

POLICE AND SECURITY RESEARCH GUIDE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline the available resources that Library Services provides to support students in the Police and Security program at Medicine Hat College. Please contact the library for further assistance.

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ARTICLES

You can locate journal, magazine, and newspaper articles using databases. These resources cannot commonly be accessed using standard search engines such as Bing, Google, Yahoo, etc.

Databases are located at: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Resources/Databases.aspx>

Databases that you can employ specifically for your program include:

- [Index to Legal Periodicals Full Text](#) [H. W. Wilson]
This database provides information in all areas of law, police, and security topics. Indexing is provided for more than 1,000 titles and full-text is provided for more than 325—most of which are peer-reviewed.
- [Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text](#) [EBSCO]
This database provides information on police and security topics, including corrections administration, law enforcement, social work, industrial security, drug rehabilitation, criminal and family law. The database offers full-text coverage for more than 200 titles frequently accessed by criminal justice researchers, and indexing and abstracts for more than 560 relevant journals.
- [Canadian Legal Information Institute](#) (CanLII) [LexUM;The Federation of Law Societies of Canada]
This database gathers legislative and judicial texts, as well as legal commentaries, from federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions on a single website.
- [SocINDEX with Full Text](#) [EBSCO]
This database "is the world's most comprehensive and highest quality sociology research database." Topics covered by the database include: criminology and criminal justice, demography, ethnic and racial studies, rural and urban sociology, social development, social psychology, social structure, social work, sociological research, sociological theory, substance abuse and other addictions, violence, and more. More than 340 journals are provided in full-text.
- [Academic Search Complete](#) [EBSCO]
This database indexes over 9,000 publications in a variety of disciplines and provides full-text for over 5,500 of these publications. Other databases listed under the "[General/Multidisciplinary](#)" heading of the main databases page might be applicable.

For an overview and search tips, go to:

http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Resources/~media/Files/library_documents/how_to_guides/general_research_guides/database_tips.ashx

BOOKS & AUDIOVISUALS

Search the library catalogue (<http://darius.uleth.ca/search~S2>) to find books and audiovisual resources on a topic.

Browse the library catalogue or shelves using these associated terms and call number ranges respectively:

- HV 1–9960 Social pathology. Social and public welfare. Criminology
 - HV 6001–7220.5 [Criminology](#).
 - HV 6035–6197 Criminal anthropology (Including criminal types, [criminal psychology](#), [prison psychology](#), causes of crime).
 - HV 6201–6249 Criminal classes.
 - HV 6250–6250.4 [Victims of crimes. Victimology](#).
 - HV 6251–6773.55 Crimes and offenses.
 - HV 6774–7220.5 Crimes and criminal classes.
 - HV 7231–9960 [Criminal justice administration](#).
 - HV 7428 [Social work with delinquents](#) and [criminals](#).
 - HV 7431 [Prevention of crime, methods, etc.](#)
 - HV 7435–7439 [Gun control](#).
 - HV 7551–8280.7 [Police. Detectives. Constabulary](#).
 - HV 7935–8025 [Administration and organization](#).
 - HV 8031–8080 Police duty. Methods of protection.
 - HV 8035–8069 Special classes of crimes, offenses and criminals.
 - HV 8073–8079.35 [Investigation of crimes](#). Examination and identification of prisoners.
 - HV 8079.2–8079.35 [Police social work](#).
 - HV 8079.5–8079.55 [Traffic control. Traffic accident investigation](#).
 - HV 8081–8099 Private detectives. Detective bureaus.
 - HV 8130–8280.7 By region or country.
 - HV 8290–8291 [Private security services](#).
 - HV 8301–9920.7 [Penology. Prisons. Corrections](#).
 - HV 9051–9230.7 [The juvenile offender. Juvenile delinquency. Reform schools, etc.](#)
 - HV 9261–9430.7 [Reformation and reclamation of adult prisoners](#).
 - HV 9441–9920.7 By region or country.
 - HV 9950–9960 By region or country.
- K Law (General)
 - KE [Law of Canada](#).
 - KEA [Law of Alberta](#).

WEBSITES

Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB; <http://www.capb.ca/>)

- CAPB is a national non-profit civilian organization that provides oversight of municipal police. They are dedicated to working “proactively to improve police governance in Canada and to bring about change that will enhance public safety for all Canadians.”

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP; <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/>)

- This is the site of Canada’s national police service. This site provides information about the service, its programs, publications, and more.

Canadian Police College (<http://www.cpc.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.html>)

- This institution provides advanced and specialized education programs to law enforcement personnel. It currently offers more than 50 classes and workshops designed to enhance competency and leadership in policing.

Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC; <http://www.cpic-cipc.ca/>)

- This site provides services that allow citizens to search a database of stolen articles and vehicles. It also provides the *CPIC National Directory* that contains contact information for CPIC network members (police and government agencies) at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels.

Crime and Justice [Statistics Canada] (<http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/subject-sujet/theme-theme.action?pid=2693&lang=eng&more=0>)

- This section of Statistics Canada’s public site provides a variety of statistical reports pertaining to crime and justice in Canada.

Police Resources in Canada [Statistics Canada] (<http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection-R/Statcan/85-225-XIE/85-225-XIE.html>)

- This collection of documents produced by Statistics Canada provides detailed demographic insight into staffing of police services in major metropolitan areas, provinces, and nationally.

OTHER HOW-TO GUIDES

Library Services produces a number of how-to guides to assist you with academic writing (APA and MLA styles), Microsoft Office, research and technology guides, as well as class specific handouts.

Other how-to guides can be located at:

http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/How-To_Guides.aspx

CONTACT LIBRARY SERVICES

Library Services offers many points of assistance:

- In person (Information Desk)
- Telephone: 403.504.3544; Toll free: 1.866.282.8394 (ext. 3544)
- Email (*AskUs* service http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/Email.aspx)
- Instant Messenger (*Library Online Agents*;
http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/IM.aspx)
- Text Messaging: 403.866.5872

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