Online Library Resources for Criminal Justice

Off-Campus Login Information

To access the library databases:
- Check your course syllabus or Blackboard for the username and password.
- Go to the library web page (www.lakeland.edu/academics/library).
- Click Databases Find Articles.
- Select the database you wish to search.
- Enter the user name and password.

Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Sources

A primary source in law is defined as the actual statement of the law from the creator such as court, legislature, executive agency, or President or governor. This would include the Constitution of the United States.

A secondary source is one that interprets or analyzes the primary source. Examples are a law review or journal article.

A tertiary source is one that provides an overview of a topic such as an encyclopedia.

Finding Court Cases, Laws & Codes

LexisNexis® provides access to full text court decisions and state and federal laws and regulations. Limited access to international law resources is included. Use the Shepardize® feature to track all cases citing a particular case.

To view a LexisNexis® video on searching for court cases go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=17E6Q1hmclY&list=UUIHdtFdh_kqhQR8mGZUysx4Q&index=4&feature=plcp

An explanation of the newest enhancements can be found at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FalGR79gXN8

Print Journals available in the Library

These journals are available in the library. Contact the library if there is an article you need.

Corrections Compendium
Criminology
Criminology & Public Policy
Journal of Crime & Justice
Journal of Criminal Education
Justice Quarterly

Learning Express

Learning Express, available at http://lakeland.edu/academics/library/databases.asp, provides a variety of practice tests for criminal justice students. In addition to skill building practice tests for reading, math, and writing, this product contains several occupational tests for law enforcement careers such as police officer, probation officer and state trooper.

Finding Journal/Magazine Articles

Access complete articles at no cost! Magazine articles, scholarly journals, and news articles are a click away. The library provides numerous databases to help you find articles on criminal justice topics.

Need a scholarly article? Look for a limiter within the database to restrict your results to scholarly journals.

Can’t get to the library for a copy of the article? Limit your search results to those including a complete copy of the article by using the full-text limiter.

Find criminal justice content in these library databases:

**EBSCOhost Databases**

- **Academic Search Premier**
  - Covers a variety of topics including business.
  - Popular, trade and scholarly articles

- **MasterFILE Premier**
  - Popular magazines
  - Trends

- **Military & Government Collection**
  - News pertaining to all branches of military
  - Security, terrorism, military police, cyber-crime coverage.

- **Newspaper Source Plus**
  - Full-text coverage of 860 newspapers
  - Thousands of TV and radio news transcripts

- **JSTOR**
  - Scholarly articles only; most prior to 2011.

- **LexisNexis Academic**
  - Court cases and state and federal laws
  - Law review articles providing overviews of legal topics
  - Legal dictionaries
  - Legal news

- **ProQuest**
  - Includes the following databases with criminal justice content:
    - **ProQuest Criminal Justice**
      - Scholarly and trade publications
      - Crime reports
    - **ProQuest Research Library**
      - Newspaper, trade, popular & scholarly articles
    - **ProQuest Psychology Journals**
      - Articles on behavioral psychology and other topics of interest to criminal justice

- **Sage**: scholarly articles only.
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Finding Referenced Articles
Have you found a citation for an article in your textbook or elsewhere that you would like to locate? Give our E Journal List A-Z a try. Enter the name of the journal in which the cited article appeared. E Journal List A-Z will identify if the article is available online and provide a link to that database. For articles with no online availability, E Journal List also includes magazines/journals available in print format in the library.

Inter-library Loan
Found the perfect article, but it is not available online? Don't despair! Give the library's interlibrary loan services a try. Fill out the interlibrary loan request form. We will request the article from another library and email it to you.

Websites of Interest
American Correctional Association  
www.aca.org  
American Jails Association  
www.aja.org  
Bureau of Justice Statistics  
www.bjs.gov  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
www.fbi.gov  
Findlaw.com  
www.findlaw.com/cascode  
Legal Information Institute (Cornell Law School)  
www.law.cornell.edu  
Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary of Law  
http://dictionary.findlaw.com  
National Criminal Justice Reference Service  
https://www.ncjrs.gov  
Nolo's Law Dictionary  
www.nolo.com/dictionary  
State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections  
www.wi-doc.com  
State of Wisconsin Department of Justice  
www.doj.state.wi.us  
Supreme Court of the United States  
www.supremecourt.gov  
U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Publications  
www.bja.gov/publications.aspx  
U.S. Department of Justice-Office on Violence Against Women  
www.ovw.usdoj.gov  
U.S. Homeland Security  
www.dhs.gov  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation-State Patrol  
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/statepatrol  
Wisconsin Statutes  
http://legis.wisconsin.gov/rsb/stats.html  
Wisconsin Supreme Court  
www.wicourts.gov/Law.com

Citing
Be sure to cite your sources properly. Need help? Try these websites for examples:

APA Style (American Psychological Association)  
www.apastyle.org  
OWL (Purdue University's Online Writing Lab)  
http://owl.english.purdue.edu  
The Writing Center, UW-Madison  
http://writing.wisc.edu  
VANGUARD University Psychology Department APA Style Guide  
http://psychology.vanguard.edu/faculty/douglas-degelman/apa-style  
Introduction to Basic Legal Citation from Cornell Law School  
www.law.cornell.edu/citation

Citing an article from EBSCOhost's databases?
Let the database create the citation for you. Retrieve the articles and click on.

Citing an article from ProQuest?
Access the article. To retrieve the citation, click on.

Using Microsoft Word 2007 or 2010 to type your paper?
Click on References and select Insert Citation.

Consider storing your research materials in Zotero, a free online bibliographic management tool. A free download is available at zotero.org. The Zotero site contains a video tutorial to get you started.

Need Help?
The library is now on Blackboard. Find guides, like this one, step-by-step directions for navigating the databases and website suggestions. Go to Blackboard, open one of your courses, and scroll down until you see a link to Library Resources on the left side of the screen. Click to open.

In addition to general information under Find Articles and Find Books, you will see content developed especially for criminal justice students.

Lakeland librarians are also available for assistance. The general library phone number is 920.565.1238. The distance education librarian, Teresa Grimm, can be reached at 920.565.1039 or by email, grimmtm@lakeland.edu.