Criminal Justice
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Web Sites

Local Information

- **Amarillo College Criminal Justice Web Page**—Links are provided to information about credit courses and continuing education, associate’s degree plan, in-service training classes and schedule, intervention programs, Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy, and TDCJ Institutional Division Correctional Officer Training. A page of useful links is also provided.

- **City of Amarillo Police Department**—[Links page](#) has many helpful sites included.

- **Potter County Sheriff’s Department**

- **Randall County Sheriff’s Department**

State of Texas Web Sites

- **Texas Administrative Code**—A compilation of state agency rules in Texas. From the Web site of the Secretary of State of Texas. Browse by category.

- **Texas Department of Criminal Justice**

- **Texas Department of Public Safety**

- **Texas Judiciary Online: Court Structure of Texas**—Contains a chart that illustrates the structure of the court system. The chart contains links to definitions and explanations.

- **Texas Law Enforcement Agencies Web Sites**

- **Texas Legislature Online: Texas Constitution**—Browse by category, or click “search” to enter search terms.

- **Texas Legislature Online: Texas Statutes**—Browse by category, or click “search” to enter search terms.

United States Web Sites
- **Bureau of Justice Statistics**—Statistics about all aspects of crime and law enforcement.

- **Federal Bureau of Prisons**—Inmate, corrections, and facilities information.

- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Home Page**

- **National Criminal Justice Reference Service**—Site description: “NCJRS is a federally funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide.”

- **Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice**

- **COPS (Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice)**

- **U.S. Constitution**—From the U.S. House of Representatives Web site.

- **U.S. Department of Justice**

**Supreme Court Opinions**

- **Findlaw’s Supreme Court Page**—The Supreme Court page of this very popular and respected legal site. Some of the possible searches are party name and citation.

- **Legal Information Institute (Cornell University) Supreme Court Collection**—Historic cases can be retrieved by author, party, or topic.

- **Supreme Court Web Page Case Citation Finder**—Helps researchers find the official citation for cases.

- **Supreme Court Web Page**—Good for information about the court but did not appear to have the text of opinions when this page was created.

- **Top Cases on Oyez Web Site (Most Popular)**— The written opinion can be accessed in the “Resources” area. A search box is available if your case is not listed.

- **Where to Find Supreme Court Opinions (PDF)**—A list of sources from the Supreme Court Web site.

**The Law**
• **American Bar Association Public Resources**

• **Findlaw.com**—Site description: “FindLaw is the highest-trafficked legal Web site, providing the most comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, businesses, students and individuals. These resources include Web search utilities, cases and codes, legal news, an online career center, and community-oriented tools, such as a secure document management utility, mailing lists, message boards and free e-mail.”

• **How to Do Legal Research (Cornell Law School Web Site)**—This site provides a very basic, easy-to-understand overview of legal research.

• **Legal Information Institute**—Cornell University Law School links.

• **Texas Legislature Online: Texas Constitution**—Browse by category, or click “search” to enter search terms.

• **Texas Legislature Online: Texas Statutes**—Browse by category, or click “search” to enter search terms.

• **U.S. Constitution**—From the U.S. House of Representatives Web site.

**Career Information**

• **Law Enforcement Career Information from The Occupational Outlook Handbook**—These links were retrieved using “law enforcement” as a search term. *The Occupational Outlook Handbook* is published by the U.S. Department of Labor and is widely considered the best reference source for career descriptions. Topics include Nature of the Work, Working Conditions, Employment, Training, Other Qualifications, Advancement, Job Outlook, Earnings, Related Occupations, and Sources of Additional Information.

**Links**

• **Criminal Justice**—Law enforcement links from Internet Public Library, a service of the University of Michigan School of Information.

• **Criminal Justice Links**—A collection of useful links compiled by the Florida State University School of Criminology.

• **Criminal Justice Page of Dr. Thomas O’Connor**—Scroll down to “The Megasites” box to see category links, or click the “Megasites” icon to perform a search. Dr. O’Connor is a faculty member in the Department of
Justice Studies and Applied Criminology at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

- **Internet Resources for Criminal Justice**—A compilation of links from Austin Community College.

- **Law and Criminal Justice**—Links compiled by New Mexico State University Library.

- **Top 100 Picks from the Prentice-Hall Cybrary**—The Prentice-Hall publishing company has compiled a collection of criminal justice links that it calls “The World’s Criminal Justice Directory.” The page also has a search box.

**AC Library Databases**

- **Academic Search Premier**—Contains mostly articles from magazines and scholarly journals.

- **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**—Essays, reference sources, statistics, primary sources, and other materials.

- **InfoTrac Newspapers**

- **WorldCat**—Books, audiovisual materials, and other items in library catalogs worldwide.

**Electronic Books**

*Note*: There are a number of criminal justice and law enforcement books in the NetLibrary eBooks database. These are just a few examples. Please log in using your WebAdvisor ID and password.


**Print Books**

**Notes:**
- Books on the 4th floor (WSC) can be checked out.
- Books on the 2nd floor (WSC) cannot be checked out (reference material).
- The library on AC’s West Campus is a member of the Amarillo Public Library system (Northwest Branch).


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  \item \textit{Murder On Trial : 1620-2002}—Asher, 2005. 345.730252 MU. Adult Section. Amarillo Public Library Northwest Branch (AC West Campus).
  \item \textit{Multicultural Issues in the Criminal Justice System}—Tarver, 2002. 364 T196. Adult Section. Amarillo Public Library Northwest Branch (AC West Campus).
  \item \textit{Objection! : How High-priced Defense Attorneys, Celebrity Defendants and a 24/7 Media Have Hijacked Our Criminal Justice System}—Grace, 2005. 345.7305 GR. Adult Section. Amarillo Public Library Northwest Branch (AC West Campus).
  \item \textit{Understanding Miscarriages of Justice: Law, the Media, and the Inevitability of Crisis}—Nobles, 2000. 345.41 N753. Loan Collection, 4th floor. Washington Street Campus Library.
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\textbf{Print Periodicals}
All are located in the library on AC West Campus, a member of the Amarillo Public Library system (Northwest Branch).
\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{Corrections Compendium}
  \item \textit{Criminal Law Bulletin}
  \item \textit{Law and Order}
  \item \textit{The Law Officers’ Bulletin}
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