

Collection Subject Statement: Criminal Justice

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The Criminal Justice collections at the University of Pittsburgh University Library System (ULS) can be found at multiple locations including Hanley Library, Hillman Library, Millstein Library, Owen Library, and Thomas Blvd Library.

Purpose and Audience

The University offers undergraduate majors and minors in Criminal Justice and related fields of study, such as forensic science and cybersecurity, at the Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Pittsburgh campuses. There is currently no graduate-level program. The Criminal Justice collections support the learning, teaching, and research needs of students, faculty, and staff in the respective departments, providing cross-disciplinary research and access to materials that intersect with other areas such as sociology, psychology, history, political science, and law.

Guiding Principles and Areas of Focus

The materials in the Criminal Justice collections are intended to represent diverse perspectives, populations, and methodologies, promoting a comprehensive understanding of the discipline. In addition to the curriculum, the research areas of faculty directly influence the strategy for the collections. New acquisitions are informed by thoughtful review with additional items acquired upon request for teaching and research purposes. Expanding the collections to support new curriculum and evolving topics, such as police ethics, equal justice, and digital age crime, is a priority.

Scope

The Criminal Justice collections offer a wide range of print and digital materials in the form of monographs, journals, films, conference proceedings, association reports, symposium papers, society publications, and research reports issued by international organizations and United States and state governments. Textbooks and handbooks are acquired selectively or upon request.

The collections include a wide selection of peer-reviewed journals and trade publications in both print and electronic formats, which are discoverable through the catalog and subscription databases. Films related to Criminal Justice, in the form of documentaries and feature films, are acquired selectively or upon request, and are available in physical and streaming formats.

Priority is given to current publications. Older imprints are collected selectively, usually as replacements for classic works, or upon request. The collection is primarily in English and the primary geographic focus for the collections is on materials about the United States.

Library of Congress Classification

The Criminal Justice collections are primarily classified under the following areas and developed at the instructional support level, consisting of works created for the basic through advanced undergraduate level. Graduate- and research-level materials are collected selectively and upon request.

HV (Criminology)

- **HV6001-7220.5:** Criminology
- **HV6035-6197:** Criminal anthropology (Including criminal types, criminal psychology, prison psychology, causes of crime)
- **HV6201-6249:** Criminal classes
- **HV6250-6250.4:** Victims of crimes. Victimology
- **HV6251-6773.55:** Crimes and offenses
- **HV6774-7220.5:** Crimes and criminal classes
- **HV7231-9960:** Criminal Justice administration
- **HV7428:** Social work with delinquents and criminals
- **HV7431:** Prevention of crime, methods, etc.
- **HV7435-7439:** Gun control
- **HV7551-8280.7:** Police. Detectives. Constabulary
- **HV7935-8054:** Administration and organization
- **HV8031-8080:** Police duty. Methods of protection
- **HV8035-8069:** Special classes of crimes, offenses and criminals
- **HV8073.8079.35:** Investigation of crimes. Examination and identification of prisoners
- **HV8079.2-8079.35:** Police social work
- **HV8301-9920.7:** Penology. Prisons. Corrections.
- **HV9051-9230.7:** The juvenile offender. Juvenile delinquency. Reform schools, etc.
- **HV9261-9430.7:** Reformation and reclamation of adult prisoners

K (Law)

- **K1-7720:** Law in general
- **K2100-2385:** Courts. Procedure
- **K500-5582:** Criminal law and procedure
- **KB1572-1690:** Interdisciplinary discussion of subjects. Courts and procedure
- **KB3000-3034:** Police and public safety
- **KB3790-4855:** Criminal law and procedure

KF (Law of the United States)

- **KF1-9827:** Federal law. Common and collective state law
- **KFP1-599:** Pennsylvania

Connections & Collaborations

The ULS collaborates with other institutions and consortia to acquire specialized materials that support research, teaching, and learning in the subject of Criminal Justice particularly in areas where shared resources improve accessibility to rare or costly materials. Regionally and nationally, the ULS participates in several consortia for collection development (EAST, Hathi Trust, CRL) and resource sharing (PALCI EZBorrow, OCLC Interlibrary Loan, RapidILL) that shape strategy for the Criminal Justice collections. Within the University, the intersection of Criminal

Justice with other departments and disciplines such as Sociology, Psychology, Information Science, Law, Political Science, Chemistry, Biology, and History informs the development and scope of the collections.

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Sources of Information

<https://www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/criminal-justice-ba>

<https://www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/forensic-science-bs>

<https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/academics/degree-finder/criminal-justice>

<https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/academics/majors-programs/social-sciences/criminal-justice>

<https://www.academics.pitt.edu/programs/law-criminal-justice-and-society>