

CRJ331- Community Corrections

Research Paper

**Due:** 11:59pm **Sunday** of Unit 7.

The subject of the research paper shall be on a current topic in Community Corrections field that involves the criminal justice system in areas such as the court system, alternatives to incarceration programs, privatization of prisons, probation and/or parole. These are only suggestions. Write on the past, present and future of this area. The instructor must approve the topic prior.

***The paper shall be in APA format, typed in 12 font Times New Roman, and shall not have been turned in previously to any other instructor for any other course or assignment.******Paper length is eight to ten pages not to include the cover page or bibliography. It is to be submitted as a Microsoft Word Document.*** A minimum of 5 sources from cases, law reviews, professional journals, news media articles, academic journals or books is required. Wikipedia and other encyclopedias are not acceptable sources. All papers will be submitted through SafeAssign to reduce the potential of plagiarism. *The research paper shall be an individual effort and not a group project.*

**Research Paper Rubric**

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|  | *CRITERIA* | *Deficient*  *(0 - 35 Points)* | *Development Needed to Proficient*  *(36-78 Points)* | *Proficient*  *to Exemplary*  *(79 - 100 Points)* | *Points Earned*  *(100 Pts.)* |
| 1. | Sources cited in Bibliography | No sources to 1 sources.  (Points 0 – 3) | 2 to 3 sources.  (Points 4-7) | 4 or more sources.  (Points 8 – 10) |  |
| 2. | APA Format, Font size, etc. | Does not follow formatting or required font size or in Times New Roman.  (Points 0-4) | Follows basic formatting. May not cite sources properly in text or Bibliography not correct.  (Points 4 – 8) | Follows the APA formatting including sources in text.  (Points 8 – 10) |  |
| 3. | Length of Paper | Does not meet the minimum requirements.  (Points 0 – 4) | Meets the minimum requirements.  (Points 4 – 8) | Exceeds the minimum requirements.  (Points 8 – 10) |  |
| 4. | Adjusted Safe Assign | Over 20 % of paper  (Points 0 – 4) | 11 – 20 % of paper  (Points 4 – 8) | 0 – 10 % of paper  (Points 8 – 10) |  |
| 5. | Topic | Does not follow approved topic or slightly touches on it.  (Points 0 – 7) | Gives a general or small explanation of what the topic of the paper will be.  (Points 7 – 15) | Clearly explains in detail what will be discussed in the paper.  (Points 15 – 20) |  |
| 6. | Explain past, present and future of the topic | Barely explains all three areas or does not even touch on one of the areas.  (Points 0 – 13) | Partially explains all three areas.  (Points 13 – 32) | Completely explains all three areas.  (Points 32 – 40) |  |
| ***Total Points:*** | | | | |  |