

Collection Development Policy Criminal Justice

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Purpose of policy: The collection development policy for Criminal Justice guides the development and management of the Criminal Justice collection.

Program Description: The Department of Criminal Justice, in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is dedicated to education, research, and service in the justice arena. The Department offers its students a curriculum that balances the arts, sciences, and humanities with courses in the major that are taught from a social science perspective. This perspective emphasizes the rich multidisciplinary nature of the discipline. Through this curriculum, the Department strives to endow its students with effective critical thinking, communication, and basic research skills, a global perspective on justice issues, an awareness of the diverse factors that shape the dispensation of justice in its broader social context, and a foundation of professional ethics that will assist them both inside and outside the justice process.

Areas of established specialization

- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
- Research Methods and statistics
- Public policy

New and expanding areas of interest:

- Terrorism
- International Criminal Justice Systems

Degrees Offered:

- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Minor in Criminal Justice
- Certificate in Correctional Management and Supervision

Clientele: The primary clientele are the undergraduate students, faculty, and staff of the Criminal Justice Department. Members of the Michiana community may also use the collection.

Scope and Collection Guidelines

The Criminal Justice collection consists of works written for the basic through advanced undergraduate level and for basic faculty research. Graduate- and research-level publications are collected selectively.

Formats collected: Scholarly monographs, serials, collections of essays, conference proceedings, videos, and electronic resources are extensively collected.

Formats excluded: Pamphlets, newsletters, article reprints, and required textbooks. Popular and/or journalistic monographs about social issues are selectively collected.

Language: The collection is primarily in English.

Geographic coverage: All geographic areas are covered. For titles with a geographic focus, preference is given to materials relating to the region (Michiana, northern Indiana, and Midwest).

Chronological periods collected: Priority is given to current publications. Older imprints are collected selectively, usually as replacements for classic works, or upon request.

Subject Emphases: The Criminal Justice collection focuses on the topics of corrections, law enforcement, research methods and statistics and public policy.

Current Collecting Priorities: In addition to the topics listed above materials on terrorism and international criminal justice systems are also collected.

Reference: Reference material for Criminal Justice by the Criminal Justice subject librarian following the general subject parameters of the collection policy.

Interdisciplinary Considerations: Due to the interdisciplinary nature of Criminal Justice, materials in political science, psychology, and sociology are also occasionally selected.

Location: Criminal justice materials are housed in the Schurz Library. Works specifically about the discipline of sociology are classified in the H schedule of Library of Congress system.

Criminal Justice call number areas: HV 6001-9960, K970, KB 3790-4855