

Research Database Tips
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Sources for Criminal Justice Assignments

Credo Reference

Students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program at Wor-Wic are often asked to research a type of crime or criminal offender, an issue related to correctional facility operations, or laws relating to correctional facilities. This type of assignment requires factual information not easily available from magazine and journal databases. *Credo Reference* provides easy access to information in reference books that cover a wide range of topics in the Criminal Justice curriculum.

The Media Center has recently added a Criminal Justice Subject Collection to our *Credo Reference* subscription. The entire content of the following reference books is included:

<i>21st Century Criminology: a Reference Handbook</i>	<i>Encyclopedia of White-Collar and Corporate Crime</i>
<i>Corporate Crime: a Reference Handbook</i>	<i>Global Organized Crime: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Corrections</i>	<i>Handbook of Psychology of Investigative Interviewing</i>
<i>Courts, Law and Justice</i>	<i>Hate Crimes: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Crime and Criminal Behavior</i>	<i>Identity Theft: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>DNA Technology: a Reference Handbook</i>	<i>Illicit Trafficking: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Domestic Violence: a Reference Handbook</i>	<i>Intellectual Property: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment</i>	<i>Juvenile Crime and Justice</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory</i>	<i>Juvenile Justice: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice</i>	<i>Police and Law Enforcement</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Law and Society</i>	<i>Policing in America: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement</i>	<i>Punishment in America: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Murder and Violent Crime</i>	<i>Sentencing: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Prisons and Correctional Facilities</i>	<i>Sexual Crime: a Reference Handbook</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Race and Crime</i>	<i>The Blackwell Companion to Criminology</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Victimology and Crime Prevention</i>	<i>The Handbook of Forensic Psychology</i>

Searching the contents of the above titles and many more requires simply typing key words into the search box provided.

Criminal Justice students are also asked to find current information available in magazines, newspapers and journals. Sample assignments might relate to recent appellate court decisions or accounts of incidents involving police and/or correctional officers on the job. Although many of our general purpose magazine and journal databases may help in these types of assignments, Wor-Wic has two databases which provide full-text indexing to criminal justice related magazines, journals and news reports.

Infotrac Criminal Justice Collection is part of *Academic OneFile*. It contains articles from criminal justice oriented periodicals and journals. It is possible to limit searches to full-text articles, peer-reviewed journals, and/or documents with images during a basic search.

Proquest Criminal Justice Periodicals is part of the *Proquest Research Library*. It also contains articles from criminal justice oriented periodicals and journals. It is possible to limit searches to full-text articles, peer-reviewed journals, or scholarly journals during a basic search.

If students are interested in newspaper accounts of crime and police investigations, they might try *Proquest Newsstand* which is also included in *Proquest Central*. It contains articles from newspapers across the United States and the world, including *The New York Times* and *The Baltimore Sun*.