

Academic Sources

Academic writing needs academic sources. While interesting and informative, newspapers, magazines, and Wikipedia are not refereed or peer-reviewed publications. They may be cited, but are not substitutes for academic sources. Examples of *non-academic* sources include: *Police Chief*, *Corrections Today*, *Narc*, *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *US News and World Report*, *New York Times*, *Soldier of Fortune*, *Mother Jones*, and *DUB*. Wikipedia is something we all use, and it is a great tool. But by itself Wikipedia is not an academic source. Articles in Wikipedia, however, *are* generally well cited. Just be sure to follow links back to the original sources.

The basic idea behind peer-review is that at least a few other knowledgeable people agreed with the writer said. It's not a perfect process, but it's better than nothing. Academic journals are always acceptable. Law schools may have law reviews that are acceptable. Government reports are generally considered reliable. Academic books, the kind with footnotes and cited sources published by university presses, are acceptable.

Here's a partial list of academic journals that often have police-related articles. Many if not most of these journals are available in the John Jay College library in person and online. The internet is a wonderful tool, but *there is no substitute for going to the library*.

American Criminal Law Review	Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
American Journal of Criminal Justice	Journal of Drug Issues
American Journal of Policing	Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
American Journal of Sociology	Journal of Police Science and Administration
American Sociological Review	Journal of Police Studies
British Journal of Criminology	Journal of Probation and Parole
Contemporary Justice Review	Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Crime and Delinquency	Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Crime and Social Justice	Journal of School Violence
Criminal Justice Ethics	Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies
Criminal Justice and Behavior	Journal of Social Issues
Criminal Justice Policy Review	Justice Quarterly
Criminal Justice Review	Juvenile and Family Court Journal
Criminology	Law and Society Review
Criminology and Public Policy	Police Practice and Research
Homicide	Police Quarterly
Humanity and Society	Policing
International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice	Public Administration Review
Law Enforcement Executive Forum	Social Forces
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology	Social Problems
Journal of Conflict Resolution	Sociological Inquiry
Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice	Sociological Quarterly
Journal of Criminal Justice	Sociology and Social Research
Journal of Criminal Justice Education	Theoretical Criminology
	Women and Criminal Justice
	Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice