

Research Guide for Criminal Justice

Selected subject headings: criminology, criminal justice administration of, police, victims of crime, etc. See a Reference Librarian for more assistance on researching by subject headings.

Reference materials located on the 1st floor of Zahnow—LIBRARY USE ONLY:

Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement (3 volumes), Sage Publications, 2005. HV7921 .E53 2005

Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice, 2nd edition (4 volumes), Macmillan Reference USA, 2002. HV6017 .E52 2002

Encyclopedia of Terrorism, Sage Publications, 2003. HV6431 .K883 2003

Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment (4 volumes), Sage Publications, 2002. HV6017 .E524 2002

Encyclopedia of White Collar & Corporate Crime (2 volumes), Sage Publications, 2005. HV6768 .E63 2005

Dictionaries

The American Dictionary Of Criminal Justice : Key Terms And Major Court Cases by Dean John Champion, Scarecrow Press, 2005. HV7411 .C48 2005

Dictionary of American Criminal Justice, Criminology, and Criminal Law by David N. Falcone, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005. KF9223.A68 F35 2005

Handbooks

Criminal Justice Information: How to Find It, How to Use It by Dennis C. Benamati, Oryx Press, 1998. HV7419.5 .C75 1998

Criminal Law and Procedure : A Manual for Michigan Police Officers, Michigan State Police Training Academy, 2006 KFM4762.A39 C75 2006

General Collection—located on the 3rd floor of Zahnow (these items may be checked out)

There are a wide variety of books on the 3rd floor pertaining to criminal justice and criminology specifically, as well as many associated disciplines. Browse for items with call numbers **HV6001 through HV9960** for CJ resources that may be checked out or perform a search through CardCat for more specific items with keyword or subject terms.

Periodicals (journals, magazines, trade publications, newspapers)

Print and microform items are located on the 2nd floor of Zahnow. Go to CardCat, then click on Print/Microform Journals to search by journal title. Approximately 40 titles are available. Print and microform periodicals are library use only items.

Many journals and newspapers are also available electronically through the Online Journal A-Z list and may be accessed off campus through your Internet connection (you will need your SVSU username and password).

Databases appropriate for research in criminal justice

Criminal Justice Periodical Index
Info Trac Criminal Justice Collection
Index to Legal Periodicals
PsycArticles
PsycInfo
PsycJournals
Sociological Abstracts
Social Science Abstracts

Multi-subject databases—especially useful at the start of research

Academic OneFile
CQ Researcher
Research Library

Please see a Reference Librarian for assistance in searching the databases.

Selected Websites

National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts Database

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/abstractdb/search.asp>

The NCJRS is administered by the Justice Department offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide. The database contains summaries of over 174,000 publications.

National Institute of Justice

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/welcome.html>

The NIJ is the research, development and evaluation agency of the Department of Justice. There is much useful information on this website, as well as the NIJ Journal whose online archive goes back to 1995.

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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

The website contains data from more than 100 sources about many aspects of criminal justice in the United States. Archived data is in PDF format back to 1994. "What's new" section provides information on updated material. A topical index and table of contents are included.

MeL "Best of the Web" Pathfinders

MeL is *Michigan E Library*, a service for Michigan residents by the Library of Michigan. Librarians across Michigan work to gather the best in websites on a variety of subjects. For websites of interest to criminal justice students, go to:

<http://mel.org>

Click on **Society and Social Issues** under **Best of the Web Pathfinders**. Please note, however, that many of the MeL websites are selected for use by the general public, rather than the academic community specifically.

As with all information sources, review them with a critical eye. If you are unsure of whether a source is credible or appropriate for your research, do not hesitate to contact a Reference Librarian.

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