

Learn how to find information by using Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (CJPI Online)

The Basic Search

The first screen which will appear is the basic search interface. To conduct a basic search, perform the following steps:

1. Enter your search term in the search box
 - a. This search function is designed for simple, broad searches.
For example, you could search using the subject terms “juvenile delinquents”
2. Select: Full Text, Peer Reviewed and Scholarly journals

The screen should look like the image below.



If you do not select Full Text, you will retrieve some articles for which the Library does not have access. To ensure you find only articles, which you can read, print, and use for assignments, select Full Text!

By selecting Peer Reviewed and Scholarly Journals, the retrieved results will be applicable for class assignments. A scholarly journal contains articles written by academics and researchers in that particular field for the sole purpose of furthering information and knowledge. The audience of these articles is fellow academics, students, and researchers. Peer reviewed articles were reviewed by an editorial board before publication and are therefore valid in terms of research method.

Results

The list of results includes only the most basic information: the title of the article, its author(s) and source, year of publication, and a few brief phrases describing the article.

The screenshot shows a search results interface with two results. Annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the results:

- Article Title:** Points to the title of the first article, "Specificity of Depressive Symptoms and Suicidality in a Juvenile Delinquent Population".
- Year of Publication:** Points to the year "1999" in the citation information for the first article.
- Authors:** Points to the author names "Esposito, Christianne L; Clum, George A." for the first article.
- Source:** Points to the journal title "Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment" for the first article.

The interface includes a top navigation bar with options like "Save to My Research", "Email", "Print", "Cite", and "Export/Save". A sidebar on the right allows for sorting results by "Relevance" and narrowing results by "Source type" (Scholarly Journals (209)), "Publication title", "Document type", and "Subject".

By clicking on the title of the article, you can view the abstract or summary of the article as well as the Subject Terms, which describe the article. Subject terms can be used to find articles on related subjects, or to broaden or narrow the search. If you're having trouble locating articles about your topic, you may find it useful to use the Subject Terms.

The screenshot shows the full article page for "It Costs to Be Delinquent: Fees and Fines in Juvenile Justice" by Rubin, H. (2009). Annotations with arrows point to:

- The article title.
- The "Abstract (summary)" section, which contains the following text: "The juvenile court experience used to be a free ride. Youthful offenders had to pay for their sins by adhering to judicial orders and probation conditions. If they failed, there were consequences that could lead to community-level sanctions or, in some cases, a state institution. Transfer to a criminal court was the ultimate sanction. But nothing involved money. Even public defenders used to come free. Today, there are fees and fines and other charges. It doesn't pay to be delinquent. Delinquent youth/families do pay out money, or at least they are so ordered. Payment obligations often become delinquent. Payment obligations may become a prominent tug of war between the youth and the probation officer. Here, Rubin looks at the fees and fines that are increasingly being assessed in US' juvenile courts."
- The "Indexing (details)" section, which lists the following subject terms: "Juvenile justice;", "Juvenile courts;", and "Juvenile offenders;"

The page also features a navigation bar with "Add to selected items", "Save to My Research", "Email", "Print", "Cite", and "Export/Save" options.

The Advanced Search

To search in greater detail or to find information about a combination of topics or subjects, try an advanced search.

To begin, you will notice not one, but three search boxes. Use these boxes to combine ideas, group topics, and eliminate irrelevant information. The boxes are linked by one of three terms: ABOUT, OR and NOT. The default setting is AND.

AND: Link two subject terms or keywords you would like to search together. This term narrows the search. You will retrieve a smaller number of articles.

OR: The database will look for articles that include one or both of the keywords. By using OR, you will broaden the search and increase the number of results.

NOT: If there is a subject within a greater topic you would not like to include in the search, using NOT will eliminate that information from the result list. NOT will narrow the search.

You can limit your search in other ways. If your topic(s) change and are updated frequently, and currency is an issue, you can specify how recent the retrieved articles are by using the Date range menu. If you have already selected Scholarly journals under the search boxes, you can simply select Article under Document type and select English under the Language heading.

The screenshot displays the 'Advanced Search' interface. At the top, there are three search boxes with dropdown menus for logical operators (AND, OR, NOT) and field selection (All fields + text, All fields (no full text) - ALL). Below this is the 'Search options' section. A blue arrow points to the 'Date range:' dropdown menu, which is open and shows options like 'All dates', 'Last 7 days', 'Last 30 days', 'Last 3 months', 'Last 12 months', 'Last 3 years', 'On this date...', 'After this date...', 'Before this date...', and 'Specific date range...'. Below the date range menu is the 'Document type:' section, which is circled in blue. It includes a 'Select all' checkbox and a list of document types: Article (checked), Book Matter, Bibliography, Biography, Blog, Book, and Case Study. To the right of the search options is a 'Search subject areas' section with a search form and a 'Criminal Justice' subject area highlighted.

Document feature:

- Select all
- Cartoons
- Comic strips
- Illustrations
- Maps
- Music
- Photographs

Language:

- Select all
- Croatian
- English
- French
- Latin
- Portuguese
- Romany
- Spanish

Sort results by: Relevance

Items per page: 20

Duplicates: Include duplicate documents

[Search](#) [Clear form](#)

One last point, multiple ways to search and define your search terms exist. Take a look below. You can search by title or author, if you have a specific article in mind. You can also search by journal, if you were assigned a specific journal to use. For most searches, however, the default setting, All fields + text, will suffice.

Advanced Search

[Look Up Citation](#) | [Command Line](#) | [Find Similar](#)

us justice system in in in

AND (crime rate OR) in

AND (OR) in

[Add a row](#) | [Remove a row](#)

Search options

Limit to: Full text Peer reviewed Scholarly journals

Date range: All dates

[Show less](#)

Source type:

- Select all
- Books
- Magazines
- Other Sources

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- All fields + text
- All fields + text
- All fields (no full text) – ALL
- Abstract – AB
- Author – AU
- Document text – FT
- Document title – TI
- Publication title – PUB
- Subject heading (all) – SU
- Company/org – ORG
- Location – LOC
- Person – PER
- Tags – TAG
- More options**
- Image caption – CAP
- References – REF
- Cited author – CAU
- Cited document title – CTI
- Cited publication date – CYR
- Cited publication title – CPUB
- Section – SEC

If you have questions or problems, stop by the Reference Desk for assistance!