

Legal Studies Resources in CCOL and Web

This handout identifies helpful resources for the legal studies concentration in the School of Undergraduate Studies.

For “Resources in CCOL and Web for General Requirements for All Undergraduate Studies Degree Programs,” see the School of Undergraduate Studies section of http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/ccol_research.cfm

Also see “Juvenile Justice Resources in CCOL and Web” on http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/ccol_research.cfm

Journal, document, book, and periodicals in CCOL

The *Search for ALL Subjects* search box includes *National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts* which provides users with information thoroughly covering the fields of law enforcement and criminal justice. The database contains summaries of more than 200,000 publications including books, government reports, research reports, and unpublished research. It also includes content from 189 journals, including 12 with core coverage. Content dates range from 1970 to the present. Topics covered within the database include corrections, courts, crime statistics, domestic preparedness, drugs, juvenile justice, law enforcement, and victims. All documents covered are either written in English or have an English-language summary. To facilitate users' research, the database also includes a subject-specific thesaurus.

Some relevant academic journals in full-text in CCOL are:

- *Legal and Criminal Psychology*
- *Journal of Law and Society*
- *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*
- *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology*
- *Forensic Echo: Behavioral and Forensic Sciences in the Courts*

Ebrary Electronic Books in CCOL

To search for books in the Ebrary Electronic Books collection:

- From the CCOL HOME page, click Direct to Databases
- Click Ebrary Electronic Books
- Click Advanced (to the right of the “Search Ebrary” box)
- Use the drop-down menu of the “Search in” box to search by subject (or title, author, etc.)
- For example, there are
 - 96 books with “Justice” in the TITLE, and “United States” as SUBJECT
 - 416 books with “legal” as the SUBJECT

- 63 books with “Court” in the TITLE and “United States” as SUBJECT

E-Global Program Resources

The e-Global Program Resources will help you develop a search strategy and then find your way among the best books, periodicals, associations, government resources, and Internet sites on your topic. To see the Research Guides:

- Click *Research By Subject Area Help* from the CCOL HOME page
- Click *e-global Program Resources*
- Click *Business and Law*
- Click *Law*
- Also click *Paralegal*

Tutorials for doing research in Legal Studies

Criminal Justice research tutorial <http://library.albany.edu/subject/tutorials/criminal/>

Restorative Justice tutorial <http://www.restorativejustice.org/university-classroom/01introduction/tutorial-introduction-to-restorative-justice>

Statistics & Empirical Legal Studies Research Guide: how to research legal studies using data analysis <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/EmpiricalLegalStudies.cfm>

First year law school legal research resources <http://holmes.uchastings.edu/library/student-resources/first-year/>

US immigration law research guide <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/immigrationlaw.cfm>

Juvenile justice program evaluation tutorial <http://www.jrsa.org/pubs/juv-justice/tutorial/tutorial.html>

Historical documents in legal studies from 4000BCE to present
<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>

Legal Information Institute provides readable, understandable info about laws and US legal system. <http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

Basics of legal research tutorial
<http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/WhatWeDo/ResearchGuides/Basics.cfm>

Various legal issues tutorials
<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/materials.htm?materialType=Tutorial&sort.property=relevance&keywords=legal&category=&newsearchbutton0.x=0&newsearchbutton0.y=0&newsearchbutton0=search>

Online courses on various legal issues

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/materials.htm?materialType=Online%20Course&sort.property=relevance&keywords=legal&category=&newsearchbutton0.x=0&newsearchbutton0.y=0&newsearchbutton0=Search>

Websites on Legal Studies

Although not from scholarly journals, useful information can be found on the web. Please be careful to check the credibility of all sites.

Note: websites can change and disappear at any time! If the URL doesn't work, try putting the name of the site into Google.

Learn about the law, covering immigration, employee rights, criminal, etc.

<http://public.findlaw.com/>

Supersite of legal info on the internet <http://www.ilrg.com/>

Criminal justice websites <http://guides.stedwards.edu/content.php?pid=44061&sid=366172>

Search engine for searching laws for each US state <http://www.ilrg.com/gov.html>

Law Reviews and Journals on the web <http://www.ilrg.com/journals.html>

Public Library of Law <http://www.plol.org/Pages/Search.aspx/>

United States courts website <http://www.uscourts.gov/Home.aspx>

Forensic psychology links <http://members.optusnet.com.au/dwillsh/forensic.htm>

Forensic science resources <http://www.tncrimlaw.com/forensic/>

Forensic psychology online <http://psychologyinfo.com/forensic/>

Annotated listing of forensic psychology websites <http://www.alleydog.com/links-sp/psychology-forensic.php>

Victim offender mediation information <http://www.voma.org/abtvom.shtml>

Restorative justice online <http://www.restorativejustice.org/>

US government immigration laws site <http://www.us-immigration.com/>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service A-Z topics <https://www.ncjrs.gov/viewall.html>

US Library of Congress online law resources

<http://eresources.loc.gov/search~S9/m?SEARCH=Law>

Criminal Justice/Drug Abuse Studies <http://www.cjdat.org/Wiki%20Pages/Home.aspx>

Online Free Textbooks

23 texts on

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/materials.htm?materialType=Open%20Textbook&sort.property=relevance&keywords=legal&category=&newsearchbutton0.x=0&newsearchbutton0.y=0&newsearchbutton0=Search>

Outline of US Legal System and more at

<http://www.collegeopentextbooks.org/opentextbookcontent/open-textbooks-by-subject/law.html>

Criminal Law Text (forthcoming February 2012)

<http://catalog.flatworldknowledge.com/catalog/editions/1199>

Glossaries

Legal encyclopedia <http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/>

Tutorial for correct use of criminal justice terms

<http://library.albany.edu/subject/tutorials/criminal/>

Know your legal terms online game

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/materials.htm?materialType=Online%20Course&sort.property=relevance&keywords=legal&category=&newsearchbutton0.x=0&newsearchbutton0.y=0&newsearchbutton0=Search>

Statistics and Demographics

US Bureau of Justice statistics <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

National Archive of Criminal Justice Data <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/>

Are You Planning a Questionnaire, Survey, Interview, or Focus Group?

Instructions for doing interviews, questionnaires, surveys, focus groups, and case studies; and for analyzing results. <http://www.managementhelp.org/research/research.htm>

Professional Standards

Forensic psychologist guidelines <http://www.ap-ls.org/aboutpsychlaw/SpecialtyGuidelines.php>

Associations

Bar associations indexed by interest group such as minority, lgbt, Asian, etc.
<http://apus.campusguides.com/content.php?pid=85951&sid=639338>

Victim Offender Mediation Association <http://www.voma.org/>

American Correctional Association <http://www.aca.org/>

American Civil Liberties Union <http://www.aclu.org/>

Video and Audio Podcasts

How to do legal research videos <http://library.webster.edu/worldclass/legalguide.html>

Videos of law school lectures <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/live.htm>

Various videos on legal studies

<https://www.google.com/search?tbm=vid&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1366&bih=587&q=%22legal+studies%22&gbv=2&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=>

TED Talks: brief entertaining videos by fascinating people on many topics

- “Four ways to fix a broken legal system”
http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/en/philip_howard.html
- “Let’s simplify legal jargon”
http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/en/alan_siegel_let_s_simplify_legal_jargon.html
- “The right to understand [legal documents and more]”
<http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/en/sandra-fisher-martins-the-right-to-understand.html>

Youtube Education is a filtered Youtube site. Results for “criminal law”

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_type=edu&rental=0&uni=3&movies_browse=1&search_query=criminal+law&oq=criminal+law&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=12403115290101154281121710111101193172412.41610

Itunes Podcasts: free video and audio on almost any topic. You can listen on your computer, you do not need an Ipod or other MP3 player. <http://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/>

Do You Need Books to Expand Your Research?

Google Books at <http://books.google.com> is amazing!

- Be sure to search it for your subject area!

- Click “Advanced Book Search” and check “Full View Only” to limit the search to full-text results
- “PartialView” can also provide plenty of full-text

<http://www.amazon.com> or <http://www.bn.com> Use these easy search engine to get lists of books on your topic and to read excerpts, but try to get the books from your local library or buy from your local independent bookstore. Or, buy a less expensive used copy from an online independent bookstore at <http://www.bookfinder.com>

If you can't find what you need or you need more, ask yourself:

Who would care about this topic?

Where would they publish what they know?

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