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 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 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
• **Criminal Case Flow Chart**—U.S. Department of Justice site visually shows sequence of events and includes explanations.

• **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**—personal web site of Dr. O’Connor. He is the program manager of Criminal Justice and
Homeland Security Director, Institute for Global Securities Studies and teaches at Austin Peay State University Center at Ft. Campbell, KY.

- **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 Complete**—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.


• **Child Abuse and the Criminal Justice System**—Kimberly A. McCabe. New York: Peter Lang, 2003.


**Print Periodicals**
All are located in the library on AC West Campus, a member of the Amarillo Public Library system (Northwest Branch).

- **Corrections Compendium**
- **Criminal Law Bulletin**
- **Law and Order**
- **The Law Officers’ Bulletin**

**Print Books**
Librarians can help students identify suitable books for assignments. You can save time by seeking their assistance.

**Washington Street Campus**

- **Walk-in assistance**: Go to the second floor of Lynn Library. Use the telephone located on the small table near the main computer sign-in desk to call the research help number, which is posted. The librarian on duty will respond.

- **Assistance by appointment**: Call 371-5403 or 345-5582 to make an appointment for uninterrupted individual help.

- **Assistance by telephone**: Call 371-5468 or toll-free 866-371-5468.

**West Campus**

**Note**: The West Campus Library specializes in nursing, allied health, criminal justice, child development, and mortuary science.

- **Walk-in assistance**: Go to the AC area of the Amarillo Public Library Northwest Branch, which is located in the southeast corner of the AC West Campus (closest to Bell Street). (The AC area is located in the back right-hand corner of the
building.) The AC librarian on duty will assist you. You will need a valid library card to check out a book. Call 371-5400 for information about how to obtain a library card.

- **Assistance by telephone:** Call 356-3627.