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## Critical Issues in Policing CCJ 480

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**LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)**  
**LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT**

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: CCJ 480: Critical Issues in Policing

Department, College: Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arts & Sciences

Faculty Member: Megan Parry

Date returned to Faculty: 23 November 2020

Librarian Completing Assessment: Karen Walton Morse

Collection Management Officer: Joanna M. Burkhardt

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Assessment of:

- Suitability of existing library resources;
- New library resources required to support the program;
- Information skills education required by the students; and
- Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

**1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories. How much money is now allocated in the subject area?**

The Library actively purchases new publications related to the course topic (criminal justice policies). It has substantial holdings in the areas of criminology, criminal justice, sociology, and general social science, including access to hundreds of relevant journals.

The 2019-2020 allocation for monographs for Sociology & Anthropology (including Criminology & Criminal Justice) was approximately \$8000 (steady from 2018-2019 and up from \$7800 in 2017-2018). Despite the lack of a 2020-2021 budget, we are proceeding as if budgets are flat for collection development.

The cost of journal subscriptions is not broken out by department.

**2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?**

The Faculty Questionnaire listed the following journals as essential for the course:

[FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin](#), [Justice Quarterly](#), [Police Practice & Research](#), [Police Quarterly](#), [Policing](#), and [Policing & Society](#). The Library subscribes and provides electronic access to all of them.

The Library subscribes to the major journals in criminology, criminal justice, and related fields including *Criminology*, *Crime and Delinquency*, and the following journals listed as non-essential in the questionnaire: *American Sociological Review*; *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Criminology*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*; *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*; *Criminology & Public Policy*; *Critical Criminology*; *Deviant Behavior*; *Ethics: An International Journal of Social, Political and Legal Philosophy*; *George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal*; *International Criminal Justice Review*; *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*; *International Journal of Police Science and Management*; *Journal of Crime and Justice*; *Journal of Criminal Justice*; *Journal of Law and Society* (FKA *British Journal of Law and Society*); *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*; *Law & Sexuality: A Review of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Legal Issues*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Law & Society Review*; *Violence Against Women: An International, Interdisciplinary Journal*; *Western Criminology Review*; and *William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law*.

**3. What new resources are required to support the course (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?**

No new library resources are required to support this course.

The syllabus lists one core text, which is currently on order.

**4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?**

No information mastery sessions are required for students in this course.

Should the instructor want to bring the class to the Library for instruction on research techniques and/or database use (or to schedule a virtual instruction session on the same), arrangements can be made through the Public Services Department. Currently Mary MacDonald (Assoc. Professor, Information Literacy Librarian) oversees the instruction program.

Students may occasionally need to seek help from the Reference department of the Library while working on their research paper.

**5. What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?**

The Library should be able to support this course without any extraordinary expenditure on materials.