

Criminal Justice Abstracts

Coverage: Criminal Justice Abstracts provides citations to and abstracts of over 80,000 publications in criminology, including articles from over 600 journals as well as books, government documents, and non-governmental reports. Topics covered include crime trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, police, courts, punishment and sentencing.

Getting Started:

- 1) Go to the University Library site (<http://library.csustan.edu/>) & choose:
 - a. **Find:** Articles in Journals, Magazines & Newspapers
 - b. Criminal Justice
 - c. Criminal Justice Abstracts
- 2) For access off-campus: Screen will ask for ID # and last name.
For the ID #, you can use the barcode number on your Warrior Card starting with 209 or your 9-digit student ID # (starting with 98).

Searching

Break your search down into basic concepts separated by "and."

e.g. To search for articles on "*the effects of early release on the likelihood of re-offending*", you might use "*early release*" **and** "*repeat offenders*."

Two Different Concepts

and	(early release	or	
		repeat offenders	or	
and	(or	

Put different concepts in different rows separated by "and"

(e.g. early release and repeat offenders)

Two terms representing the same idea (plus a different concept)

	(early release	or	parole
and	(repeat offender	or	
and	(or	

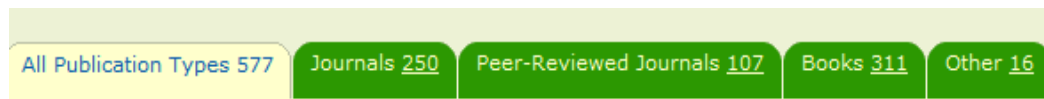
Put similar terms on the same row in different *columns*

(e.g. early release or parole)

Viewing the Results

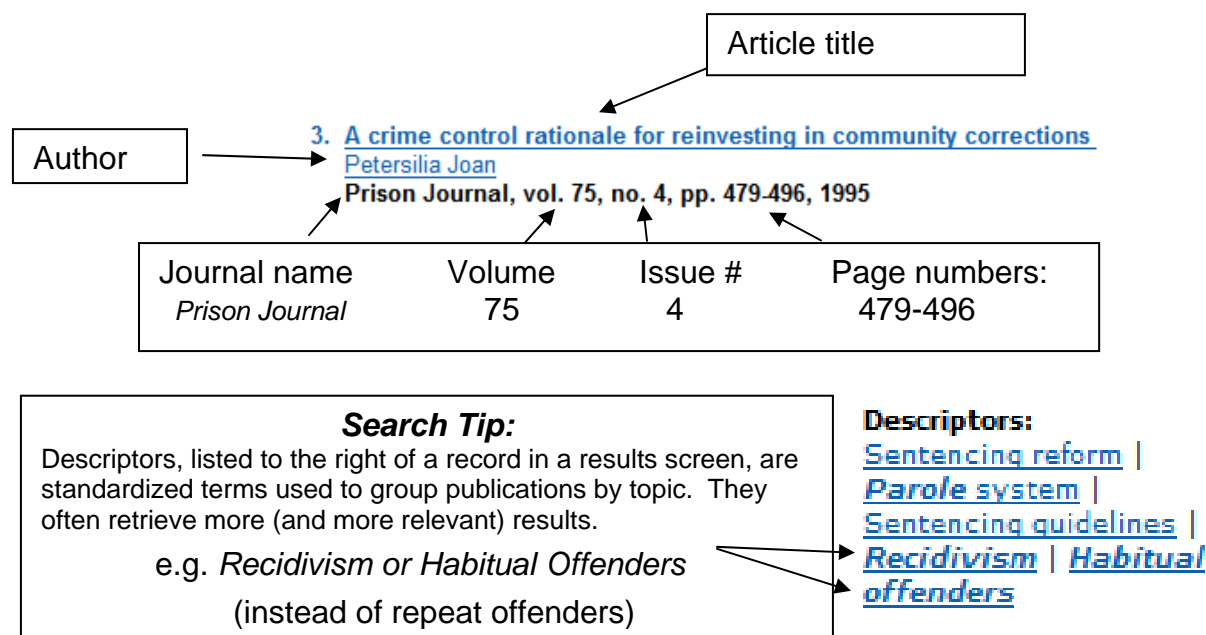
Viewing Journal Articles Only

Use the tab at the top of the results to limit the display to “Journals” or “Peer-Reviewed” journals only (e.g. to exclude books and government reports).



Reading the Results

The display for articles includes title, author, and publication (journal) information, and the start of an abstract (one paragraph description) of the work.



Tip: Marking Records

Before Printing, Emailing/Downloading, choose specific records to save (instead of all of the search results) by checking the box next to the number of each desired record.

Printing, Emailing, Downloading Results

Choose [Save](#), [Print](#), [Email](#) (link found near the top of the screen).

Note – these options only retrieve the citation and abstract, not the full-text of the article.

Create *button* will format chosen results according to **APA Citation Style**.

Note: *This is not 100% correct APA style, but it is close. Consult the APA Manual for exact specifications.*

HTML will display APA-formatted citations in a new window.

RTF & MS Word will prompt you to save the file a local drive (hard drive, jump drive).

Email, Save and Print Preview *buttons* retrieves citations, but *not* in APA Style.



Find It! Getting the Text of an Article

Criminal Justice Abstracts includes an **FIND IT!** link just below the abstract on a results screen and at the top of a Record View screen.

Click the **FIND IT!** button to check the availability of the listed material.

▶ **Full text available via (Name of Electronic Journal Service)**

(attempts to locate and retrieve text of chosen article from the library's online journals)

- 1) Note year, volume, issue and pages of desired article.
- 2) Click the journal service name (or GO button) to open a new window in that service.
- 3) Click appropriate links to access the full-text (often labeled PDF) of desired article.

Find It!	
Title:	The risks and needs of the returning prisoner population
Source:	<i>The review of policy research</i> [1541-132X] Austin yr: 2004 vol: 21 iss: 1 pg: 13-29

Note year, volume/issue, and pages of desired article.

▶ **We should have:** a copy of this article in our print periodicals collection. [\(Library Catalog\)](#)

- 1) Note the year, volume and issue of desired article and click [Library Catalog](#) link.
- 2) Look at the "Holdings" and "SUPPLS" line to see if the library owns the desired volume and/or year.
- 3) If desired volume and/or year are not available in the library, double-check the Electronic Journals before submitting a request to Interlibrary Loan

<i>Holdings</i>	Retains current year and 10-year backfile., v.36:no.1 (Feb. 1998)-	<i>Example from the Catalog:</i> Library has volume 36 to the present in print periodicals and volumes 8 to 40 in microfilm.
<i>SUPPLS</i>	Microfilm: v.8-40(1970-2002)	

▶ **This item may be available via Interlibrary Loan**

When the Find it! service is unable to locate an item, you may request it from another library. Items requested via Interlibrary Loan are usually available in 5-7 working days.



Criminal Justice Abstracts: Advanced Tips

Narrowing a Search

Limited to:

Journal Articles Only (excludes books, dissertations, book reviews, etc.)

Date Range: change *Earliest* to later date to retrieve only recent articles

Change the type of search to a narrower search (box to the right of the search box):

Broadest search: *Anywhere* search

Narrower search: *Keywords* search (does not search the references)

Narrower search: *Title* search

Narrowest search: *Descriptors* search
(best if you use official Descriptors from Criminal Justice Abstracts)

Add additional terms in the second and third row:

e.g. Child Abuse and therapy

Example Searches:

Anywhere search:	parole	3805+	results
Keyword search:	parole	3724+	results
Descriptors Search	parole	1311+	results
Descriptors Search	parole and recidivism	72	results
Descriptors Search	parole and recidivism and juvenile*	13	results

Remove records with unwanted terms

by adding “not” before a row with an unwanted term

Example Searches:

Descriptors search for		
inmates	=	3901+ results
inmates not prison*	=	1920+ results
inmates and jails not prison*	=	170 results

Broadening a Search

Use the **Truncation** symbol (*) to search for variants of words

*Crim** (searches for crime, criminal, criminals, criminology, etc.)

*Abus** (searches for abuse, abused, abusive, etc.)

*Adolesc** (searches for adolescent, adolescents, adolesence, etc.)

Separate synonymous terms with OR

Student or teen* or adolesc*

