

## Finding Books

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### Subject Headings

**Crime and Criminals** (what people do and why they do it)

\*Note: for individual crimes search the subject  
“Criminal Law” and then view “Related subjects”.

**Law Enforcement** (includes Peace Officers)

**Courts**

**Criminal Procedure**

**Corrections**

### Library of Congress Call Number Areas

#### HV 6001-7220.5 Criminology

HV 6250-6250.4 Victimology

HV 6251-6773 Crimes and offenses

HV 6774-7220.5 Crimes and criminal classes

#### HV 7231-9920.5 Penology

HV 7428 Social Work with delinquents and  
criminals

HV 7431 Prevention of crime

HV 7551-8280.8 Police

HV 8301-9025 Prisons

HV 9051-9230.7 Juvenile Offender

HV 9261-9430.7 Reformation and reclamation of  
adult prisoners

To find books on a topic, it may work best to use a **Subject Heading** search. Entering a term such as **Corrections** produces a list of related subject headings. Use the broad headings to the left to help you browse and identify more specific headings. Click on a heading to see a list of books and other materials related to that particular subject.

Word searches are helpful when you don't know which specific subject heading to use, or when you want to combine multiple concepts. Click on **Words** and enter combinations of terms such as **police and force** to produce a list of items with both terms included. You can also limit a search by material type, such as **Video Recording** for VHS tapes or DVDs.

You can browse for items on a particular topic in the Michener Reference and Stacks areas using the **Library of Congress Call Numbers** listed to the left

For more information about the use of The Source and finding materials in the Libraries, see  
[http://www.unco.edu/library/instruct/basic\\_guides.htm](http://www.unco.edu/library/instruct/basic_guides.htm)

## Reference Books and Online Databases

Reference books, which include dictionaries, encyclopedias, directories, and other resources, used for gathering background material about a topic and looking up quick facts, are **located in the Reference area** on Michener Library's first floor. These books are for use in the Library. A small sample of representative titles includes:

### Criminal Justice Research

- Criminal justice information : how to find it, how to use it / **Michnr Ref**; HV7419.5 .C75 1998
- Research methods in criminal justice and criminology / **Mich Stks**; HV6024.5 .H33 2003
- Using government information sources : electronic and print / **Michnr Ref Desk**; J83 .S435 2001

### Background and Justice Systems

- Dictionary of crime terms / **Mich Ref**; HV6017 .S54 2003
- Encyclopedia of crime & justice / **Mich Ref**; HV6017 .E52 2002 and online via [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) database
- Encyclopedia of juvenile justice / **Mich Ref**; HV9104 .E58 2003
- Handbook of transnational crime & justice / **Mich Ref**; HV6252 .H36 2004
- Legal systems of the world : a political, social, and cultural encyclopedia / **Mich Ref**; K48 .L44 2002

### Crime and Criminals

- Domestic violence and child abuse sourcebook / **Mich Ref**; HV6626.2 .D66 2000
- Drug use : a reference handbook / **Mich Ref**; HV5801 .I67 2004
- Encyclopedia of criminology and deviant behavior /; **Mich Ref**; HV6017 .E53 2001
- Encyclopedia of white-collar & corporate crime / **Mich Ref, Mich Stks**; HV6768 .E63 2005
- Encyclopedia of women and crime / **Mich Ref**; HV6046 .E56 2000
- Drug use : a reference handbook / **Mich Ref**; HV5801 .I67 2004
- Terrorism : a guide to events and documents / **Mich Ref**; HV6431 .K698 2004

## **Reference Books and Online Databases (continued)**

### **Law Enforcement**

- Encyclopedia of law enforcement / **Mich Ref**; HV7921 .E53 2005
- Police officer's handbook : an introductory guide / **Mich Stks**; HV8080.P2 S74 2005

### **Courts/Criminal Procedure**

- Black's Law dictionary; **Mich Ref**; KF156 .B53 1999
- West's encyclopedia of American law / **Mich Ref**; KF154 .W47 2005

### **Corrections**

- Encyclopedia of prisons & correctional facilities / **Mich Ref**; HV9471 .E693 2005

There are also some online reference sources available through the Libraries that are helpful in finding general information on criminal justice in the U.S. and other countries. From the Online Databases and Article Indexes page

(<http://www.unco.edu/library/dbases.htm>) under Reference, see:

- [CQ Researcher](#) – in-depth exploration of issues in the news
- [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) – a database of specialized encyclopedias, including the [Encyclopedia of crime & justice](#)
- [World Almanac](#) –includes World almanac and encyclopedias useful for gathering information on various countries

## **Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles**

Use article indexes to identify magazine, journal, or newspaper articles on your subject. The following indexes are accessible through The Source (<http://source.unco.edu>). Click on Online databases and article indexes.

- \*[Academic Search Premier](#) – index to general magazines and scholarly journals in many fields
- \*[Criminal Justice Abstracts](#) -- index of books, articles, & reports in criminology and criminal justice
- [LegalTrac](#) -- articles from law journals; some full text.
- \*[LexisNexis Academic](#) – legal news & reviews, case law, codes, and regulations
- [LexisNexis Congressional](#) – U .S. legislative information
- \*[National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts](#) – research, policy, and practice related to criminal and juvenile justice, and drug control
- [PAIS International](#) – index of articles relating to public and social policy issues
- [Social Sciences Abstracts](#) -- indexes a wide range of fields including addiction studies, corrections & sociology
- [Social Sciences Citation Index](#) – bibliographic citations and cited references from a broad range of social sciences disciplines. Often used as a citation analysis tool.
- [Social Services Abstracts](#) – journal articles and dissertations in social work, human services, social welfare, and social policy.
- \*[Sociological Abstracts](#) – index of articles, dissertations, books, and book reviews in sociology and related disciplines.
- [Women's Studies International](#) -- core disciplines in Women's Studies, including the latest scholarship in feminist research
- [WorldCat](#) –catalog of books and other materials from libraries worldwide.

*\* indicates best databases to start with for most undergraduate research projects*

## **Finding Criminal Justice Statistics**

The following are a limited sampling of some key statistical sources. Please see the [University Libraries Criminal Justice Statistics Research Guide](#) for more complete information on gathering data on the nature and extent of crime.

- Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Crime and Victims Statistics / <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cvict.htm>
- FBI Uniform Crime Reports: Crime in the United States / <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>
- Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics / <http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/>
- Statistical Abstract of the United States / **Michnr Ref Desk** & <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>
- [LexisNexis Statistical](#) database / From <http://source.unco.edu> →select the" Online databases and article indexes" link →Click "L" → Select LexisNexis Statistical

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