

**Executive Summary**  
**Criminal Justice Collection Assessment**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

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Complete details are available in the full assessment, which is available upon request or at <http://bit.ly/2fyeMMU>.

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT**

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary subject that extends beyond the boundaries of the discipline. Supplemental support for research includes a wide range of subject areas, including the holdings in the related subject collections of Law, Sociology and Social Work, Nursing, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Forensic Sciences, Psychology, Political Science and Public Administration, and Emergency Management.

### **Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the Criminal Justice**

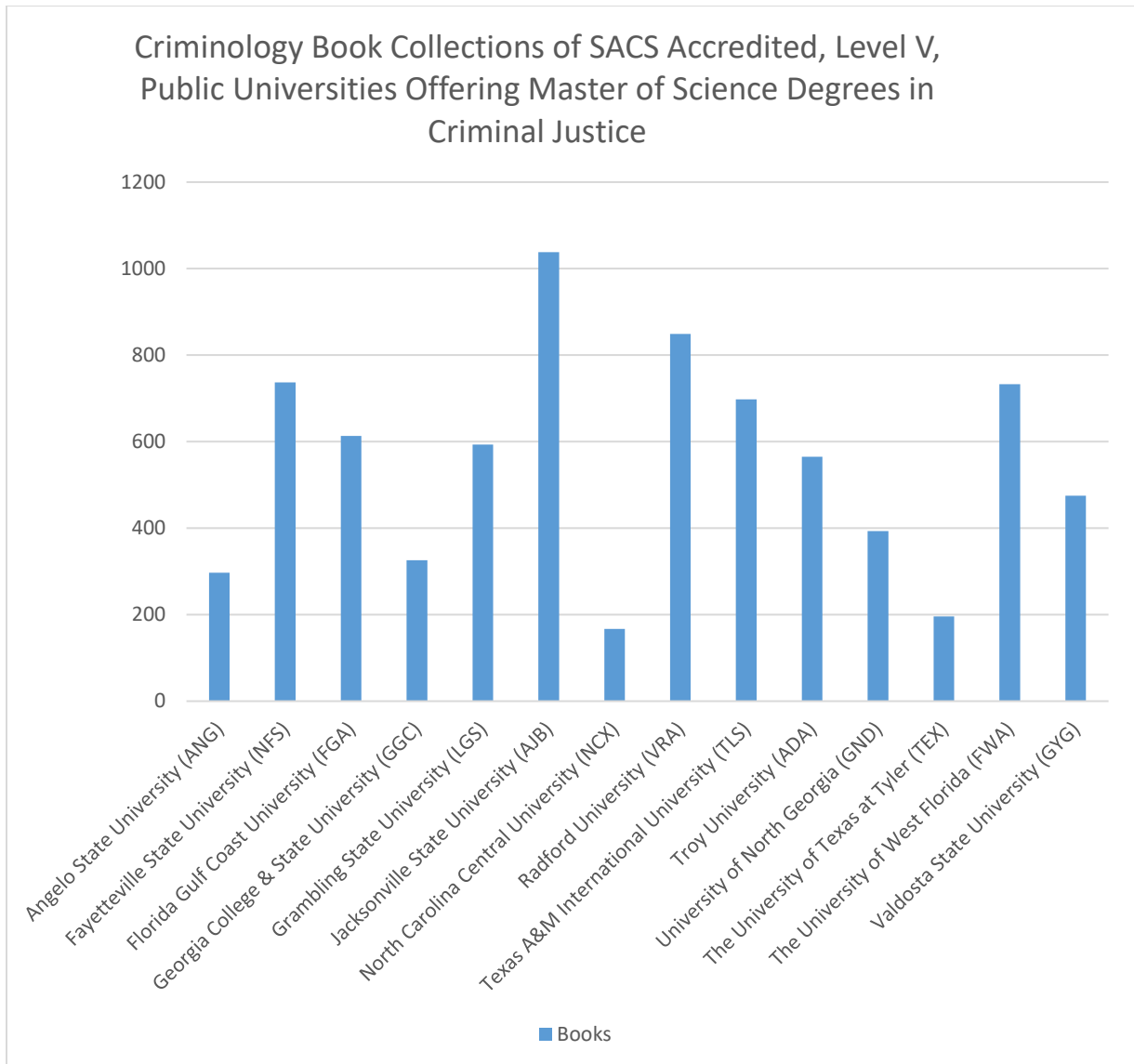
#### **Classifications:**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Totals</b>
B1 – BX9999	Philosophy, Psychology and Religion	31,891
HM1 – HN9999	Sociology and Social History	8,054
HV1 – HV5999	Social and Public Welfare	7,358
J1 – JZ9999	Political Science and Public Administration	22,983
K1 – KZA9999	Law	14,023
RA1001 – RA1171	Forensic Medicine	181
RA1190 – RA1270	Toxicology	378
RC512 – RC569.5	Psychopathology	1,781
RT1 – RT120	Nursing	1,676

**PEER INSTITUTION COMPARISON**

Below is a table comparing book collections of SACS<sup>1</sup> accredited, public, level V universities offering Master of Sciences degrees in Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice book collections were examined in the WorldCat Advanced Search database using the Keyword term “criminology” at <https://bit.ly/2Cw3a9G>. The Houston Cole Library (AJB) monograph collection compares favorably with the others in the number of books held.



<sup>1</sup> Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accredited List: <http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/webmemlist.pdf>.

### **TITLES ADDED/TITLES PUBLISHED**

Below is a comparison of the number of book titles added to the Houston Cole Library collection versus those made available for sale each fiscal year through GOBI.

<b>Monographs Added Versus Published Comparison</b>			
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Added to Collections HV – Social Pathology</b>	<b>YBP New Titles Report<sup>2</sup> HV – Social Pathology</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
2010 – 2011	175	Not available	%
2011 – 2012	236	Not available	%
2012 – 2013	234	1,399	17%
2013 – 2014	244	1,436	17%
2014 – 2015	186	1,421	13%
2015 – 2016	185	1,546	12%
2016 – 2017	168	1,565	11%
2017 – 2018	70	1,528	5%
<b>Total (FY 2012/13 – FY 2017/18)</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>8,895</b>	<b>12%</b>

### **CHECKLIST SUMMARIES**

Bibliographies including *American Reference Books Annual*, *Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs)*, and *Resources for College Libraries* were used to measure the quality of the Library's collection. In checking the bibliographies against the Library's catalog, the following percentages were revealed in the subject area of Criminal Justice.

<b><i>American Reference Books Annual 2010 - 2017</i></b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percent Held</b>
2010	7	20	35%
2011	7	18	39%
2012	4	9	44%
2013	4	11	36%
2014	5	8	63%
2015	4	7	57%
2016	3	7	43%
2017	16	28	57%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>46%</b>

<sup>2</sup> GOBI New Titles Report

([https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitlereport\\_us.html](https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitlereport_us.html))

<b>Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2010 - 2017</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percent Held</b>
2010	8	9	89%
2011	8	8	100%
2012	4	5	80%
2013	8	8	100%
2014	2	3	67%
2015	9	9	100%
2016	8	8	100%
2017	7	7	100%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>95%</b>

<b>Resources for College Libraries 2007 – 2017 Criminal Justice</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percentage Held</b>
2007	24	40	60%
2008	24	47	51%
2009	28	63	44%
2010	37	67	55%
2011	33	62	53%
2012	46	74	62%
2013	51	102	50%
2014	58	107	54%
2015	48	122	39%
2016	47	99	47%
2017	34	87	39%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>49%</b>

### **WITHDRAWALS**

As currency of information is very important in the Criminal Justice collection, older books are withdrawn on a regular basis or as newer editions supersede them, and new books are ordered to fill gaps as curriculum requirements change. The table below shows withdrawals from the HV6001 – HV9960 classifications.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>HV6001-HV9960 Titles Withdrawn</b>	<b>K Titles Withdrawn</b>
2010 – 2011	24	217
2011 – 2012	18	458
2012 – 2013	5	285
2013 – 2014	15	231
2014 – 2015	56	254
2015 – 2016	36	275
2016 – 2017	54	302
2017 – 2018	3	255
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2,277</b>

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#### **Criminal Justice Journals**

Link Shortcut to Peer Reviewed Journals: <https://bit.ly/2OwLEt6>

Includes subject areas of law enforcement, criminology/crime, and forensics.

<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>
Peer Reviewed	207



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The following indexes and bibliographies were checked against the Library's holdings for serial titles pertaining to Criminal Justice, revealing the corresponding percentages:

<b>Titles</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Percent Held</b>
Magazines for Libraries 23 <sup>rd</sup> Edition 2015	104	107	97%

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Through partnerships, such as the one with the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), the Library is able to obtain more content. Resources provided to the Library by the AVL are designated with the AVL icon.

## **SUMMARY**

### **Strengths:**

Total holdings, conspectus evaluation, and checklist comparisons indicate the overall Criminal Justice collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheets are the holdings in the subject areas of: Causes of Crime; Crimes & Offenses; Offenses Against Public Order; and Commercial, Financial & Computer Crimes.

A review of the journal holdings reveals that the Criminal Justice collection is adequate to support the curriculum.

### **Weaknesses:**

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the Criminal Justice subject areas are: Criminal Classes; and Guards, Watchmen, Private Security Services.

### **Recommendations:**

The growth rate of the Criminal Justice Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees offered in Criminal Justice with concentrations available in Corrections, Forensic Investigations, and Law Enforcement offered by the School of Human Services and Social Sciences. The monograph collection should be generally increased, based on budget, with a strong focus on core and outstanding titles. The periodical collection available via databases is substantial and should be maintained. The weak subject areas (noted above) should also be addressed in future additions to the collection.