTIMS OF CRIMES
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
WHITE COLLAR CRIME INVESTIGATION
WHITE COLLAR CRIMES
WITNESSES
WOMEN CORRECTIONAL PERSONNEL
WOMEN PRISONERS

Like to browse? Go to the Library stacks and review the following call number ranges:

HV 1-5840..... Social pathology
HV 6001-6030..... Criminology-general
HV 6035-6079..... Criminal anthropology
HV 6080-6113..... Criminal psychology
HV 6115-6118..... Causes of crime
HV 6121-6143..... Crime & heredity
HV 6150-6249..... Crime-environment
HV 6250..... Victims of crime
HV 6251-7220..... Crimes & offenses
HV 7231-9960..... Criminal justice administration

Print Resources

Dictionaries

American Dictionary of Criminal Justice.	REF HV7411 .C48 2001
Black's Law Dictionary.	REF KF 156 .B53 2004
Dictionary of Criminal Justice Terms.	REF HV 7411 .D53 1998
Dictionary of Modern Legal Issues, 2 nd ed.	REF KF156 .G367 1995
Labor, Employment and the Law: A Dictionary.	REF KF3317.A54 1997
Medical Legal Dictionary.	REF KF2905.A68 B3 1970
Paralegal's Encyclopedic Dictionary.	REF KF319 G68 1979

Directories

Legal Directory of Children's Rights. Vol. 1-4	REF KF479 .A3 1985
Probation and Parole Directory.	REF HV9304 .P76 1989
Supreme Court Yearbook. Annual. 1990-2000	REF KF8741 .A152 S95

Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of the American Constitution. Vol. 1-4	REF KF4548 .E53 1986
Encyclopedia of American Prisons.	REF HV9471 .E425 1996
Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America.	REF E185.61 .E544 1998

Vol. 1-4	
Encyclopedia of Conflict Resolution.	REF HM136 .B783 1997
Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice. Vol. 1-4	REF HV6017 .E52 2002
Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment.	REF HV 6017. E524 2002
Encyclopedia of Drugs and Alcohol. Vol. 1-4	REF HV5804 .E53 1995
Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice.	REF HV9104 .E58 2002
Encyclopedia of Serial Killers.	REF HV6245 .N49 2000
Encyclopedia of Social Issues. Vol. 1-6	REF HN57 .E59 1997
Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. Vol. 1-15	REF H41. E6 1937
Encyclopedia of Sociology. Vol. 1-4	REF HM17 .E5 1991
FBI Encyclopedia.	REF HV8144 .F43 N48 2003
Forensic Science: An Encyclopedia of History, Methods, and Techniques.	REF HV8073 .T55 2006
Historic U.S. Court Cases 1690-1990. An Encyclopedia.	REF KF385.A4 J64 1992
International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. Vol. 1-4	REF H40 .A2 I5 1972
Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Vol. 1-4	REF KF87744 .F75 1995
Oxford Companion of the Supreme Court of the United States.	REF KF8742.A35 O93 1992
Oxford Companion to American Law.	REF KF154 .O96 2002
West's Encyclopedia of American Law.	REF KF154.W47 2004

Government Statutes

Delaware Code Annotated. Annual. 1975--	REF KFD30 .A4
Supreme Court Reporter. Semi-Annual.	REF KF101.1.A5X

Handbooks

Administrative Law and Process in a Nutshell. 2 nd ed.	REF KF5402 .Z9 G4 1981
Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court. 2 nd ed.	REF KF8742 .W567 1989
Consumer Law in a Nutshell. 2 nd ed.	REF KF1610 .E7 1981
Criminal Justice Information: How to Find it, How to Use it.	REF HV7419.5. C75 1998
Criminal Justice Research in Libraries and on the Internet.	REF Z5703.4.C73 N45 1997
Criminal Law in a Nutshell. 2 nd ed.	REF KF9219.3.L63 1987
Criminal Procedure.	REF KF9619 .L34 2004
Effective Legal Research. 3 rd ed.	REF KF 240 .P7 1969b
Environmental Law Handbook	REF KF3775 .E64 1997
Evidence in a Nutshell. 2 nd ed.	REF KF8935 .Z9 R6 1981
FBI: A Comprehensive Reference Guide.	REF HV8935 .H25 1998
Handbook of Crime and Punishment.	REF HV 6789 .H25 1998
International Handbook of Contemporary Developments in Criminology. Vol. 1-2	REF HV6028 I57 1983
Law of Corrections and Prisoners' Rights in a Nutshell. 2 nd ed.	REF KF9728 .Z9 K7 1983

Legal Research in a Nutshell.	REF KF240. C54 1985
Rights of Juveniles: The Juvenile Justice System.	REF KF9794 .D38
Sources of Information on the Social Sciences: A Guide to Literature.	REF Z7161 .S666 1986
The Social Sciences: A Cross Disciplinary Guide to Selected Sources.	REF Z7161 .5648 2002
Women's Legal Guide.	REF KF478 .W674 1996

Indexes To Periodicals

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature. 1900 --	REF A13.R48
Social Sciences Index. 1974 --	REF A13.S62

Sources of Statistics

Crime State Rankings 1995: crime in the 50 United States	REF HV6787 .C75 1995
Statistical Abstract of the United States. Annual.	REF HA202 .S7
Statistical Handbook on Violence in America.	REF HN90 .V5 S833 1996
Statistics Sources.	REF Z7551 .S8 1997
Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics. Annual. 1973-2003	REF HV7245 .N37b
Vital Statistics in Corrections.	REF HV8482 .A1 V57 1989

Criminal Justice Periodicals at Wilmington College

- Correction Compendium
- Correction Today
- Crime and Delinquency
- Criminology and Public Policy
- Delaware Lawyer
- FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin
- Federal Probation
- Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justices
- Journal of Criminal Justices Education
- Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
- Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
- Justice Quarterly
- Labor Law Journal
- Law and Society Review
- Police Chief Magazine
- Public Administration
- Public Personnel Management
- Public Administration Review

News Resources in Print

- Delaware State News
- Law Enforcement News
- New Castle Weekly
- Newsweek
- US News and World Report
- Wilmington News Journal