Criminal Justice

A Guide to Selected Resources

Reference & Fact Finding

The American Dictionary of Criminal Justice: Key Terms and Major Court Cases, 2nd ed. [REF HV 7411 .C48]
Consists of two parts. The first is a list of criminal justice terms, including brief entries on major criminal justice figures. The second is an annotated list of cases (largely those argued before the Supreme Court) that have had a major impact in the field of criminal justice. Use the index to find major cases on a given topic.

APA Handbook of Forensic Psychology [REF RA 1148 .A63]
2 volumes. Vol. 1 provides in-depth articles on individual and situational influences in criminal and civil contexts (including intimate partner violence and sexual offending). Vol. 2 deals with criminal investigation, adjudication, and sentencing outcomes (including juvenile offenders, eyewitness testimony, community corrections, and the death penalty.

Black's Law Dictionary (10th ed.) [REF KF 156 .B53]
Offers brief, technical definitions of legal terms.

CQ Researcher
Online access to weekly reports that provide background information on current topics of widespread interest. Designed as a starting place for research, each issue contains analysis, charts, a chronology, statistics, pro-con discussions, and an annotated bibliography.

Issues & Controversies
Provides analysis for more than 250 controversial topics. Includes basic facts, historical and statistical information, pro/con discussions, selected historical source documents, maps and graphics, and sources for additional research. (1995-Current)

Crime and Justice: A Review of Research [HV 6001 .C672]
Series of volumes of essays on crime-related research subjects published by the University of Chicago Press.

Crime and the Justice System in America: An Encyclopedia [REF HV 6789 .C6884]
Covers 1960 to the present and projects into the 21st century for violent crime, terrorism, riots, gangs, guns and gun control, AIDS, drugs and drug related crime, and corporate and political crime.

Criminal Justice Information: How to Find It, How to Use It [REF HV 7419.5 .C75]
A comprehensive guide to print, electronic, and online criminal justice resources.

Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice 2nd ed. [REF HV 6017 .E52]
Covers today's issues from abortion to wiretapping and eavesdropping.
Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment [REF HV 6017 .E524]
Covers a wide range of topics. Each volume has an appendix, which include 'Careers in Criminal Justice' (Vol. 1), 'Web Resources' (Vol. 2), 'Professional and Scholarly Organizations' (Vol. 3), and 'Selected Bibliography' (Vol. 4). The fourth volume also contains a chronology of events in criminal justice from 1795 B.C.E. to the present. Be sure to see the 'Readers Guide' to find articles on related topics.

Encyclopedia of Police Science [REF HV 7901 .E53]
Covers all aspects of police science. Some entries include step-by-step procedures for conducting investigations (Arson Investigations), while others outline various program standards (Physical Fitness Standards). Also includes brief histories of various U.S. police departments and biographies of important historical figures.

Offers an interdisciplinary perspective into many social issues. With more than 600 entries, these two volumes cover all of the major theories, approaches, and contemporary issues in social problems and also provide insight into how social conditions get defined as social problems, and the ways different people and organizations view and try to solve them.

Contents include: Access control; Bank security; budgeting; Business ethics; Corporate crime; Drug abuse in the workplace; Fire protection; forensic sciences; Government security; Home security; Hospital security; Information security; Management of people; National security; Office security; Physical security; Policy and procedures; Real estate security; Racketeering; Risk analysis; Security education; Security officer operations; Systems management; Terrorism; Training; Transportation security; Violence in the workplace; White collar crime. Also many sample policies, procedures, guides, forms, checklists.

Encyclopedia of Sociology [REF HM 17 .E5]
Covers such topics as U.S. court systems, crime deterrence, crime rates, theories of crime, criminal and delinquent subcultures, criminal sanctions, criminology, family violence, organized crime, probation and parole, police, sexual violence and abuse, violent crime, white-collar crime, etc. Each entry includes a brief bibliography.

Forensic Science [REF HV 8073 .F5837]
A comprehensive reference source on the theory, techniques, and application of the various forensic sciences. The "articles" contain helpful top matter that defines the topics and summarizes their relevance to forensic science and the Further Reading notes. The appendixes include a biographical directory of key figures in the history of the field, a glossary, a directory of television shows in which forensic sciences figure prominently, and a time line of major events.

Encyclopedia of White-Collar & Corporate Crime [REF HV 6788 .E63]
Covers specific companies and individuals as well as legal and thematic topics which fall under categories such as business fraud and crimes, consumers, countries and regions, criminology and justice, financial and securities fraud, medical and healthcare fraud, political scandals, pollution, products, regulation, scams and swindles, war-profiteering, and work-related crimes.

Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation [REF HV 8073 .039 2003]
Covers essential elements of a criminal investigation, including: crime scene searches, interviewing, surveillance, finding information, fingerprinting, rules of evidence and testimony in court, and specific offenses (such as arson, narcotics, sex offenders, larceny, burglary, homicide, assault and more).

Handbook of Criminal Justice Administration [REF HV 7419 .H37]
"addresses various perspectives on the judicial, correctional, and law enforcement components of the criminal justice system, including history, ethics, prevention, intervention, due process, marginalized populations, international consequences, and demands for professionalism."

Historic U. S. Court Cases, 1690-1990: An Encyclopedia [KF 385 .A4 J64]
Essays on major cases that have had an impact on American law and society, with sections on civil liberties, minority rights, women, and economics.

History of the Supreme Court of the United States [KF 8742 .A45 H55]

Massachusetts General Laws
Massachusetts General Laws Annotated [LexisNexis]
The Library has access to the Massachusetts General Laws: Annotated through the Library database, LexisNexis. You can find and then search by clicking on 'publication' entering 'MA - Annotated Laws of Massachusetts' and entering a word like 'law' into the keyword search. From any of the results click on the 'View Table of Contents' link.

History of law in the United States, discussing how legal culture has changed across social eras. Entries such as "Technology and the Law," "Law and Literature," and "United States Obligations to the U.N." consider connections between legal, social, and political systems. Also includes standard legal terms and key legal concepts, as well as short biographies of leading individuals in the legal profession.

U.S. Code (Annotated) (Available through LexisNexis)

The standard summary of statistics on the social, political and economic organization of the U.S. Includes government and private statistical data that is primarily national in scope. Includes some regional, state, and metropolitan statistics; also some comparative international statistics.

Books & Articles

WorldCat Discovery is a single search box on the Library’s homepage that searches:

- All library-owned print books, including textbooks and reserves
- Millions of ebooks through eBook Central, Google Books, and the Hathi Trust Digital Library
- Journal articles, conference papers and newspaper articles from most of the Library's databases
  - Some databases are better suited to being searched directly (see the next section)
- And books and articles outside of our library by selecting Libraries Worldwide
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ONE SEARCH TO FIND THEM ALL

Browse the Call Numbers of print books (find and look around the below locations in the book shelves):

- HV 6080 - 6113 Criminal Psychology
- HV 6115 - 6190 Causes of Crime
- HV 6251 - 6773 Crimes and Offenses
- HV 7551 - 8290 Police
- HV 8301 - 9960 Prisons and Corrections
- KE 4216 - 4410 Constitutional Law
- KE 8802 - 9445 Criminal Law

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Other Article Databases

WorldCat Discovery searches MOST of the library databases. Those listed here are either NOT available via WorldCat Discovery or contain content that must be found or are better found directly in the relevant database. Each database below will include a note indicating not found (NF) or better found (BF).

If you cannot access the full text of an article in these databases, place an Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery request.

**National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts Database** (NF) ([http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/AbstractDB/AbstractDBSearch.aspx](http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/AbstractDB/AbstractDBSearch.aspx))
The National Criminal Justice Reference Service is an internal clearinghouse for information on law enforcement and criminal justice. "The collection, with holdings from the early 1970s to the present, contains more than 170,000 publications, reports, articles, and audiovisual products from the United States and around the world. These resources include statistics, research findings, program descriptions, congressional hearing transcripts, and training materials."

**Statista** (NF)
Statistics and studies gathered by market researchers, trade organizations, scientific publications, and government sources on over 600 industries

**APA PsychNet** (NF)
Citations to a large amount of content from APA publications and more. To get to search screen, under "New Users" click on "Search" link. To narrow content to specific types of articles choose "Journal Articles" from Document Type menu and choose type of Methodology (such as Empirical Study). You can also check box for Peer Reviewed articles only.

**Nexis Uni** (NF)
Articles (and more) from a wide variety of sources -- newspaper and magazine articles, business data, medical and health information, legal materials, and reference sources.

Great Websites!

| GATEWAYS | STATISTICS | LEGAL RESEARCH | SECURITY MANAGEMENT | TERRORISM | LAW ENFORCEMENT & CORRECTIONS | JUVENILE JUSTICE |

**WEB GATEWAYS**
Criminal Justice "Metasites"

**National Criminal Justice Reference Center** [http://www.ncjrs.gov]
Issues many valuable research studies and factsheets on crime, law enforcement, victims, etc. which are available in full text through the search feature. Even more important, NCJRS maintains a searchable Abstracts database which indexes criminal justice journals, newsletters, books, and government reports.

Law "Metasites"

**FindLaw**

**Guide to Law Online** (Law Library of Congress)

**Legal Information Institute** (Cornell University)
Legal Engine (State, National, International research)

STATISTICS
Crime in the United States [https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s]
Record date of crimes committed across the United States. Maintained by the FBI and reported yearly.

Bureau of Justice Statistics [http://www.bjs.gov/]
Statistics on every crimes and victims, criminal offenders, and the justice system, including prosecution, corrections, and courts. Source data and codebooks from four agencies within the U.S. Department of Justice: BJS, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the FBI, are available at no cost.

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online [http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/]
A continuously updated online presentation of the statistical data on criminal justice systems, public attitudes toward crime and criminal-justice related topics, characteristics of persons arrested, the judicial processing of defendants, and information about persons under correctional supervision published annually in the print Sourcebook of Criminal Justice. The Bureau of Justice Statistics is organized into six topical sections searchable by keyword. Coverage varies and is unpredictable; some data are available for only one year, in other cases, data cover select years or consecutive years.

FBI: Uniform Crime Reports [https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr]
Data down to the county level on Part I (murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson) and Part II (forgery, fraud, embezzlement, vandalism, weapons violations, sex offenses, drug and alcohol abuse violations, gambling, vagrancy, curfew violations, and runaways) offenses, as reported by the FBI. In addition to these reports, information is available on the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Program and the Hate Crime Statistics Program, as well as the traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC)
Federal law enforcement statistics and findings.

LEGAL RESEARCH
Massachusetts State Law
Links to laws, regulations and cases. Be sure to also check out the topic search and the 'pathfinders' (bibliographies of print and electronic resources on selected subjects'). The added gem is a searchable database for Code of Massachusetts Regulations. You can also chat or email a law librarian with legal questions.

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Massachusetts State Ethics Commission [http://www.mass.gov/ethics/]
This state agency is responsible for overseeing state employees and determining if their alleged behavior is ethical. Be sure to check the list of press releases and older cases.

State Resource Center
[http://webservices.lexisnexis.com/legalresearch/legalguide/states/states_resources_index.htm]
For each of the fifty states, the State Resource Center provides extensive lists of links to statewide offices, the state's legal branches, its counties, its rules of court, important legal forms, and more.

Federal Law
U.S. Code (Un-annotated)
The United States Code is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. It is prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the United States House of Representatives.

Popular Names of Acts in the U.S. Code (Cornell University Law School)
Entries are listed alphabetically, and for some of the Popular Names
United States Supreme Court Decisions [http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/]
This site is one of the most valuable sites for searching federal law both cases and statutes. This link will bring you to the United States Supreme Court database.

Federal Appeals Court 1st Circuit [http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov/]
Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Puerto Rico are all in the First Circuit.

Federal Statutes and Code [http://www.law.cornell.edu/statutes.html]
Once again, Cornell Law School Project has a link to federal statutory Law.

Code of Federal Regulations

Uniform Commercial Code (Cornell)

History of the Federal Judiciary (Federal Judicial Center) [http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf]
"presents basic reference information about the history of the federal courts and the judges who have served on those courts since 1789."

International Resources

World Factbook of Criminal Justice Systems (U.S. Dept. of Justice) [https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/html/wfcj.cfm]
The Factbook provides narrative descriptions of the criminal justice systems of 45 countries around the world.

Information Security/CyberCrime

Info-Security Magazine [https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/]
This online magazine provides access to security news, insight and analysis. The site includes a library of white papers on security issues and job listings for information security professionals.

Department of Justice Computer Crimes and Intellectual Property Section [http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/]
This site publishes the Federal guidelines on searching and seizing computers. It also has the latest information relative to the Patriot Act and news bites on the latest Department of Justice investigations.

TERRORISM

Congressional Service Reports on Terrorism [https://fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/index.html]
The Congressional Research Service, a component of the Library of Congress, conducts research and analysis for Congress on a broad range of national policy issues.

Combating Terrorism Center (at West Point) [https://ctc.usma.edu/]
Combating Terrorism Center is an academic institution at the United States Military Academy (USMA) in West Point, New York that provides education, research and policy analysis in the specialty areas of terrorism.

Global Terrorist Database [http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd]
“Information on terrorist events around the world from 1970 through 2016 (with annual updates planned for the future). Unlike many other event databases, the GTD includes systematic data on domestic as well as international terrorist incidents that have occurred during this time period.”

Homeland Security Digital Library [Library Database]
The HSDC is a collection of documents related to homeland security policy, strategy, and organizational management. It contains documents from federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies, professional organizations, think tanks, academic institutions, and international governing bodies.

Terrorist Group Profiles [https://www.dni.gov/nctc/groups.html]
The National Counterterrorism Center offers a profile of terrorist groups and contains useful information.
LAW ENFORCEMENT & CORRECTIONS

**Police Officer’s Information Site** [http://www.officer.com]
Officer.com is the most popular site in law enforcement with over 3,000 hits per day. It includes agency directories, special units, merchandisers and police officers’ home pages.

**Crime Scene Investigator Net** [http://www.crime-scene-investigator.net]
Several links and helpful information to crime scene investigators a must see.

**The National Association of Police Organizations** [http://www.napo.org/]
(NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America’s law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education.

The mission of the COPS Office is to advance community policing in jurisdictions across the country.

**The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training** [http://www.iadlest.org/]
(IADLEST) is an international organization of training managers and executives dedicated to the improvement of public safety personnel. The mission of IADLEST is to research, develop and share information, ideas and innovations that assist states in establishing effective and defensible standards for employment and training of peace officers.

**Massachusetts State Police** [http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/msp/]
See this page for updates on entrance exams and to learn about the agency.

**Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association** [http://www.masschiefs.org/]
Good information on civil service exams, training materials and the latest legal cases.

CORRECTIONS

**American Correctional Association** [http://www.aca.org/]
The ACA is the oldest and largest correctional association in the world. They offer a tremendous amount of information.

**Federal Bureau of Prisons** [http://www.bop.gov/]
A federal agency that offers a wealth of information on the prison system.

**Massachusetts Department of Correction** [https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-correction]
The state agency here in Massachusetts that employs correctional officers and runs the state correctional facilities.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

They have a large links and reference sections on issues affecting juveniles and the criminal justice system.

**Youth on Board** [http://www.youthonboard.org/]
An organization out of Massachusetts that is a visionary grassroots nonprofit organization founded in 1994. “We prepare youth to be leaders in their communities and strengthen relationships between youth and adults by providing publications, customized workshops, and technical assistance.”