INTRODUCTION
Correctional institution is a general term used to describe a jail, prison, reformatory or other government-maintained detention facility. These institutions are generally of statutory creation and are governed by boards of charities, and corrections, or similar boards part of a branch of municipal or state government. State and local legislatures that control corrections law are limited only by the Constitution. CJ 353 discusses legal problems of the convicted from conviction to release; presentence investigation, sentencing, civil rights loss restoration, and other problems confronting the convicted. Most print sources (such as books, periodicals) related to correction Law are located on 4th & 10th floor in Houston Cole Library. Electronic sources (such as databases) can be accessed via computer stations on each floor.

PRINT SOURCES
Books are important sources of basic information on a topic, providing necessary definitions, background information, and historical information. Books provide a foundation for research which can be supplemented by more current information from periodical articles. Books may also contain useful bibliographies which may lead to additional sources of research. When looking for books, consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings to select the proper term(s) to use as subjects under "Find Books (Library Catalog http://library.jsu.edu/)". The following table shows correction law in the Library of Congress System:

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Other subject headings can be:
Community-based corrections Law and legislation,
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Sentences (Criminal procedure) and etc.,
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Abolition of Death Penalty
Administrative Procedure Acts
Appellate Review of Counsel
Capital Punishment
Censorship of Mail
Child/Juvenile Offenders
Civil Rights Acts
Community Corrections
Constitutional Rights
Corrective System/Agencies
Criminal Record
Cruel and Unusual Punishment
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Expense of Death Penalty
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JSU students can also use ALLIES (Alabama Libraries Exchange Services, http://library.jsu.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=dbPage) to borrow circulating books from UAB Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, either on-site with the student ID or by requesting the items through the library catalog.

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

Current print issues of periodicals to which the Library subscribes can be found at the Current Periodical Section on 4th & 10th floor. Older print issues of magazines and journals, usually bound into complete years or volume numbers, are located in the 4th & 10th floor Bound Periodical Section. Electronic Databases are the main electronic sources in the HCL providing indexes, fulltext books (via netLibrary), articles, statutes, and legal cases, etc. To access the HCL subscribed databases off-campus, your student ID and your Last name are required for log-in at: [http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/](http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/). The following are commonly used databases for correction law:

The following table lists some commonly used databases for your research:

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<td>LegalTrac</td>
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<td>Omini File</td>
<td>Full text articles, page images, article abstracts, and citations from over 4,000 journals.</td>
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**Case Sources**

United States Reports (U.S) (REF KF101.U5)
United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyer’s Edition (L.Ed) (REF KF101.U52)
United States Supreme Court Reporter (S.Ct) (REF KF101.S9)
Alabama Reporter (Ala.) (REF KFA45.A22)
Westlaw Campus (Library electronic database: [http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/](http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/))
Findlaw.com (General web site)