

Criminal Justice Paper Topics

A thoroughly revised edition, providing full coverage of online sources, the techniques of electronic searching, and using the Internet, as well as traditional resources.

Essentials of Statistics for Criminology and Criminal Justice helps students understand the vital role that research and statistics play in the study of criminology and criminal justice by showing them how to conduct and interpret statistics in real-world settings with a step-by-step approach to solving problems. This practical, applied approach offers students the fundamentals of descriptive and inferential statistics in a concise and easy-to-understand format,avoiding complicated proofs and discussions of statistical theory. The examples and case studies provide relevant examples for criminology and criminal justice students, and deal with contemporary issues related to crime, corrections, police, and the judicial system. Students will not only learn about the "how to" in statistics, but they will also recognize its importance in today's criminal justice system.

Criminological research lies at the heart of criminological theory, influences social policy development, as well as informs criminal justice practice. The ability to collect, analyse and present empirical data is a core skill every student of criminology must learn. Written as an engaging step-by-step guide and illustrated by detailed case studies, this book guides the reader in how to analyse criminological data. Key features of the book include:
o Guidance on how to identify a research topic, designing a research study, accounting for the role of the researcher and writing up and presenting research findings.
o A thorough account of the development of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies and data analysis within the field of criminology.
o Relevant and up-to-date case studies, drawn from internationally published criminological research sources.
o Clear and accessible chapter content supported by helpful introductions, concise summaries, self-study questions and suggestions for further reading.
Understanding Criminological Research: A Guide to Data Analysis in invaluable reading for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in criminology and criminal justice.

This report describes some of the National Institute of Justice’s (NIJ) successful research projects, summarizes their findings, and discusses their influence on criminal justice policy and practice. The study considers whether the research has (1) addressed issues and problems that are central and critical to criminal justice policy and practice, (2) affected law enforcement and other functions of the system, and (3) ultimately helped improve the system’s effectiveness in dealing with crime and criminals. The author asked NIJ staff to nominate research efforts that, in their opinion, had influenced policy and practice in the last two decades and then interviewed high-level managers and policymakers about their knowledge and use of the research. Finally, she reviewed the relevant criminal justice literature to see whether the changes in the field reflected or paralleled directions suggested by the research. The study indicates that research has indeed helped shape the way criminal justice policymakers and practitioners think about issues, how they identify problems that need attention, which alternatives they consider for dealing with their problems, and their sense of what can be accomplished.

Expanding knowledge in criminal justice

Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology

Criminal Justice Research

Research Methods for Criminal Justice and Criminology

The Evidence

This book is concerned to explore the changing role of the Parole Board across the range of its responsibilities, including the prediction of risk and deciding on the release (or continued detention) of the growing number of recalled prisoners and of those subject to indeterminate sentences. In doing so it aims to rectify the lack of attention that has been given by lawyers, academics and practitioners to back door sentencing (where the real length of a sentence is decided by those who take the decision to release) compared to front door sentencing’ (decisions taken by judges or magistrates in court). Particular attention is given in this book to the important changes made to the role and working of the Parole Board as a result of the impact of the early release scheme of the Criminal Justice Act 2005, with the Parole Board now deciding in Panels concerned with determinate sentence prisoners, lifers and recalled prisoners. A wide range of significant issues, and case law, has arisen as a result of these changes, which the contributors to this book, leading authorities in the field, aim to explore.

A criticism of these policies and recommendations for new strategies is presented. The final part of this report provides an analysis of the kinds of problems often encountered in research and development. Three general types of criminal justice research and development are discussed: technology (e.g., hardware) research, research on problems of criminal justice organizations (e.g., arrest, prosecution, sentencing, and parole), and research on new criminal justice problems. For each type of research and development, the relevant issues and recommendations are discussed. Most of these, however, still related to either the support or conduct of research and development.

Clinical Interventions in Criminal Justice Settings balances theoretical frameworks and research methodology to examine the effective evidence-based practices and principles for populations within the criminal justice system. The book explores the major clinical issues that are relevant for adopting evidence-based practices and demonstrates how to implement them. Topics include legislation, law enforcement, courts, corrections, actuarial assessment instruments, treatment fidelity, diverse populations, mental illness, substance use and juvenile delinquency. Clinical Interventions in Criminal Justice Settings models opportunities for evidence-based practice during entry into the criminal justice system (arrest), prosecution (court, pretrial release, jail, and prison), sentencing (community supervision, incarceration), and corrections (jail, prison, probation and parole). Addresses offenders in all four components of the criminal justice system—legislation, law enforcement, courts and corrections Covers the use of actuarial risk assessment instruments for clinical decision-making Includes tools that predict recidivism, levels of service needed, and future offending behavior Separates specific practices for juvenile and adult offenders Delves into specific special populations, such as those with HIV and AIDS, substance abuse, co-occurring disorders and homelessness

We live in an era of mass mobility where governments remain committed to closing borders, engaging with securitisation discourses and restrictive immigration policies, which in turn nurture xenophobia and racism. It is within this wider context of social and political unrest that the contributors of this collection reflect on their experiences of conducting criminological research. This collection focuses on the challenges of doing research on the intersections between criminal justice and immigration control, choosing and changing methodologies while juggling the disciplinary and interdisciplinary requirements of the work’s audience. From research design, to fieldwork to writing-up, this book captures every part of the research process, drawing on a range of topics such as migration control, immigrant detention and border policing. It also reflects on more neglected areas such as the interpersonal and institutional contexts of research and the ontological and epistemological assumptions embedded within data analysis methods. It makes a significant contribution to our understanding of the major developments in current research in this field, how and why they occur and with what consequences. This book seeks to shake off the phantom of undisturbed research settings by bringing to the fore the researchers’ involvement in the research process and its products. An interdisciplinary collection, it can be used as a reference not just for those interested in the criminology of mobility but also as a learning tool for anyone conducting research on a highly charged topic in contemporary policy and politics.

Research in Criminology

Dilemmas, Issues and Solutions

Desistance from Crime

publications of the National Institute of Justice, cumulative supplement 1978-1982

National Institute of Justice Journal

The Encyclopedia of RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE The most comprehensive reference work on research designs and methods in criminology and criminal justice This Encyclopedia of Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a comprehensive survey of research methodologies and statistical techniques that are popular in criminology and criminal justice systems across the globe. With contributions from leading scholars and practitioners in the field, it offers a clear insight into the techniques that are currently in use to answer the pressing questions in criminology and criminal justice. The Encyclopedia contains essential information from a diverse pool of authors about research designs grounded in both qualitative and quantitative approaches. It includes information on popular datasets and leading resources of government statistics. In addition, the contributors cover a wide range of topics such as: the most current research on the link between guns and crime, rational choice theory, and the use of technology like geospatial mapping as a crime reduction tool. This invaluable reference work: Offers a comprehensive survey of international research designs, methods, and statistical techniques Includes contributions from leading figures in the field Contains data on criminology and criminal justice from Cambridge to Chicago Presents information on capital punishment, domestic violence, crime science, and much more Helps us to better understand, explain, and prevent crime Written for undergraduate students, graduate students, and researchers, The Encyclopedia of Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice is the first reference work of its kind to offer a comprehensive review of this important topic.

Intended for federal, state, and local policymakers in the area of criminal justice research and development, this report includes guidelines for improvement of the quality, relevance, and utilization of research results. In order to cover these issues, part two of this report focuses respectively on the needs of research and development policymakers who fund criminal justice research and development, researchers who conduct research and development, and practitioners who put research and development results into use. Guidelines and principles are proposed which should assist policymakers at all levels of government. However, some topics tend to be addressed more to the federal level, where major research and development decisions are often made. The first chapter of this part presents a detailed discussion of institutional support for criminal justice research and development. It describes the federal role in supporting this effort, focusing on who the agencies are, the extent of their involvement, and how the principal agencies are organized to manage their research and development programs. Recommendations regarding the research and development management activities of criminal justice funding agencies are included. Several important issues in the conduct of criminal justice research and development are examined in the second chapter. Among the topics discussed are constraints on research, ethical issues, research designs and methodologies, prerequisites for sound planning and project selection, ways of maintaining the confidentiality of data, and ways of making data more easily available for research and statistical purposes. The final chapter of this section discusses research and development utilization practices and the assumptions underlying current policies in this area. A criticism of these policies and recommendations for new strategies is presented. The final part of this report provides an analysis of the kinds of problems often encountered in research and development. Three general types of criminal justice research and development are discussed: technology (e.g., hardware) research, research on problems of criminal justice organizations (e.g., arrest, prosecution, sentencing, and parole), and research on new criminal justice problems. For each type of research and development, the relevant issues and recommendations are discussed. Most of these, however, still related to either the support or conduct of research and development. The report also attempts to provide concrete illustrative examples by raising the relevant issues in the context of crime prevention at commercial and residential sites (technology research), sentencing (research on problems of criminal justice organizations), and problems of the victim (research on new criminal justice problems).

Contemporary Issues in Victimology: Identifying Patterns and Trends examines current topics in victimology and explores the main issues surrounding them. Key topics include: intimate partner violence and dating violence, rape and sexual assault on the college campus, Internet victimization, elder abuse, victimization of inmates, repeat and poly-victimization, fear of crime and perceived risk of crime, human trafficking, mass shootings, and child-to-parent violence. Each chapter includes information about the specific topic, including the nature of the issues, trends, current research, policy, current issues, and future challenges.

The often-tenuous relationship between law enforcement and communities of color, namely African Americans, has grown increasingly strained, and the call for justice has once again ignited the demand for criminal justice reform. Rebuilding the trust between the police and the citizens that they have sworn to protect and serve requires that criminal justice practitioners and educators collaborate with elected officials and commit to an open, ongoing dialogue on the most challenging issues that remain unresolved but demand collective attention and support. Reform measures are not limited to policing policies and practices, but rather extend throughout the criminal justice system. There is no denying that the criminal justice system as we know it is flawed, but not beyond repair. Global Perspectives on Reforming the Criminal Justice System provides in-depth and current research about the criminal justice system around the world, its many inadequacies, and why it urgently needs reformation. Offering a fully fleshed outline of the current system, this book details the newest research and is incredibly important to fully understand the flaws of the criminal justice system across the globe. The goals of this book are to improve and advance the criminal justice system by addressing the glaring weaknesses within the system and discuss potential reforms including decreasing the prison population (decarceration) and improving police/community relations. Highlighting topics that include accountability, community-oriented policing, ethics, and mass incarceration, this book is ideal for law enforcement officers, trainers/educators, government officials, policymakers, correctional officers, court officials, professionals, researchers, academicians, and students in the fields of criminal justice, criminology, sociology, psychology, addictions, mental health, social work, public policy, and public administration.

Strategies and Resources

Research Paper Writing Guide for Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation Scholars

Clinical Interventions in Criminal Justice Settings An Applied Approach

Ethical principles and concerns are at the heart of criminological research and can arise at the planning, implementation and reporting stages. It is vital that researchers are aware of the issues involved so that they can make informed decisions about the implications of certain choices. This cutting-edge book charts the changing topography of ethics, governance and accountability for social science research in criminology, contributes to the developing discourse on research ethics and demonstrates the importance as to why research ethics should be taken seriously. Bringing together a range of experts who consider both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. This book examines the key issues and challenges of ethical research. Topics covered include: the measures in place to ensure ethical research practice for social scientists; the relationship between state funding and research findings; the challenge of researching sensitive areas; the changing face of governance and accountability for academic criminology. Research Ethics in Criminology is a comprehensive and accessible text that is ideal for students studying criminological research methods. Supplementary material includes key points, chapter summaries, critical thinking questions, key definitions, case examples, and recommendations for further reading. This book will provide a thorough grounding in the ethical issues faced by researchers, as well as an understanding of the role and purpose of ethics committees.

Research should be enjoyable, whether it is a college student completing a project for a degree or a professor meeting requirements or expectations associated with his or her position. Learning the basics for conducting research is the first step. This text is a reader-friendly primer that has as its strength the facility to positively and gently ease the reader into the task of conducting research.

Ideal for undergraduate or graduate-level courses, Research Methods for Criminology and Criminal Justice, Fourth Edition introduces students to the functions of criminal justice research including basic ideas behind scientific theory, research language, and research design.

"This is a great text. It is comprehensive and easy to understand. The illustrations will enable students to learn and remember the information. This is the first research methods text I have read that is actually fun to read." —Tina L. Freiburger, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology connects key concepts to real field research and practices using contemporary examples and recurring case studies that demonstrate how concepts relate to students’ lives. Authors Callie M. Rennison and Timothy C. Hart introduce practical research strategies used in criminal justice to show students how a research question can become a policy that changes or influences criminal justice practices. The book’s student-driven approach addresses both the why and the how as it covers the research process and focuses on the practical application of data collection and analysis. By demonstrating the variety of ways research can be used and reinforcing the need to discern quality research, the book prepares students to become critical consumers and ethical producers of research. Free Poster: How to conduct a literature review Give your students the SAGE edge! SAGE edge offers a robust online environment featuring an impressive array of free tools and resources for review, study, and further exploration, keeping both instructors and students on the cutting edge of teaching and learning. Learn more at edge.sagepub.com/rennisonrm. Available with Perusall—an eBook that makes it easier to prepare for class! Perusall is an award-winning eBook platform featuring social annotation tools that allow students and instructors to collaboratively mark up and discuss their SAGE textbook. Backed by research and supported by technological innovations developed at Harvard University, this process of learning through collaborative annotation keeps your students engaged and makes teaching easier and more effective. Learn more.

Research in Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Research in Libraries and on the Internet

Putting Theory to Work

Criminal Justice Research in Libraries

Identifying Patterns and Trends

Because of its eclectic nature, criminal justice can be a difficult discipline to research. This readable guide should help students through the maze of data. Choice Lutzker and Ferrall skillfully introduce the student, professor, or researcher to the sources in the field and suggest logical ways of approaching them when doing research. Reference Books Journal

This book represents a brief treatise on the theory and research behind the concept of desistance from crime. This ever-growing field has become increasingly relevant as questions of serious issues regarding sentencing, probation and the penal system continue to go unanswered. Rocque covers the history of research on desistance from crime and provides a discussion of research and theories on the topic before looking towards the future of the application of desistance to policy. The focus of the volume is to provide an overview of the practical and theoretical developments to better understand desistance. In addition, a multidisciplinary, integrative theoretical perspective is presented, ensuring that it will be of particular interest for students and scholars of criminology and the criminal justice system.

This book contains the necessary information for college students to write successful research papers. Most research textbooks stop short at describing the step-by-step process of building and presenting research papers. This book does not. The textbook’s design walks students through the logical process of building research papers and presenting research findings both orally and in writing. Topics include: APA Writing Guide and Paper Requirements The Purpose Statement Citing in APA Style What is a Scholarly Journal? The Literature Review Critical Thinking: Analysis, Synthesis, and Evaluation The Oral Presentation Completing the Paper The textbook serves as a primary textbook for courses involving research methods and paper writing or serves as an effective supplement to courses with major research paper components. The textbook contains several practical exercises and helpful tables as well.

Most major crime in this country emanates from two major data sources. The FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports has collected information on crimes known to the police and arrests from local and state jurisdictions throughout the country. The National Crime Victimization Survey, a general population survey designed to cover the extent, nature, and consequences of criminal victimization, has been conducted annually since the early1970s. This workshop was designed to consider similarities and differences in the methodological problems encountered by the survey and criminal justice research communities and what might be the best focus for the research community. In addition to comparing and contrasting the methodological issues associated with self-report surveys and official records, the workshop explored methods for obtaining accurate self-reports on sensitive questions about crime events, estimating crime and victimization in rural counties and townships and developing unbiased prevalence and incidence rates for rate events among population subgroups.

Criminal Justice research solicitation

Global Perspectives on Reforming the Criminal Justice System

Essentials of Statistics for Criminology and Criminal Justice

Criminology and Public Policy

classification, prediction, methodology development

Because police are the most visible face of government power for most citizens, they are expected to deal effectively with crime and disorder and to be impartial. Producing justice through the fair, and restrained use of their authority. The standards by which the public judges police success have become more exacting and challenging. Fairness and Effectiveness in Policing explores police work in the new century. It replaces myths with research findings and provides recommendations for updated policy and practices to guide it. The book provides answers to the most basic questions: What do police do? It reviews how police work is organized, explores the expanding responsibilities of police, examines the increasing diversity among police employees, and discusses the complex interactions between officers and citizens. It also addresses such topics as community policing, use of force, racial profiling, and evaluates the success of common police techniques, such as focusing on crime "hot spots." It goes on to look at the issue of legitimacy"how the public gets information about police work, and how police are viewed by different groups, and how police can gain community trust. Fairness and Effectiveness in Policing will be important to anyone concerned about police work: policy makers, administrators, educators, police supervisors and officers, journalists, and interested citizens.

Should prostitution be legalized? Are stalking laws effective? Is medical treatment a useful way to deal with criminal offenders? Are restorative justice processes too lenient toward offenders? These are some of the most hotly debated questions in the field of criminology, often sparking discomfort and anger among those who wish to know more about these issues. Now, Controversial Issues in Criminology attempts to provide factual information and a much-needed forum for discussion, utilizing a unique debate format to discuss controversial issues in the field of criminology. KEY TOPICS: Topics addressed in this book were chosen with a conscious effort to include those that are the most controversial. The contributing authors, each solicited because of their expertise in this area, come from a variety of backgrounds, academic disciplines and perspectives. In addition to such hot topics as prostitution, stalking, and the rehabilitation of criminals, the book also covers issues such as the "supersizing" of murder, government research on terrorism, stricter law enforcement for "techno-crimes," and the role of "community corrections." Law enforcement officers, corrections officers, educators, students of law enforcement, and anyone interested in issues of criminal justice and the correctional process.

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Research Methods for Criminal Justice and Criminology 3e is about how to do research and investigate various types of research questions that arise in criminology and criminal justice. A complete discussion of research ethics-including ethical issues relating to the Nuremberg Code, research sponsorship, rights of human subjects and deception – helps readers understand their ethical responsibilities as researchers. This book explores the entire criminal justices and criminology research process from beginning to end including: sampling procedures; data collection techniques; measurement, validity and reliability issues; the role of ethics in the research process; and writing and documenting research papers. Presents a practical guide for conducting research in criminal justice and criminology careers.

Criminal Justice Research and Development

A Primer

Research Ethics in Criminology

Workshop Summary

Contemporary Issues in Victimology

Research Methods for Criminology and Criminal Justice, Third Edition introduces students to the functions of criminal justice research including scientific theory, research language, and research design. Ideal for the undergraduate or graduate level research methods courses, this Third Edition takes a clear and simple approach to social science research. This text makes learning research methods easy, understandable, and applicable to the criminal justice topics students are most interested in. Key Features: Contains expanded sections on quantitative research vs. qualitative research and mixed methods research, comparing in more detail the link between the two and the need for both Chapters are reorganized for a more reader-friendly format Provides updated case studies and exercises with real-world examples from recently published research Includes expanded discussion on special topics such as ethics, confidentiality, and the need for objectivity Includes end-of-chapter exercises with an applied approach

Designed to assist criminal justice students and practitioners to conduct research on problems and issues facing the criminal justice system. It is based upon the authors' collective experience as researchers and instructors in criminal justice research and policy analysis. The definitions and examples provided in the book will help students and practitioners to both comprehend research articles and reports and to conduct their own research.

Immerse your students in contemporary and classic scholarly research and readings from the major branches of the criminal justice system This text/reader is a comprehensive, cutting-edge overview of the main research methods used in the fields of criminology and criminal justice. Snapshots of Research offers a wide range of modern research examples, as well as several classic articles, including a broad range of readings from the four major branches of the criminal justice system—policing, courts/law, juvenile justice, and corrections—that are relevant to career paths students may be interested in pursuing.

Professional development is an issue of interest to all criminal justice faculty, from the newest Assistant Professor to the most senior Full Professor. The annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference has a number of panels and workshops that deal with the wide variety of issues that criminal justice faculty deal with as they move through their career. These panels are well-attended, attesting to the interest that faculty have in this topic. Given the importance of staying apprised of changes in the discipline, from hiring expectations to tenure and promotion requirements, the fact that academic study of criminal justice has changed a great deal in the past decade, and that more is now expected of graduate students, pre-tenure faculty, and even senior faculty, this book is an attempt to address some of the most important topics that those engaged in the academic study of criminal justice are faced with as they move through their career. Each chapter is written by a well-regarded academic with experience in the area upon which they are writing. This book was originally published as a special issue of the Journal of Criminal Justice Education.

New Advances in Theory and Research

How to find success as a Criminal Justice faculty member

Research Methods for Criminology and Criminal Justice

Snapshots of Research

Understanding Criminological Research

In this book six leading criminologists address the central issues of ideology, crime and criminal justice in a series of essays originally presented at a symposium held in honour of Sir Leon Radzinowicz in Cambridge in March 2001. This book is concerned with the key themes of the history of criminal justice, the history and development of criminological thought, and criminal justice policy. Each of the contributed chapters makes an original and important contribution to the development of the discipline of criminology. This book is valuable reading for anybody interested in the past and present of the discipline of criminology, explored through essays on morality, prisons, policing, criminal justice and penal policy.

Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology connects key concepts to real field research and practices using contemporary examples and recurring case studies throughout the book that demonstrate how concepts relate to students' lives. Authors Callie M. Rennison and Timothy C. Hart introduce practical research strategies used in criminal justice to show students how a research question can become a policy that changes or influences criminal justice practices. The book's student-driven approach addresses both the "why" and the "how" as it covers the research process and focuses on the practical application of data collection and analysis. By demonstrating the variety of ways research can be used, and reinforcing the need to discern quality research, the book prepares students to become critical consumers and ethical producers of research. The Second Edition includes two new case studies woven throughout, and new expert profiles to highlight contemporary topics. Editable PowerPoint slides and a test bank are available to instructors at: <https://edge.sagepub.com/rennison-research-methods-2e>.

This essential primer on legal research is written specifically for criminal justice and social sciences students. The book's basic, how-to approach makes it suitable not only as a guiding text for research courses, but also as a key supplementary text for courses in which legal research is a secondary requirement. Stripped of the cumbersome information found in similar texts for legal students, this slim essentials book gives criminal justice and social sciences students the tools they need for successful research.

The SAGE Guide to Writing in Criminal Justice Research Methods equips students with transferable writing skills that can be applied across the field of criminal justice—both academically and professionally. Authors Jennifer M. Allen and Steven Houglund interweave professional and applied writing, academic writing, and information literacy, with the result being a stronger, more confident writer, researcher, and student in criminal justice.

Focused on teaching students how to write in the academic setting while introducing them to a number of other writing tools specific to research methods, such as writing literature reviews, abstracts, proposals, and more. The perfect companion for any criminal justice research methods course, this brief text focuses on key topics that will benefit students in their classes and in the field.

The Influence of Criminal Justice Research

Fairness and Effectiveness in Policing

Who to Release?

Criminal Justice Research in an Era of Mass Mobility

Ideology, Crime and Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Research in an Era of Mass MobilityRoutledge

Examines the links between criminological theory and criminal justice policy and practice.

The Encyclopedia of Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2 Volume Set

Readings in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Introduction to Criminal Justice Research Methods

Report of the Task Force on Criminal Justice Research and Development

Measurement Problems in Criminal Justice Research