



**Georgia State University Library  
Collection Development Policy  
Department of Criminal Justice**

**Purpose of the Collection:** To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Criminal Justice. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Interdisciplinary Studies in Criminal Justice Administration, and Ph.D. in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Core curriculum courses are designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the philosophical, theoretical, and structural aspects of the criminal justice system and its components. Some areas of emphasis include the criminal justice system in general, criminology, law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, gender and crime, legal issues in criminal justice, terrorism, comparative/cross-cultural criminology, private policing, management of criminal justice agencies and personnel, including issues related to gender, role of neighborhoods and communities, public health dimensions of crime (including mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness), victims of crime, and special types of crimes.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. **Language:** English is the primary language of the collection.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** The emphasis is on current issues and research, but some material on the history of law and criminal justice are also selected.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** The main focus is on the United States. Internationally, materials about Asia, North and South America, and Europe are emphasized, with additional coverage of the Middle-East and Russia.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Emphasis is on current materials. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Monographs and periodicals are the main focus. Primary resources, (i.e. statistical/data materials) are selectively acquired.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** Studies in the criminal justice system, as well as each of its components, are purchased broadly. Historical material and biographies of outstanding individuals in the field, textbooks, and works written on a popular level are selectively collected.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- Economics
- Education
- Health Administration
- Management
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology (psychopathology and mental disorders)
- Public Health
- Public Management and Policy
- Social work
- Sociology (criminology and deviance)

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