

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

## I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### A. Library Collection Development Objective

The Library seeks to support curricular and research needs in all areas of criminal justice and criminology, including: community-based and institutional corrections, community policing, comparative criminal justice, courts, crime prevention, criminal justice administration, criminal justice education, criminal justice planning and evaluation, criminal law, criminal procedure, cybercrimes, data analysis (statistics) and research methods, drugs and crime, ethics in criminal justice, faith-based organizations and crime, forensic criminology, gender and race issues in criminal justice, juvenile justice, occupational crime, organized crime, policing, probation/parole, sexual deviance, terrorism and homeland security, victimology, and white collar crime.

### B. Description of User Groups Supported

User groups supported include undergraduate and graduate students and faculty. The following changes in the user population were observed during the five years prior to 2006:

### C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

The following are new and expanding areas of interest in Criminal Justice:

1. All graduate students are required to develop and complete either Area Papers or Theses. These manuscripts are highly dependent on the most current research studies and data available.
2. Criminal Justice currently supports a Study Abroad program to China. It is anticipated that the Criminal Justice Study Abroad program to England/Scotland will be reactivated Summer 2007. Both program students complete the Comparative Criminal Justice course, requiring a solid literature base from international sources.
3. Current undergraduate upper-division core and elective courses, particularly Senior Seminar, require students to complete extensive research and literature reviews of current issues and statistical data for course projects and papers.

4. Undergraduate Criminal Justice students are increasingly participating in the Center for Undergraduate Research Symposium, using library resources to develop research presentations.
5. Criminal Justice faculty and students are increasingly participating in the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia. Both faculty and students use library resources to develop research papers for conference presentations.
6. Criminal Justice faculty are continuously expanding their areas of interest and research, as well as developing new courses, all requiring an extensive base of literature from which to review.

D. Areas of Established Specialization

Specialization is wide and varied across the Criminal Justice faculty. Areas of specialization include: community-based and institutional corrections, community policing, comparative criminal justice, courts, crime prevention, criminal justice administration, criminal justice education, criminal justice planning and evaluation, criminal law, criminal procedure, cybercrimes, data analysis (statistics) and research methods, drugs and crime, ethics in criminal justice, faith-based organizations and crime, forensic criminology, gender and race issues in criminal justice, juvenile justice, occupational crime, organized crime, policing, probation/parole, sexual deviance, terrorism and homeland security, victimology, and white collar crime.

## II. TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Subject Depth

To support the Criminal Justice Department, the library will collect materials in the following subject areas at the Instructional Support (3) or Research (4) levels.

<b>Subject Subdivision</b>	<b>Collecting Level</b>
Computer crimes	3
Corrections	4
Crime—United States—History	3
Crime prevention	4
Criminal procedure	3
Criminal psychology	3
Criminal Investigation	3

Criminal justice, Administration of	3
—Cross-cultural studies	3
—Moral and ethical aspects	4
Criminal Justice -- Research Methods	3
Criminal Law—United States	3
Criminological Theory (Criminology)	4
Discrimination in criminal justice administration—United States	3
Forensic sciences	3
Gangs	3
Indians of North America—Criminal justice system	3
Juvenile justice	4
Law enforcement	3
Organized crime	3
Sex crimes	3
Terrorism	3
Victims of crimes	4
White collar crimes	3

B. Specific Delimitations

**Formats collected:** Monographs (Books), Periodicals, extensively; Annuals and other serials, Audiovisual, Dissertations, Electronic, Reference tools, Textbooks, selectively; Maps, and Microformat collections, excluded.

**Imprint dates collected:** Current, 20<sup>th</sup> Century, extensively; 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Earlier, selectively;

**Chronological focus:** Not applicable in Criminal Justice

**Languages collected:** English, extensively; Spanish, selectively.

**Places of publication:** North America, Canada, extensively; England, Australia/New Zealand, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Russia, Latin America, South America, selectively;