

ACC Library *Research Guide*

Death Penalty Resources

Start your research at the ACC Library homepage
arapahoe.edu/lrc

- >Find books: click Aquabrowser or Traditional Catalog.
- >Find ebooks (NetLibrary): click Online Books (for off-campus use, must register on an ACC computer first).
- >Find journal articles, background information and topic guides: click Databases (see passwords on right side of this page).

In general, criminology resources can be found in the **HV6000-9000** section of the library (2nd floor Reference area and 1st floor Circulating area).

- >Reference books include the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice*
REF HV6017.E52 2002

Websites

- >Quotations: bartleby.com
- >Definitions and encyclopedia articles: answers.com
- >Cybrary (The World's Criminal Justice Directory) talkjustice.com/browse.asp
- >Cybrary Top 100 Criminal Justice sites talkjustice.com/top100.asp
- >Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG) sosig.ac.uk
- >A Sociological Tour Through Cyberspace trinity.edu/~mkearl

Search terms for use in databases or search engines

>Capital punishment or death penalty

and

- >constitution or constitutional or cases or court decisions or legislation or law
- >effectiveness or deterrent or studies
- >history or development
- >reform or legislation or law or bill or proposal or petition
- >ethics or moral or morality or immoral or philosophical or religion or attitudes
- >youth or teenagers or minors
- >mentally retarded or incompetent
- >mentally ill or psychotic or schizophrenia or manic depressive or bipolar or psychologists or psychiatrists
- >Europe or Asia or Middle East or cultures or religions



The general topic. **capital punishment / death penalty**

Write down a question regarding your topic. (Narrow down your topic with a specific issue—focus! You can start your questions with words such as *should* or *does* or *is* or ?)

Underline two or three concepts in your resulting sentence that are essential to your question.

<p>Write each essential concept at the top of its own column separated by AND</p> <p>Use the columns to list synonyms under each concept keywords that have similar meaning for each concept) separated by OR</p>	term 1		term 2		term 3
	capital punishment	and	constitution	and	
	— or —		— or —		— or —
	death penalty	and	cases	and	
	— or —		— or —		— or —
	court decisions	and		and	
	— or —		legislation	and	— or —
law	and	— or —	and	— or —	
	and	— or —	and	— or —	

Enter a search query in a database or search engine using various combinations of search terms above, separated by AND or OR (this is called Boolean searching).