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

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](http://www.utoledo.edu/library/). We recommend that you search using these databases and not Internet search engines such as [Google](http://www.google.com) 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**
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](http://www.ncjrs.gov/abstractdb/search.asp) 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](http://www.apa.org/psycinfo/); [Social Work Abstracts](http://www.elysium.org/); [SocINDEX](http://www.socindex.com/); [Social Sciences Citation Index](http://www.isinet.com/); [Electronic Journal Center](http://www.ejournals.com/); 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

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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.

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

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

Statistics
American statistics index Soc Sci Indexes Z7554.U5 A46
- also contained within the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports website: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm
City crime rankings : crime in metropolitan America Reference section HV6787 .C57
Crime state rankings : crime in the 50 United States Reference section HV6787 .C745
Prisons almanac Reference section HV9471
Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook
The State of criminal justice : an annual report LaValley Law Library KF9223.A15 S73
Statistical abstract of the United States http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab

Internet Resources
Cornell University’s LII (Legal Information Institute) http://www.law.cornell.edu/
A source of legal information such as federal code, state code, world law, court opinions, constitutions, directories, etc.
Central Intelligence Agency https://www.cia.gov/
Federal Bureau of Investigation http://www.fbi.gov/
Criminal Justice Resources http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/crimjust/index.htm
A comprehensive guide to websites from Michigan State University
Officer.com http://www.officer.com/
Portal of information: news, events, products, directories, agencies, etc.
US Dept. of Justice http://www.usdoj.gov/
The Ohio Government and Law section of OPLIN provides an excellent list to state websites:
http://www.oplin.org/