Criminal Justice

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Purpose/Programs Supported
Clark Atlanta University (CAU), Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, offers both the Bachelor of Arts and a two-year Master’s degree in Criminal Justice. Morehouse College (MC), Department of Sociology offers a minor in Criminal Justice. At CAU the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is a component of the four year interdisciplinary curriculum. The curriculum includes a broad range of study containing such topics as: policing, courts and corrections, the administration of law and procedure and more. The curriculum is also designed to guide students through various career paths including an understanding of the theoretical knowledge base, empirical data and research methodology. The CAU Master’s program emphasizes the study of crime and the administration of criminal justice systems. The program also emphasizes the development of professional skills for leadership and careers in criminal justice.

The MC offers a minor in Criminal Justice. The curriculum seeks to promote systematic criminal analysis of issues of crime and justice stressing theory and method with careful attention given to social policy. Core courses offered for this minor are typically required for a criminal justice major. Students are provided a foundation for direct entry into criminal justice and related careers. Additionally, Environmental Justice, Law Enforcement, and Corrections are the primary areas of faculty research activity and service.

Guidelines for Collection Development and Management
Languages
In general English Language materials are primarily collected. However, important works in other languages will be added when requested.

Chronological Coverage
Primarily currently published materials will receive first choice. Retrospective Historical materials will be purchased when their historical value serve to shape the foundation of the Criminal Justice System in the United States of America.

Geographical Coverage
Materials relating to the Criminal Justice System in the United States are collected. Exceptions will vary when materials are of comparable worth to the collection.
Scope
The RWW Library aims to develop an interdisciplinary collection that will support an undergraduate BS degree, a minor, and a 2 year masters’ degree in criminal justice. These materials will cover a broad social science background that will under gird the study and understanding of crime, criminal behavior and the criminal justice system. International resources will be acquired as they impact study and research.

Types of Materials, Formats Collected
The collection is comprised of monographs in various formats: indexes bibliographies, almanacs, social science guides, yearbooks, abstracts, encyclopedias, dictionaries, statistical sources, biographical sources. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of criminal justice, related collections such as U.S. government documents collection, archival collection, dissertation collection, electronic resources and the World Wide Web become an integral part of the criminal justice collection.