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# VIRTULA READING ROOM

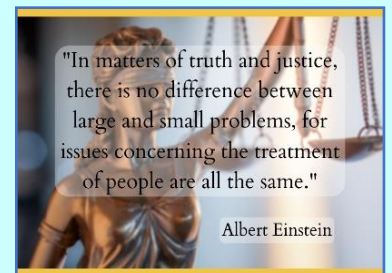
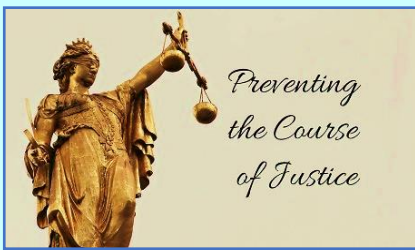
## FACULTY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE & POLICE SCIENCE



*WORLD OF INFORMATION ON YOUR FINGER TIPS*

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The resources listed below are comprehensive teaching and learning resources for criminal justice and police science. You can explore through the links in each category listed below.



# DATABASES

- ***Policy Commons***

Policy Commons is a one-stop hub providing access to nearly 2.5 million public policy documents from IGOs, NGOs, think tanks and research centers.

- ***Social Welfare at the British Library***

A new free online service from the British Library offering a single point of access to the BL's vast print and digital collections on social welfare and social policy. Items not available in full text online can be ordered by interlibrary loan.

- ***Youth Justice Board Effective Practice Library***

The Youth Justice Board's library of resources, materials and information which is now available online, though not all resources are available in full text.

- ***NCJRS (National Criminal Justice Reference Service)***

Established in 1972, the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) is a federally funded resource offering justice and drug-related information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide.

- ***Carr Center, Violence Against Women Database***

This database includes papers, book chapters and PowerPoint presentations on the topic.

- ***National Center for Juvenile Justice***

Access to downloadable publications covering issues such as juvenile courts, corrections, and probation.

- ***Prison Policy Initiative, Research Clearinghouse***

Contains links to 1800+ empirical criminal justice research reports. Site includes keyword searchable database.

- ***U.S Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons***

Includes 2019 Trafficking in Persons Report.

- ***Urban Institute, Justice Policy Center***

Includes policy briefs and reports on criminal justice topics authored by staff from the Urban Institute.

- ***Vera Institute of Justice***

Vera's extensive resource library, built up by decades of expert research, analysis, and real-world application. Vera produces a wide variety of resources including publications, podcasts, and videos.

- ***National Conference of State Legislatures Criminal Justice Program and Hot Topics***

The NCSL Criminal Justice Program tracks state legislative interests, legislation, bills and actions on a wide range of topics that reflect the many aspects and functions of criminal justice systems.

- ***Police Crime Database***

The Police Crime Database contains summary information on 15,200 criminal arrest cases involving 12,465 individual nonfederal sworn law enforcement officers charged with one or more crimes from 2005 to 2017.

## E-BOOKS

- *Criminology Open*  
A curated list of free open access Criminology books.
- *E-Books Directory: Crime and Criminals*  
Books, documents, and lecture notes
- *CRIMRXIV*
- *InfoBooks*
- *E-books directory*
- *Crime and Criminology textbooks*
- *Criminology textbooks*
- *Ethics in Law Enforcement*
- *Introduction to Community Psychology*
- *Introduction to Criminal Investigation: Processes, Practices and Thinking*
- *BCCampus OpenEd*  
provides access to open textbooks on a number of topics from 41 institutions across Canada.
- *eCampus Ontario Open Textbook Library*
- *Open Textbook Library*

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## E-JOURNALS

- *Springer open*
- *CRIMRXIV*
- *The International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences (IJCJS)*
- *Asian Journal of Criminology*
- *Directory of open access journals*
- *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*
- *International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences*
- *International Journal of Cyber Criminology*
- *Journal of Prison Education and Reentry*
- *Journal of Strategic Security (JSS)*

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## LEARNING, TEACHING RESOURCES

- ***MERLOT***  
Searches 90,000+ records with the option to search other OER collections and the web.
- ***OASIS***  
Searches 380,000+ records from 90+ reputable OER sites.
- ***OER Commons***  
Searches 50,000+ records of curated, high-quality OERs.
- ***Mason OER Meta finder***  
Searches across notable OER (Open Education Resources) collections including MERLOT, OASIS, and OER Commons.
- ***Crime and Criminology courses***  
A platform that includes free courses from a range of institutions from around the world. Course resources include lecture notes, video, audio, and articles, covering subjects such as international criminal law, criminal justice, forensics, art crime and terrorism.
- ***Criminal Justice courses***  
Include lecture notes, reading lists, open access textbooks and other related course materials.
- ***Criminology courses, texts and learning exercises***  
A curated collection of free and open online teaching, learning, and faculty development services.
- ***Academic Earth***  
This includes a collection of free online criminology-related college courses from some of the world's top universities.
- ***Open Educational Resources Research Guide***

- ***Campbell Collaboration***  
The Campbell Collaboration is a global research network that conducts systematic reviews of the effects of social interventions in areas such as crime and justice, education, international development, and social welfare.
- ***Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)***  
Information on crime, offenders., victims, and justice systems at all levels
- ***Data.gov***  
Data from federal, state, local, and tribal U.S. government
- ***Sri Lanka Police***
- ***International Police Association (IPA) Section, Sri Lanka***
- ***The Uniform Crime Reporting Program***  
Four annual publications on Hate Crimes, Incident reporting, officer fatalities, etc.
- ***Google Dataset Search***  
Search across thousands of data repositories across the Web.
- ***AMSER (Applied Math and Science Education Repository) Law***  
This is a portal of educational resources and services.
- ***Council of State Governments, Justice Center***  
A national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, which represents state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies to improve public safety and community strength.
- ***Crime Solutions.gov***  
Crime Solutions from the National Institute of Justice is made up of two parts: a web-based clearinghouse of programs and practices and a process for identifying and rating those programs and practices.
- ***International Center for the Prevention of Crime***  
Site contains reports, conference proceedings and other publications.
- ***United Nations Interregional Crime & Justice Research Institute***  
The Documentation Centre contains publications, bibliographies, & a list of electronic resources.
- ***United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime***  
This site serves as the major gateway to information and UN publications.
- ***The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI)***  
HEUNI is the European regional institute in the United Nations Criminal Justice and Crime Prevention programme network.
- ***Fundamental rights survey***  
Includes a report about the survey and research papers.
- ***International Crime Victim Survey***  
Program of standardized surveys looking at household experiences with crime, policing, crime prevention, and feelings of unsafety in 23 countries.
- ***International Centre for Prison Studies, World Prison Briefs***  
Statistics on prison systems and incarceration rates in over 200 countries.
- ***United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Statistics and Surveys***  
Global crime, criminal justice, drug trafficking and prices, drug production, and drug use statistics.

## DATA & STATISTICS

- ***BJS, National Crime Victimization Survey***  
Annual survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the nation's primary source of information on criminal victimization.
- ***Bureau of Justice Statistics***  
The BJS provides publications, data collections, data analysis tools, & key facts at a glance. Includes the Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center. Free.
- ***Capital Punishment in the United States, 1973-2020 (released April 2022)***
- ***FBI's Crime Data Explorer***  
The FBI's Crime Data Explorer (CDE) program aims to increase transparency, ease access, and raise awareness of criminal and noncriminal law enforcement data sharing; improve accountability for law enforcement; and provide a foundation to help shape public policy, resulting in a safer nation.
- ***National Archive of Criminal Justice Data***  
This archive provides data available for download and assistance in using the data & research and publications.
- ***National Center for State Courts***  
Independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of justice. Includes Court Statistics Project with information about state caseloads.
- ***OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book***  
The Statistical Briefing Book contains publications, data sets, & analysis tools about juvenile crime and victimization and youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
- ***United States Sentencing Commission Interactive Data Analyzer***  
Federal sentencing statistics by state, district & circuit, reports to Congress, manuals, annual reports, & statistical sourcebooks.
- ***Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics***  
Currently in transition (no longer funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics), but still a good starting place. Data included as of 2013.
- ***Justice Research and Statistics Association***  
JRSA, a national non-profit organization, is a resource center for researchers, analysts, journalists and practitioners of justice research.
- ***Arrest Data Analysis Tool***  
Underlying data from FBI's UCR (Uniform Crime Reports).
- ***Measures for Justice***  
Measures for Justice is changing the future of criminal justice by developing solutions that help communities, including the institutions that serve them, reshape how the criminal justice system works.

- ***United States Historical Corrections Statistics - 1850-1984***  
Data collection efforts include capital punishment, prison statistics, probation and parole statistics, and military prisons. Implications are drawn for current data collection efforts.
- ***Police Data Initiative***  
This site provides a consolidated and interactive listing of open and soon-to-be-opened data sets identified as important to their communities by more than 120 local law enforcement agencies, as well as critical and timely resources such as technical guidance and best practices, success stories, how-to articles, and links to related efforts.
- ***Washington Post (Unsolved Homicide Database)***
- ***Chicago Data Collaborative***  
The Chicago Data Collaborative is a collaborative effort by news organizations, academics, and non-profit researchers to better understand our criminal justice system. They work collaboratively to obtain data from public agencies, organize and document that data, and connect the data.
- ***Death Penalty Information Center***  
The Death Penalty Information Center is a national non-profit organization that provides analysis and information on capital punishment issues to the media and the general public.
- ***United States Census Bureau data platform***  
This platform covers 100,000+ different geographies: states counties place tribal areas zip codes and congressional districts. For each, the platform cover topics like education, employment, health, and housing just to name a few.
- ***ICPSR data archive (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research)***  
ICPSR data archive provide access to more than 250,000 files of research in the social and behavioral sciences. It hosts 21 specialized collections of data in education, aging, criminal justice, substance abuse, terrorism, and other fields.



## CRIMINAL RECORDS

- ***Search Systems***  
A mega search site with links to public records by state, county, city and also by record type. A great place to start your research.
- ***BRB Publications***  
BRB Publications maintains a page with links to over 300 local, state, and federal websites that provide free public records access.
- ***National Sex Offender Public Registry***  
This website includes links to the websites of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, US territories, and tribal registries.
- ***FBI's Sex Offender Database websites***  
An alternate source for state level sex offender databases.
- ***FBI's Bureau of Prisons Inmate Finder***  
Contain information about federal inmates released after 1982.
- ***VINELink***  
VINELink.com is a free and anonymous service intended to support victims of crime.

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## THESES & DISSERTATIONS

- ***Digital Commons @ UNO (University of Nebraska at Omaha)***
- ***Digital Commons @ University of South Florida***
- ***CSUSB Scholar Works***
- ***Scholar Commons @ University of South California***
- ***School of Criminal Justice Theses and Dissertations***
- ***Northeastern University Library***
- ***Digital commons @ East Tennessee State University***

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## DIGITAL COMMONS- CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ***Digital Commons @ Georgia Southern University***
- ***Digital Commons @ Western Oregon University***
- ***Digital Commons @ Molloy University***
- ***Digital Commons @ New Haven***
- ***Digital Commons @ Old Dominion University***
- ***Criminal Law Commons***

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## IMAGES, VIDEOS & AUDIOS

- ***Creative Commons Search***  
Images under creative commons licenses from museums and other sites (Wikimedia Commons, Flickr)
- ***Google Images***  
Search for images licensed for reuse by clicking Tools under the search box then Usage Rights
- ***YouTube***  
Search for videos under Creative Commons licenses by clicking Filter then Creative Commons (under Features)
- ***TED Talks: Crime***  
TED Talks from experts on various topics.
- ***C-SPAN Video Library: Criminal Justice***  
One of the most comprehensive video archives of governmental and political content.
- ***Listen Notes***  
Search the whole Internet's podcasts; Podcasts are free to students but usually not under CC licenses.
- ***University of Oxford Podcasts: Center for Socio-Legal Studies***  
Educational podcasts from the University of Oxford.

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## BLOGS

- ***Criminal Law Prof Blog***
- ***White Collar Crime Prof Blog***
- ***Best Criminology Blogs and Websites***

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