

Key Resources for Criminal Justice

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Books & eBooks

A range of books on Criminal Justice is available in the Aldham Roberts Library. A list of common shelf numbers for Criminal Justice is below. The main collection for Psychology is at Avril Roberts Library, with only a small collection at Aldham Roberts Library. Numbers are on the book spines and there are library signs to guide you, but if unsure please ask for help.

Crime and Criminological Theory	364
Criminal justice research	364.072
Criminal psychology, profiling, and behaviour	364.3
Criminology, policy, and crime prevention	364.4
Criminal justice system	364.941
Global crime, harm, and terrorism	364.1
History of Crime and Justice	364.9
Law enforcement	363.2
Prisons & Punishment	365 – 365.973
Sexual crime and justice	345.0253
Victims	362.88
Youth justice	364.36

You may browse our shelves to see what is available in your subject area or search using '**Discover**'. Remember that many electronic books (eBooks) are also available through Discover.

Journals

Journals are published on a regular basis and contain up-to-date information. Journals contain articles focussing on specific topics written by subject specialists.

To find individual journal titles on your subject area:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Journals** option
- Type a journal title you wish to access and select the search icon
- Select a journal title to see more details and availability.
- eJournals will have links to view online
- Print journals will show the number of issues and location.

Below is a list of some key journals for Criminal Justice.

Aggression and Violent Behaviour
Behavioural Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression
British journal of criminology
Crime and Delinquency
Criminal Justice Ethics
Criminal Justice Matters
Criminology & Criminal Justice
Critical Criminology
International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences
Journal of Criminological Research, Policy, and Practice
Journal of Gender, Race & Justice
Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice
Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice
The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice
Victims & Offenders
Women & Criminal Justice

Databases

You can search for journal articles using **Discover** or via individual databases. There are different types of databases. For example:

- **Full-text databases** provide access to full-text information such as journal articles, reports, book chapters, newspaper articles ...
- **Abstracting and Indexing Databases** are searchable indexes, you can view the abstract or summary for each resource. If full-text is available follow the link, if not you can request

an [Inter-library loan](#) at: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/library/resources/request-service>

To access a database:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Databases** option
- Select **Advance Educational Practice** to see suggested databases or type the name of the database in the search box and select the **search icon**
- Select the database title to see more details and note any log-in requirements
- Select the database link

Academic Full-Text Databases

The databases below are listed in alphabetical order.

Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text

Contains full-text journals for criminology; criminal justice; criminal law and procedure; corrections and prisons; police and policing; criminal investigation, history of crime and more.

Ingenta

Search or browse many free, open access and LJMU subscribed social science journals relevant to Criminology.

JSTOR

Provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books, and primary sources in 75 disciplines.

Law Trove

A Law collection including access to 12 core texts for Criminology and Criminal Justice with linked additional materials.

Policing Insight

Relevant and up-to-date policing news publication, also providing a platform to share knowledge, insight, and opinion. Firstly, 'Register', choose a username, and use LJMU email address. Select the link in the 'Welcome email' to validate your account and set a password. You see 'Hello [username], your access is SUBSCRIBER via Liverpool John Moores University'.

If you do not receive the welcome email, check your spam folder, or contact:

enquiries@policinginsight.com for assistance. You then have full access to all PI content, which are marked 'OPEN' when logged in. Log in each time for full access. Once registered you receive a **weekly newsletter**.

ProQuest Central

Provides access to databases across all major subject areas and includes thousands of full-text scholarly journals, trade and professional titles, newspapers, magazines, dissertations, working papers, case studies, and market reports.

Psycharticles

Full text of over 100 psychology titles.

Sage Journals

A multidisciplinary database providing access to quality, peer-reviewed journals published by Sage.

ScienceDirect

The world's leading source for scientific, technical, and medical research. It is a multidisciplinary database, which provides full-text access to more than 16 million references from over 2,500 high-quality journals and over 39,000 books and major reference works. Digital archive dates to 1823.

Taylor and Francis

A multidisciplinary database providing full-text access to quality, peer-reviewed journals published by Taylor & Francis, Routledge, and Psychology Press.

Wiley

A multi-disciplinary database providing access to over 4 million articles from 1,600 journals, online book chapters, and eBooks published by Wiley.

Abstract and Index Databases

Psychinfo

Indexing and abstracts of a breadth of research in the behavioural and social sciences from books and journals.

Scopus

Multi-disciplinary abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: journals, books, and conference proceedings, many with links to full text.

Web of Science

A powerful research platform and global citation index including over 161 million records for books, peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and conference proceedings across 254 disciplines. It includes access to the Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1975-), Science Citation Index Expanded (1970-), and Social Sciences Citation Index Expanded (1970-). It also contains citation data, for example: journal impact factors and h-index to help you identify quality research.

Newspaper Databases

Current News & News Archives including:

Guardian and Observer Digital Archive 1791-2003; Gale News Vault; Daily Express, Star, Mirror, Independent & FT.com; Times Digital Archive, 1785-2010; New York Times, Washington Post

Factiva

Provides news from over 10,000 sources, including the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Dow Jones and Reuter's newswires, and the Associated Press. Produced as a source of business information, it also contains articles from international (and British) newspapers, including national and regional titles, broadsheets, and tabloids.

Lexis+

Access to up-to-date legislation, case law, commentary, and full-text and abstract of a wide range of legal journal articles. The News tab contains an archive of UK national and regional newspapers, with coverage from the 1990s up to the present day.

PressReader

Connects you to the world's newspapers and magazines. This includes over 7,000 newspapers and magazines from over 90 countries in over 50 languages in full colour, full-page format. App and webpage.

TV, Radio, Film, Documentaries and Video Databases

Academic Videos Online

Box of Broadcasts

Box of Broadcasts (BoB) gives you access to an archive of over one million TV and radio programmes from 2007 onwards, including all the main free-to-air TV channels. You can link and make short clips and playlists of content. Provides streaming access to over 25,000 films, documentaries, and educational videos. New content is added every month.

Kanopy Film

Social Science collection includes Law, Criminal Justice, Race...

Sage Video

LJMU has access to the Criminology & Criminal Justice Collection of academic videos aimed at all Levels from UG to Researchers.

Statistics and Social Data Databases

Statista

Provides access to statistics, studies, and reports on countries, industries, and consumer markets. It has global coverage

UK Data Service

The UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resource, including UK census data and government-funded surveys as well as qualitative and business data. The UK's largest collection of social, economic, and population data resources, including UK census data and government-funded surveys as well as qualitative and business data.

Websites

The content of websites is unregulated. Therefore, it is important that you check the quality and accuracy of the information on the internet to ensure that it is reliable, accurate, and of an academic standard. There are selected websites or search engines that you can use to help find appropriate information online, for example, Google Scholar. If you find details for a relevant resource on the internet, you can check if LJMU has full-text access.

Centre for Crime and Justice Studies

Independent charity that advances public understanding of crime, criminal justice, and social harm: <https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/>

Crime and Justice Statistics

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice>

Crime levels and trends for England and Wales.

Crime Datasets

<https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/get-data/themes/crime> Access to primary data sources provided by the UK Data Service.

Equality and Human Rights Commission

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en>

Great Britain's independent statutory equality body, with the role of encouraging diversity and equality, and safeguarding and enforcing the laws that protect people's rights to fairness, dignity, and respect.

Howard League for Penal Reform

<https://howardleague.org/>

An independent organisation that works for less crime, safer communities, fewer people in prison, and tackling the underlying causes of crime.

Ministry of Justice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice>

Responsible for courts, prisons and probation, reforming the criminal justice system, serving the public and supporting the victims of crime.

Parliament Research Briefings

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/>

Briefings for members of Houses of Commons and Lords produced by the House of Commons library.

Victims' Commissioner

<https://victimscommissioner.org.uk/>

Promotes the interests of victims and witnesses, appointed by ministers but independent voice.

Further Help

The Academic Engagement Librarian for Criminal Justice is:

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Please contact him to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

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