



# Criminal Justice Library Resource Guide

## Finding Books

Books available from your University Libraries are located using the [UT Library Catalog](#). A link to our Catalog, our Research Databases, and other resources are found on the University Libraries home page: <http://www.utoledo.edu/library/>

**We recommend KEYWORD searches.** If a term is rather unique, a single word search may suffice (e.g. methamphetamine). For most topics, a combination of two terms or short phrases will produce fewer results that are more relevant to your information need. Example keyword searches:

"law enforcement" and immigration  
crime and ohio

## Finding Articles

This same approach to keyword searches works best for finding journal and magazine articles in our licensed [Research Databases](#). We recommend that you search using these databases and not Internet search engines such as *Google* so that you may obtain the full-texts of articles when we have rights to them.

Often, a link to the FULL-TEXT will be found within the description (i.e. citation) for the article. When it is not, click the "Find-It" link to see whether UT has access to the full article.

### [Criminal Justice Abstracts](#)

*Criminal justice abstracts* covers crime trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, police, courts, punishment and sentencing. The database contains indexes and summaries of international journal articles, books, and governmental and non-governmental reports on a wide range of topics in criminal justice.

### [Criminal Justice Periodical Index](#)

*Criminal Justice Periodical Index* can provide information on virtually any criminal justice topic, including corrections administration, law enforcement, social work, industrial security, drug rehabilitation, and criminal and family law. The database offers full text coverage for about 50 of the titles most frequently accessed by criminal justice researchers. CJPI also include complete indexing and abstracts for another 140 relevant U.S. and international journals.

### [NCJRS Abstracts Database](#)

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

Another excellent research database is produced by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (U.S. Department of Justice). This database is available via the Web. The *National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts Database* contains summaries of more than 195,000 publications including: Federal, State, and local government reports; books; research reports; journal articles; and unpublished research. Twelve core periodicals are comprehensively abstracted, and many more periodicals are routinely examined. Subject areas include corrections, courts, drugs, law enforcement, juvenile justice, crime statistics, domestic preparedness, and victims. A collection statement summarizes the acquisitions plan for documents, which date from 1970 to the present.

Additional articles on criminal justice, criminology, and related topics may be found searching other UT Research Databases: *PsycINFO*; *Social Work Abstracts*; *SocINDEX*; *Social Sciences Citation Index*; *Electronic Journal Center*; *etc.*

## Background Information (a select list)

Specialized encyclopedias in Carlson Library's Reference Section are often the best place to start your research as they provide relatively short overviews on specific topics. Having a 3 or 4 page overview will

provide you with keyword terms to use when searching for articles and books. Background information on a topic will also help you structure your thoughts and, when necessary, narrow a topic.

<i>Encyclopedia of crime &amp; justice</i> (4 vol.)	Reference section	HV6017 .E52
<i>Encyclopedia of genocide and crimes against humanity</i> (3 vol.)	Reference section	HV6322.7 .E532
<i>Encyclopedia of juvenile violence</i>	Reference section	HV9104 .E59
<i>Encyclopedia of law enforcement</i> (3 vol.)	Reference section	HV7921 .E53
<i>Encyclopedia of murder &amp; violent crime</i>	Reference section	HV6515 .E5323
<i>The Encyclopedia of Police Science</i> (2 volumes)	Reference section	HV7901 .E53
<i>Encyclopedia of white-collar &amp; corporate crime</i> (2 volumes)	Reference section	HV6768 .E63
<i>Famous American crimes and trials</i> (5 vol.)	Reference section	HV9950 .F36
<i>Homeland security law and policy</i>	Reference section	HV6432 .H664
<i>West's encyclopedia of American law</i> (10 vol.)	Reference section	KF154 .W47
<i>Women in prison : a reference handbook</i>	Reference section	HV9471 .B365
<i>World report on violence and health</i>	Reference section	RC569.5.V55 W67

## Definitions

<i>A handbook of criminal law terms</i>	Reference section	KF9217 .H36
<i>Black's law dictionary</i>	Reference section	KF156 .B53
<i>Cops, crooks, and criminologists : an international biographical dictionary of law enforcement</i>	Reference section	HV7911.A1 A94
<i>The dictionary of criminal justice</i>	Reference section	HV7411 .R87
<i>Mobspeak : the dictionary of crime terms</i>	Reference section	HV6017 .S54

## Statistics

<i>American statistics index</i>	Soc Sci Indexes	Z7554.U5 A46
<i>Bureau of Justice Statistics</i>		<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/correct.htm">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/correct.htm</a>
<i>Crime in the United States</i> [CD-ROM]		CARLSON Documents Office (3rd fl)
- also contained within the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports website:		<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm">http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm</a>
<i>City crime rankings : crime in metropolitan America</i>	Reference section	HV6787 .C57
<i>Crime state rankings : crime in the 50 United States</i>	Reference section	HV6787 .C745
<i>Prisons almanac</i>	Reference section	HV9471
<i>Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online</i>		<a href="http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook">http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook</a>
<i>The State of criminal justice : an annual report</i>		LaValley Law Library KF9223.A15 S73
<i>Statistical abstract of the United States</i>		<a href="http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab">http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab</a>

## Internet Resources

Child Welfare Information Gateway	<a href="http://www.childwelfare.gov/search/pubs_search.cfm">http://www.childwelfare.gov/search/pubs_search.cfm</a>
Cornell University's LII ( <i>Legal Information Institute</i> )	<a href="http://www.law.cornell.edu/">http://www.law.cornell.edu/</a>
A source of legal information such as federal code, state code, world law, court opinions, constitutions, directories, etc.	
Central Intelligence Agency	<a href="https://www.cia.gov/">https://www.cia.gov/</a>
Federal Bureau of Investigation	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/">http://www.fbi.gov/</a>
Criminal Justice Resources	<a href="http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/crimjust/index.htm">http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/crimjust/index.htm</a>
A comprehensive guide to websites from Michigan State University	
Officer.com	<a href="http://www.officer.com/">http://www.officer.com/</a>
Portal of information: news, events, products, directories, agencies, etc.	
Office of National Drug Control Policy	<a href="http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/">http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/</a>
US Dept. of Justice	<a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/">http://www.usdoj.gov/</a>
US Drug Enforcement Administration	<a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/index.htm">http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/index.htm</a>
US Dept. of Homeland Security	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm">http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm</a>
The <u>Ohio Government and Law</u> section of <i>OPLIN</i> provides an excellent list to state websites:	
	<a href="http://www.oplin.org/">http://www.oplin.org/</a>